



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

AUGUST 2022

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



August 2022

From the Pastor's Heart

The New Dog Days of Summer

These are the Dog Days of Summer when life is supposed to slow down as the temperature rises. I always thought the dog days of summer had something to do with our hunting-dogs spending most of their time sleeping under the porch or under the house hiding from the scorching hot sun in search of a shady spot where they could keep cool. While, these days are indeed hot and muggy, they are not inactive. The Dogs Days of Summer are no longer a time of relaxation, they are now days of dogged preparation. Now is the time to get our children ready for the coming Academic School year; from kindergarten to High School, to College and Graduate School, preparations must be made now for success. From book bags to reserving and decorating dormitory rooms, from new clothes to microwaves, supplies must be bought, we have to be ready for the fast-approaching school year.

These Dog Days of Summer have become training days of doggedly tough conditioning and skill development. High school, college and professional football teams are all opening training camps and beginning to practice with the goal of winning championships this fall and winter. Likewise, academic training should begin. Review last year's subject matter materials and fill in any gaps so that the academic challenges of this new school year can be successfully built on the solid foundation of last year's, and all previous years of study.

As a Church we have been challenged during this time to pull together in support of one another; as one after another of our beloved members have been called home to be with the Lord. When we should be slowing down and relaxing, we are pouring love, compassion, courage, and faith from our hearts into the hearts of our grieving families. We are sharing one another's griefs and sorrows, we are praying for one another and bearing one another's burdens, as God has called us to do. Even though these are the Dog Days of Summer let us never grow weary of loving one another and helping one another and most powerfully of all, praying for one another!

Personally, I have had moments when I felt that the Dog Days of Summer were those days of disappointments, pain, and sorrows when Satan had let loose his hell-hounds and sicked them on me. You know he tries to attack us whenever he thinks our guards are down. Over the years I have learned to make my guard, my personal Quiet Time, an everyday priority. For me, reading the scriptures and praying are the spiritual air I breathe. They are essential to my well-being and happiness. They become the armor that protect me and the weapons that defend me against all enemies, including Satan and his toothless hell-hounds.

Despite the ongoing transformation of the Dog Days of Summer, I encourage you to take a few Dog Days of Summer for relaxation. Recharge your batteries, have fun, enjoy your love relationships, and friendships do something you like and have not been able to do for a while. Carve out some time to draw closer to God in scripture reading, prayer and meditation. Remember Jesus makes everything better.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Spencer**





COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022 :

Council Officers: President: John Taylor;

Vice-President: David Beaver;

Secretary: Eric Lamanna

Staff Support: John Taylor

Finance/Stewardship: Matt Kanupp

Planning: Seth Rollins

Outdoor Ministries: Eric Lamanna

Worship & Music: Justin Rubow

Outside Property/Cemetery: Jeremy Loadholdt

Inside Property: Josh Crisp

Social Ministry: Steve Hovis

Parish Education: David Beaver

Evangelism: Marsha Kinley

Hospitality: Gary Plonk

Youth: Susan Lineberger



CALLING ALL VETERANS!

SPLC will recognize veterans at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 6, 2022 the Sunday before Veteran's Day (Friday, Nov. 11, 2022).

We ask everyone to attend and show our appreciation.

Contact Marsha Kinley if you have questions.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, August 14, 2022—7:30 a.m.



NEW ADDRESS

Aiden Cloninger

540 Paul Hardin Dr.—Apt. # 3203

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

VOLUNTEER



Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Would you like to serve at the Soup Kitchen in Lincolnton?

St Paul's is working:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Contact Susan Hutcherson 980-241-3604 if you can volunteer!



WELCA OFFICERS 2022

Women of the ELCA: President: Sandy Kennedy; VP: Susan Hutcherson;
Secretary: Becky Paseur; Treasurer: Lisa Rubow

Mission Team: Donna Robinson, Jenny Eudy, Susan Lineberger

NEXT WELCA BAORD MEETING: AUGUST 8 @ 5:45 p.m. in Bollinger Hall



NO Maude Speagle Circle meeting in August 2022.

WELCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Month of September—Date & Time to be determined.



NEWS FROM ELISHA MITSCHKE-LAMANNA

- ◆ Summer Choir Schedule: No handbells during June, July & August—Fall schedule resumes in Sept. (2nd & 4th Sundays @ 8:45 a.m.)
- ◆ Summer Choir Schedule: Brief rehearsals each Sunday after worship (11:30 a.m.) - Fall schedule resumes in Sept. (5:00 p.m. each Sunday)
- ◆ See Elisha Lamanna if you have questions. Her number is 704-692-7423



John & Kelly Taylor are working with the Jr./Sr. High Youth Group
Contact them if you have questions.
Kelly's phone: 704-678-6419



MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH - 7:30 a.m.

MEN'S GROUP PRESIDENT: MATT STROUP



JOY GROUP MEETING

Monday August 1, 2022—2:00 p.m.

You will NOT want to miss the next JOY Group Meeting!

Members of St. Paul's Youth will be our special guests for this intergenerational event, where we will enjoy homemade ice cream and cookies and share stories about "then and now."

Contact Sandy Kennedy at 704-240-0204 if you can help.

Up-coming dates: Sept. 9th—movie & popcorn; Oct. 1st—Orchard @ Altapass;



LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY—AUGUST 28, 2022

Joint worship in Whisnant Chapel 11 a.m. @ Lutheridge
(St. Paul's, Antioch, Philadelphia, Holy Communion)

Bring a picnic lunch to share at the Lakeside Shelter after worship.

For those NOT going to Lutheridge, worship at St. Paul's 10:30 a.m.
with Rev. R. Fred Mitschke preaching.

AUGUST 2022 Birthdays:



- 2 Jacob Walker
- 3 Greg Parker
- 4 Robin Heafner, Jeff Hovis, Olivia Lynn, Samantha Stiles
- 5 Tommy Holbrooks
- 6 Donna Robinson, Alecia H. Sparkman
- 8 Adalynn Hoyle
- 9 Kelly Ramey
- 10 Katie Kennedy, Ethan Quinn
- 12 Josh Crisp
- 13 Maddison Plonk, Lynn Rhyne, Gretchen Robinson
- 15 Stephen Spake
- 16 Bobby Bridges, Eric Lamanna
- 17 Kristi Rhyne, Patrick Rhyne
- 18 Lucas Taylor
- 19 Elisha Mitschke-Lamanna, Emilie Sides
- 20 Audrea L. Brown, Allison Rose
- 21 David Costner, Will Hoyle, Josh Rose
- 24 Leslie Secrest, Autumn Sides
- 25 Sue Bradford
- 27 Max Robinson, Matthew Stroup
- 28 Lisa Martin, Martha Pasour
- 30 Lauren Vineyard
- 31 Becky Paseur, Daniel Plonk

August Responsibilities...



Acolytes: C.J. Crocker, Dalton Owens
Altar Flowers: Jane Blanton
Altar Guild: Linda Metcalf
Audio/Video: Darrell Plonk
Cantor: Eric Lamanna
Children's Church: Joeline Nielsen
Crucifer: Jaclyn Harrison
Council Rep.: Marsha Kinley
Council Assistants: Marsha Kinley, Josh Crisp
Greeters: Patty Crisp, Kelly Taylor
Ushers: (* head usher) *David Beaver, Scott Heafner,,
Robert Pasour, Lisa Rubow
Food to DCSM: Jeff & Becky Paseur

Date:	Reader	Nursery
Aug. 7	Katie Crocker	Jayda Owens, Susan Lineberger
Aug. 14	Chae Heafner	Dru Parker, Sara Loadholdt
Aug. 21	Sandy Higginbotham	Erika Ramiro, Jayda Owens
Aug. 28	Resa Hoyle	Kelly Taylor, Dru Parker



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OUTREACH MINISTRIES...



