



**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**JULY 2022**

**Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.**

**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.**



**July 2022**

**From the Pastor's Heart**

### **Mid-Year Reflections**

Believe it or not, the year of 2022 is half over! Where did the time go! Life is precious and fleeting so please make the most out of each and every day God gives you. It is so easy to get caught-up in the rush, the hurry of daily responsibilities and activities and forget the people you love and the activities that refresh your soul. Before you know it, life has slipped away from you, the people you love have gone on and you are no longer physically able to do the activities you once loved. Please make the most of the rest of this year. First of all, spend some quality time with you family. Take your spouse out on a date and do a fun activity with the whole family. Secondly, attend worship at St. Paul's every Sunday. Well, if not every Sunday attend on a very regular basis. Participate in age group activities: young people consider youth group meetings and activities. Seniors consider attending Joy group meetings and activities. Adults consider getting involved in the Men's group or the WELCA Groups. Why not join the choir and/or the handbell choir?? Do something different that you know is pleasing to God and satisfying to your soul and refreshing for your spirit. Enjoy your life! Have fun!

Looking back over the last 6 months I am grateful for the good things that have been accomplished by our church. Please join me in thanking the Pictorial Directory Committee for the beautiful new pictorial directory. Join me in thanking the "Be the Light Campaign" committee for their leadership. I am so proud and happy, that when completed, we will have strengthened the cause of Christ through Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) by over \$25,000. I am also thankful for the wonderful joint Lutheran church Vacation Bible School and the contribution made

to Dallas Christian Ministries. I am grateful for the Summer Camp that will be conducted next week at Philadelphia Lutheran Church. I am grateful for the youth group trip to Ocean Isle Beach. Its great to see the Joy Group and WELCA meeting and having fun again. I am grateful to our Church Council for the hard-work and leadership they provide. Our Council deserves our wholehearted support and cooperation. I know that God is pleased with their efforts, and we are benefitting from their hard work. Saint Paul's Lutheran Church is a congregation of wonderful people, let us do all we can to keep it that way by supporting our leaders, promoting unity, dealing honestly and truthfully with one another, and sincerely loving each other.

Have a wonderful fourth of July, I hope to see you at the fireworks! Keep on praying for our country that God's will be done.

**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

**WHAT'S DIFFERENT  
ABOUT LUTHERANS?**

**Table Talk with Pastor Spencer**

*Sundays in Bollinger Hall (noon)*

*July 10, 17, 24, 31*

- ◆ *Everyone welcome! Especially those attending St. Paul's coming from a non-Lutheran background and anticipating membership at St. Paul's..*
- ◆ *A light lunch will be available.*
- ◆ *Please sign up if you plan to attend so we have enough food.*
- ◆ *Sign-up sheet in narthex or call the church office 704-922-4387.*



**Church Office Hours**

**July & Aug. 2022**

**Gail will work 9 a.m.—3 p.m.**

**Monday—Thursday**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, July 10, 2022—7:30 a.m.**

*Thank You!*



**St. Paul's Quilters Group,**

Thank you for the amazing quilt.

Thank you for the amazing support as well.

St. Paul's will always be my home.

***With Love, Maylin Crisp***

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church,**

*Thank you for all the support through my life. The money will help me pursue a career in Veterinary Medical Technology. I know I will always have a church to call home.*

***With Love, Maylin Crisp***



### 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**

**WELCA BOARD MEETINGS: 1st Monday of each month @ 5:45 p.m. (No July Meeting)**



*During the Month of July:*

**NO WELCA BOARD MEETING**

*Maude Speagle & Blossoms of Faith Circles do NOT meet during month of July.*

### 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."*

**If you can contribute ice cream or cookies, please contact Sandy Kennedy at 704-240-0204 or email [kennedysx3@att.net](mailto:kennedysx3@att.net)**



### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, July 6th at 5:30 p.m. in Bollinger Hall—Everyone welcome to attend!**

Marsha Kinley, Chair (980-722-5311)

To God be the glory!!

