



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



September 2022

From the Pastor's Heart

Homecoming

September is one of my favorite months, not just because it is my birth month, although that is one of its greatest attractions to me. Yes, German chocolate Birthday cake, presents, cards and well wishes all make September fun for me. But even if I had not been born in September it would still be one of my favorite months. After all September starts off with the last holiday of summer, Labor Day. A day where good hard work and workers are lifted-up to be celebrated. A day when good hard workers can enjoy a lazy day of rest, a relaxing trip to the beach, or a fishing trip to a cool mountain lake. Labor Day is the break that lets students and teachers catch their breath and evaluate the start of the school year and make any necessary adjustments. But most of all September is the start of a new season of football, at every level.

College football teams are playing, the pros get started and the high school teams are practicing. Along with football comes the pageantry of the Marching Band season. The precision moving formations, the dynamic high stepping of the Drum Majors, the colorful kaleidoscopes created by flag twirlers and the energetic dance routines by majorettes/dancers and the pyramids and gymnastic moves of the cheerleaders all work together to make football games entertaining events. Combine it all, with a stadium full of fanatics/fans and two good football teams you have pure excitement. Let's support our local high schools in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

Please remember that September is homecoming here at St. Paul's. On Sunday September 18th we will be blessed to have our own Rev. Craig Bollinger as our Homecoming Preacher. Rev. Bollinger continues to do a great job leading Christ the King Lutheran Church in Charlotte. I encourage you to visit their website. There you will see the dynamic ministries being performed by this congregation. It includes missions from Guatemala to Burundi, Non-profits that bring people of all races and backgrounds together. A strong stance on Social Justice and fulfilling worship for all ages and tastes. We should be proud that we once were home for this dynamic leader who has and continues to lead a great church in accomplishing great things for the glory of God and the benefit of His people. Don't miss Homecoming on September 18th.

It is my prayer you will enjoy September and have a blessed transition from summer into fall and winter. Just keep your eyes on Jesus!

**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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022—7:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2022—2023

- ◆ Our teachers are Jeremy Loadholdt, Kelly Taylor, Susan Lineberger and Pastor Spencer.
- ◆ Tentative dates for classes: Sept. 11 & 25;
Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 6 & 20; Dec. 4 & 18;
Jan. 8 & 22; Feb. 5 & 19; March 5 & 19;
April 2, 16 & 30; May 7
- ◆ Time: Sundays: 11:30-1:00 after worship—
lunch will be provided



CALLING ALL VETERANS!

**SPLC will recognize
veterans at the 10:30 a.m.
worship service on
Sun., Nov. 13, 2022**

*Please attend as we show our
appreciation to our veterans!*

**Contact David Beaver
if you have questions.**

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 Passeur; Treasurer: Lisa Rubow

Mission Team: Donna Robinson, Jenny Eudy, Susan Lineberger



WELCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—ALL WOMEN INVITED!

Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.—Bollinger Hall

A light meal will be provided. Bring items for the blessing box

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WELCA MISSION LUNCH—November 6, 2022 after worship.

Karen & Mark Bollinger and Joe & Lynn Rhyne will be our guests to talk about their fall trip to Guatemala. All proceeds go to Matthew 2540.

See article on next page for more details.



John & Kelly Taylor are working with the Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Kelly's phone: 704-678-6419

***Jr./Sr. High Youth going to Whitewater Center Sept. 18th after church.
The church van has been reserved.***



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

MEN'S GROUP PRESIDENT: MATT STROUP / Email address: mttstrp@gmail.com

JOY GROUP MEETINGS

- ◆ **Sept. 9th @ 2:00 p.m.** in Bollinger Hall—Watching the movie, “Second Hand Lions” while enjoying fresh popcorn. You are invited to stay for an ice cream social at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Oct. 1st (weather permitting)**—Traveling to the Orchard @ Altapass in Spruce Pine. We'll learn the history of the orchard, have a piece of apple pie from the grill, and enjoy live music, all of this with the beauty of the Appalachian mountains in the background. Find more information about the orchard on Facebook and altapassorchard.org - Contact Sandy Kennedy if you would like to ride the van. Itinerary to be announced later.



NEWS FROM ELISHA MITSCHKE-LAMANNA

- ◆ **Handbell Choir Schedule: Sept.—May: (2nd & 4th Sundays @ 8:45 a.m.)-Begins 9/11**
- ◆ **Chance Choir Schedule: Sept.—May: (5:00 p.m. each Sunday) - Begins 9/11**
- ◆ **See Elisha Lamanna if you have questions. Her number is 704-692-7423**



Matthew

Empowering Children to Escape
Poverty through Education.

25:40

This is a 501c3 started by Lynn & David Isenhower (Lynn is the daughter of Rev. John & Nancy Bollinger).

This fall, Joe & Lynn Rhyne will go to Guatemala with Mark & Karen Bollinger and others to this mission.

Please open this hyperlink to watch a brief video about Matthew 25:40 and how you can help.

[Empowering children to Escape poverty through Education](#)

You can also visit their website www.matthew2540.net to learn more about this mission.

You are invited to make a difference in the life of a child

Since 2014, our teachers have labored in rented and temporary tin huts in an impoverished Mayan area of Guatemala. Here even the children had to work to eat. School was out of the question. Through our persistent efforts, this community now values education and wants their children in the care of our loving staff. We average 75 children plus several parents who attend our school. We have raised \$202,000 of the \$285,000 needed to buy a 2-acre piece of land in the community on which to build a permanent facility.

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In preparation for their trip we are collecting new underwear for children ages 3-18.

Also men's size adult M and women's sizes small, medium & large.

Collection box located in the narthex.

SEPTEMBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS:



- Sept. 1 Mason Carter
- Sept. 2 Kallie Barker, Rev. John Spencer
- Sept. 4 Pam Baker, Mark Lamphiear
- Sept. 5 Ronnie Cloninger, Hayden Hope
- Sept. 6 Kaden Goude-lock
- Sept. 7 Olivia Denton
- Sept. 10 Leonard Keever, Curtis Mitchem
- Sept. 11 Wendy Rollins
- Sept. 12 Mardie Best, Dave Hoyle, Reagan Vineyard,
Tonita Wilkinson
- Sept. 13 Alayna Crisp, Mendy Kanupp
- Sept. 16 Rick Best, Richard Cloninger
- Sept. 17 Jeremy Loadholdt
- Sept. 18 Jared Barkley
- Sept. 19 Linda Ackles
- Sept. 24 Tina Heafner, Bruce Martin, Kyle Martin,
Jake Parker, Eli Plonk
- Sept. 25 Jeff Comer, Zade Denton
- Sept. 26 Kayla Jackson
- Sept. 27 Darrell Plonk
- Sept. 28 Quinn Heafner, Dow Lynn, Laura Willis
- Sept. 30 Blair Denton, Anne Plonk

OUTREACH MINISTRIES...



- ◇ **Boy Scouts Troop 22** chartered at St. Paul's. Make donations by marking for "Troop 22";
- ◇ **Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Soup, Mac 'n Cheese and Green 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.

Sept. Responsibilities...



Acolytes: Camden Kanupp, Lucas Taylor
Altar Flowers: Linda Metcalf
Altar Guild: Linda Metcalf
Audio/Video: John Taylor
Cantor: Elisha Mitschke-Lamanna
Children's Church: David Beaver
Crucifer: Braeden Taylor
Council Rep.: Jeremy Loadholdt
Council Assistants: Jeremy Loadholdt, Susan Lineberger
Greeters: Joe & Susan Lineberger
Ushers: (* head usher) *Jason Crisp, Jeff Paseur,
Lynn Rhyne, Seth Rollins
Food to DCSM: Jeff & Becky Paseur

Date:	Reader	Nursery
Sept. 4	Eric Lamanna	Kelley Barker, Erika Ramiro
Sept. 11	Joelene Nielsen	Katie Crocker, Kelly T aylor
Sept. 18	Becky Paseur	Joelene Nielsen, Kelley Barker
Sept. 25	Anna Pasour	Susan Crisp, Katie Crocker



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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!



Are we at War or Peace?

- Family and Friends
- Co-workers
- Strangers
- Nations
- Religions
- Ourselves



Ephesians 6:10-18

THE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." - v. 10, 11

The Shield of Faith (Eph. 6:16)
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

The Helmet of Salvation (Eph. 6:17)
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness (Eph. 6:14)
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

The Belt of Truth (Eph. 6:14)
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace (Eph. 6:15)
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

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Be prepared and stay on guard.

We must put on the whole armor of God to withstand Satan's attacks on us, the Church, our nation, and all humanity.



But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you...

Matthew 5:44

HOMECOMING 2022

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. /
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

**GUEST PREACHER:
REV. CRAIG BOLLINGER**

We hope that you will plan to be here on this special day at St. Paul's.

Invite your friends and family to attend.

Bring a picnic lunch & drinks to share for a time of fellowship in Bollinger Hall after worship.



THANK YOU

Dear St. Paul's Church Family,

Thank you for the graduation card. I am so thankful to have such an amazing church family. Thank you for all of the love and support.

Love,

Ansley Crisp

Dear Quilters Group,

Thank you so much for my quilt. It is beautiful and I am so excited to use it this winter. Thank you!

Love,

Ansley Crisp



Memorials & Gifts...



- ◆ **In memory of Vera Martin given by:** Gene Rohm; Wendy Rollins
- ◆ **In memory of James Goudelock given by:** Joe & Susan Lineberger; Robert & Anna Pasour; Wendy Rollins; Jenny Eudy
- ◆ **In memory of Gary Bradford, James Goudelock, Vera Martin, Jonathan Eudy, Carol Garrison and Lloyd Best given by:** Sue Bradford
- ◆ **In memory of James Goudelock and Vera Martin given by:** M/M Joe Rhyne
- ◆ **In memory of Jonathan Eudy, Vera Martin and James Goudelock given by:** Kathyne Liddle (Project Turkey)
- ◆ **In memory of Jerry Black, Lloyd Best, Carol Garrison, Jonathan Eudy, Vera Martin & James Goudelock given by:** M/M Gene Collins (Dallas Christian Social Ministry)
- ◆ **In honor of Pastor John Spencer given by:** Joe & Susan Lineberger



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

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; 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 families of: Oscar Plonk, Jerry Black, Lloyd Best, Carol Garrison, Jonathan Eudy, Vera Martin, James Goudelock, 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, Marybelle Bryne, Ray & Kira Bucklad, Scott Collier, CRU Military, Craig Fincher, Nancy Friday, Tony Friday, Judd Harrelson, Hunter MacConnell, Monica MacConnell, Dale Robinson, Carol Stroup, Caroline Walker, and all who are mourning the loss of a loved one



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www.stpaulsdallas.org

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

Council Elections and Budget Information

- ◆ Annual congregational meeting begins Sunday, Nov. 13th where we begin the process of electing council members;
- ◆ See sample nominating ballot attached to the email with this newsletter. If you don't see your name on the list, call the church office immediately;
- ◆ To remove your name from consideration on council ballot, fill out a form (in narthex) and put in the offering plate BEFORE OCT. 31st;
- ◆ 2023 budget is being prepared. Matt Kanupp is Finance/Stewardship Chair. The proposed budget will be presented on Nov. 20th and vote on the new budget will be Sun., Nov. 27th at 10:30 a.m. worship service.



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.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!