- ◇ **Boy Scouts Troop 22** chartered at St. Paul's. Make donations by marking for “Troop 22”;
- ◇ **Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Blackeyed Peas**—Always Need peanut butter /crackers & **personal hygiene items**— Bring these items to the church or mark donations for DCSM;
- ◇ **Project Turkey...**The ALL Sunday School Class collects money to help needy families with holiday meals;
- ◇ **School Partnership Fund...**The ALL Sunday School Class collects money to purchase hygiene and others personal items for students (formerly called Backpack Fund).
- ◇ **World Hunger...**Mark donations accordingly.;
- ◇ **ELCA Disaster Relief...**Mark donations accordingly.



ON-LINE GIVING...Easy Tithe/Ministry One

You can give a one-time donation or set it up to give recurring donations by going to St. Paul's website:

www.stpaulsdallas.org

Click on the “On-Line Giving” Tab and follow directions.

Or

You can give using your iPhone by downloading the app Ministry One—search for our church using our zip code of 28034 then follow the directions.

Or

Mail in your donations to 531 Hardin Road, Dallas NC 28034.

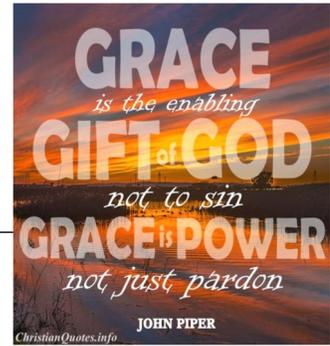
Thanks for your support!

Crossroads of Life:



Share the Good News!

That Christ should suffer and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. (Acts 26:22-23)

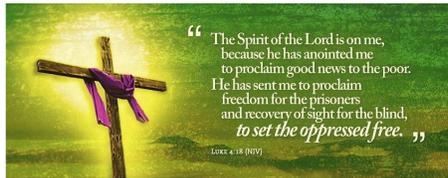


What must we do to be saved?

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved... (Acts 16:30-31)

Faith produces witnesses/evangelists, and good works:

- *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.* (Matthew 16:24).
- *That being justified by his grace...to the hope of eternal life. ...they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.* (Titus 3:3-8).
- *For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.* (John 3:17).
- *Go...and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* (Matthew 28:18-20)



Obey Jesus' command to love one another and be God's light to the world! HIS grace is sufficient as HIS power works through us.



**Congratulations to
Jared & Shelby Barkley
On the birth of their son,
EVAN JOHN,
Born: July 22, 2022
Weight: 5 lbs. 11 oz.**



Congratulations to AMY PLONK

Amy will be serving as the new assistant principal at Tuttle Elementary in Catawba County. Amy worked as a teacher for over two decades at Rock Spring Elementary in Denver, N.C.

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you all for the many forms of love we have received during Jonathan's ALS battle and his ultimate victory.

He loved St. Paul's and everyone in it. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We are grateful to have you all in our lives.

**Love,
Jenny Eudy**



St. Paul's Quilters,

Thank you so much for the beautiful graduation quilt. I am very thankful!

Love, Elizabeth Eudy



To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift for graduation. I am so thankful to be a part of a wonderful church!

Love, Elizabeth Eudy



Memorials & Gifts...

- ◆ In memory of Tom Logan given by Dana Falls
- ◆ In memory of Jonathan Eudy given by Scott & Lisa Rubow (Youth); Tony & Robin Heafner (Men's Group); Robert & Anna Pasour
- ◆ In memory of Carol Garrison given by: Billy & Mariah Porter; Robert & Anna Pasour
- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Best given by: Boyd Best
- ◆ In memory of Earl Quinn given by: Mariah Porter (Youth Supplies)
- ◆ In memory of Jerry Mingo given by: M/M Mark Lamphiear
- ◆ In memory of Jonathan Eudy, Carol Garrison and Vera Martin given by: M/M Rick Best
- ◆ In memory of Francis Mingo, Vera Martin and James Goude-lock given by: M/M Mark Lamphiear



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of:

- Jerry Lee Mingo Jr. who died July 7th. Mr. Mingo was the uncle of Pastor and Debra Spencer;
- Frances Mingo who died July 15th. Ms. Mingo was the aunt of Pastor and Debra Spencer;
- Vera Martin who died July 18th.
- James Goude-lock who died July 23rd.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Prayer List

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Call the office to have a name added or removed.