It is with pure joy and excitement that the St. Paul's *Be the Light* campaign leaders declare this congregational appeal to be a huge success! Thanks to your generous support, we more than doubled our goal of \$12000. The grand total of donations and pledges made by St Paul's congregation is \$26642! Make no mistake, the Holy Spirit is alive and in our midst, giving us daily opportunities to share the love of Christ with others. Your commitment to this campaign is doing just that.

While the congregational appeal may be over, Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) will be continuing with their campaign through December 31, 2023. To contribute towards your pledge or to make additional donations, please do so by sending your payment directly to LSC at PO Box 947 Salisbury, NC 28145. Please write "St. Paul's Dallas Be the Light" in the memo line. If you prefer, you can make your contribution on line at <https://lscarolinas.net/be-the-light/> and selecting "I want to support Be the Light". When choosing this option, make sure to indicate St. Paul's Dallas in the comment section. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the congregation campaign leaders.

Susan Hutcherson, Sandy Kennedy, Becky Lamphiear, and Debra Spencer

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5



# Bishop's Refugee Resettlement Challenge



Learn more about this challenge through a conversation with Bishop Tim Smith, LSC President Ted Goins, and the leaders in Refugee Resettlement.

During these calls, you will learn more about Circles of Welcome, an LSC program that readies you to welcome new families and gives you clear ideas about the ways your church can partner.

Register for one of the following calls; identical information will be shared at each session:

Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00p EST

Wednesday, August 17 at 3:00p EST

Zoom Webinar Links will be emailed to registered participants the week prior to each meeting.

**To register go to the N.C. Lutheran Synod website: [nclutheran.org](http://nclutheran.org)**

## July 2022 Birthdays:

July 1 Kendell Brown  
July 3 Emily Mitchem  
July 5 Austin Earle  
July 6 Garrison Sides  
July 9 April R. Bridges  
July 10 Mackenna Hope  
July 11 Ronnie Heafner  
July 12 Sandy Plonk  
July 13 Kristin Cloninger, Frances Goins  
July 14 Avery Parker, Pat Sellers  
July 15 Emma Plonk  
July 16 Steve Plonk, Justin Rubow  
July 17 Aiden Cloninger  
July 18 Scott Rubow  
July 19 Billy Porter  
July 21 Linda Metcalf, Robbie Stroup  
July 22 Ernest Comer, Mark Robinson  
July 23 Ryan Harris, Dru Parker  
July 24 Jerry Crisp  
July 25 Jill Hovis  
July 26 Joe Rhyne, Sally Terres  
July 27 Erica Hoyle, Preston Rhyne  
July 28 Carrie Cloninger, Eric Lineberger  
July 29 Alysha Elmore, John Taylor  
July 30 McKenzie Frietch, Debi Walsh



## July Responsibilities...

Acolytes: Annabella Lamanna, Addison Vineyard  
Altar Flowers: Joe & Lynn Rhyne  
Altar Guild: Linda Metcalf  
Audio/Video: Josh Crisp  
Cantor: Elisha Mitschke-Lamanna  
Children's Church: David Beaver  
Crucifer: Eric Lamanna  
Council Rep.: Josh Crisp  
Council Assistants: Josh Crisp, Marsha Kinley  
Greeters: Lisa Rubow, Steve Hovis  
Ushers: (\* head usher) \*Clinton Crocker, Sandy Higginbotham, Darrell Plonk, Mitchell Robinson  
Food to DCSM: Steve Hovis



Date:	Reader	Nursery
07/03	Becky Passeur	Katie Crocker, Kelly Taylor
07/10	Anna Pasour	Joelene Nielsen, Kelley Barker
07/17	Lynn Rhyne	Susan Crisp, Katie Crocker
07/24	Kelley Barker	Susan Lineberger, Joelene Nielsen
07/31	Ashley Cloninger	Sara Loadholdt, Susan Crisp



**ONE CALL NOW...**This is our messaging system. Only those who sign up are placed into the system. Please note that you will be receiving information from this telephone number **877-698-3261**—If you “opt out” or block this number you will not be able to receive messages until you call the office to be re-instated.



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES...