In the armed forces: Jordan Barker; Joshua Best, Austin Earle; Mark & Thor Gignac; Blake Hughes; Coty Land; Hunter Grant MacConnell, Gregory Tyler III

Home-bound/Assisted Living/Rehabilitation:

Carrie Cloninger, TerraBella—**Room B9** (Alzheimer's Unit), 1550 Charles Road, Shelby NC 28152
 Gene & Lou Collins, 715 Narrow Gauge Rd., Dallas NC 28034
 Jean Dover, Covenant Village—Room 106A, 1351 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054
 Ted & Frances Goins, 728 Klumac Road, Apt. 126B, Salisbury, NC 28144
 Pauline Guess, 226 Elizabeth Lane, Dallas, NC 28034
 Betty Faye Lineberger, 423 Ike Lynch Road, Dallas, NC 28034
 Betty Passeur, Brookdale Robinwood-Room 36, 1750 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054
 Martha Pasour, Woodlawn Haven Rest Home, 301 Craig Street, Mt. Holly, NC 28120
 Jill Robinson, Heath House, 919 Wilma Sigmon Rd., Lincolnton, NC 28092
 Todd Stillwell @ Mt. Ridge, 810 King Arthur Dr., Gastonia, NC 28056
 Sally Terres, Covenant Village-Room A113, 1351 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054

Our Members Mardie Best, Shirley Black, Betty Bumgarner, Marlene Cloninger, Grace Harbin, Susan Holbrooks, David & Linda Hoyle, Alan Hutcherson, Ann Keever, Myra Lineberger, Kay & Malcolm Lynn, Louise McManus, Henry Moffett, Sandy Plonk, Danny Safrit, Chris Thornburg, Kay Urfer, the family of Oscar Plonk, the family of Jerry Black, the family of Lloyd Best, the family of Carol Garrison, the family of Jonathan Eudy, the family of Vera Martin, the family of James Goude-lock, and all who mourn the loss of a loved one

Friends & Family: *(Names removed after 1 month – you can fill out a prayer card or call the office to add to this list):* Nancy Bollinger, CRU Military, Craig Fincher, Nancy Friday, Tony Friday, Judd Harrelson, Dale Robinson, Carol Stroup, Caroline Walker, the family of Jerry Mingo, and the family of Frances Mingo, the family of Suzie Jenkins



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Newsletter information should be turned in no later than the 15th of each month. Thanks for your help.

We're on the Web:

www.stpaulsdallas.org

See the online calendar at
www.stpaulsdallas.org to view up--coming

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thank you

Dear Agape Day Campers,
Thanks so much for the sweet card you mailed to me.
I love you.
Louise McManus



MISSION STATEMENT:

At St. Paul's, we are committed to serve as faithful children of God as a part of a connected family of believers.



Church Office Hours:

- ◆ **Office Hours (Gail) - July & August:** 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Monday—Thursday;
- ◆ However, it's always a good idea to call ahead to be sure our schedule has not changed.



Please use your assigned envelopes or an envelope in the pew rack for your donations. Using envelopes helps with the process of counting and recording monies.

Check out our on-line giving option: go to our website www.stpaulsdallas.org or go directly to www.easytith.com/dl/?uid=st531296 to register your account. On-line giving guides in narthex.



Help us keep our buildings secure. Please be sure to lock the doors after your group uses the buildings. Doors have to be pushed to be sure locks engage. Thank you!