- ◇ **Boy Scouts Troop 22** chartered at St. Paul's. Make donations by marking for "Troop 22";
- ◇ **Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Cracker, Peanut Butter and Lima Beans**—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](http://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!**



# Confession & Forgiveness

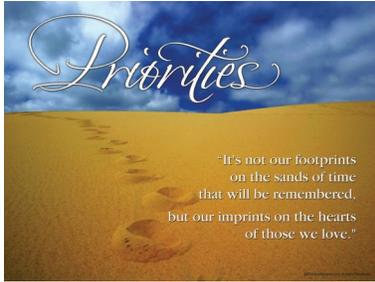


### Asking for forgiveness:

- *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 John 1: 5-9)
- *Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.* (James 5:16)

Our confessions and apologies are essential in repairing relationships and forgiveness of each other. Family and friends often know before we confess. God always knows. Obey God, even if pride has to suffer.

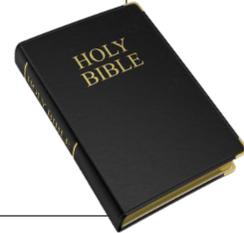
We need to recognize what is right/wrong and good/evil, but sometimes it is difficult. **God's word can help us discern it.**



Put God first in your daily life and engrave His word on your heart. He is the beginning and the end.

Ecclesiastes 12  
 Luke 18  
 Romans 12  
 Matthew 22

Luke 12  
 Matthew 6  
 Exodus 20  
 John 8



## Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Would you like to serve at the Soup Kitchen in Lincolnnton?  
St Paul's is responsible for the following dates:



### SATURDAY, JULY 9 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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



### Vacation Bible School 2022...

*Thanks to all the Dallas Area Lutheran Churches and their members who participated in this year's VBS. St. Paul's was well represented. We had lots of volunteers and attendance averaged about 100 per night. A special shout-out to our own Susan Lineberger who coordinates with the area churches to make sure VBS happens each year. An offering was received each night for Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministries. The donations totaled \$700 to be used to purchase food for the ministry. Thank you!*

### SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (Formerly Backpack Fund)

In discussions with school guidance counselors about their greatest needs, we have determined that there are multiple churches and organizations supplying food backpacks while other needs were unmet. We are now asking for your donations so that we can supply personal hygiene items for the students. You can make checks payable to St. Paul's for "School Partnership Fund."

Thanks for your support!



### Memorials & Gifts...

- ◆ In memory of Carol Garrison given by: Edwin & Samantha Terres; Letha & Michael Owen; Joe & Lynn Rhyne
- ◆ In memory of Jonathan Eudy given by: Letha & Michael Owen; Mark & Joanna Holt; Joe & Lynn Rhyne; CaroMont OP Surgery
- ◆ In memory of Greg Thompson given by: M/M Mark Lamphiear
- ◆ In memory of Lloyd Best given by: M/M Michael Bennett



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

- ◆ *Carol Garrison who died May 3rd;*
- ◆ *Jonathan Eudy who died on May 10th;*
- ◆ *Gregg Thompson, brother of Kristy Thompson, who died May 18th.*

*Please keep these families in your prayers.*

### Prayer List



### PRAYER LIST

*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 B8 (Alzheimer's Unit), 1550 Charles Road, Shelby NC 28152—Office Telephone #: 980-247-2731—Note this NEW address

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 Paseur, 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, Rick Best, Shirley Black, Betty Bumgarner, Bobbie Cloninger, Marlene Cloninger, James Goudelock, Grace Harbin, Susan Holbrooks, David & Linda Hoyle (now at home), Alan Hutcherson, Ann Keever, Myra Lineberger, Kay & Malcolm Lynn, Vera Martin, Louise McManus, Henry Moffett, Steve Nation, 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 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, Tyler Fletcher, Nancy Friday, Tony Friday, Judd Harrelson Francis Mingo, Jerry Mingo and Carol Stroup



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[www.stpaulsdallas.org](http://www.stpaulsdallas.org)

See the online calendar at  
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events and activities.

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



**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](http://www.stpaulsdallas.org) or go directly to [www.easytithe.com/dl/?uid=st531296](http://www.easytithe.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!