



St. Paul's Epistle

A family of believers called by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through Word & Sacrament, caring for our neighbors through the joyful spreading of the Gospel.

From the Desk of Pastor Hoffman

The Seminaries teach pastors-in-training that we are “called” by the Lord to serve His church. A pastor’s “call” comes through the church, not through a congregation. Therefore a pastor is not hired nor can he be fired. Simply put, a pastor lives out his call by serving a particular congregation.

However, all that teaching is usually undone by the synods of the church. Synod leadership is comprised of clergy and laity alike and most of the latter are deeply involved in the business world. Forgetting about their pastors’ calling, or perhaps never truly understanding the distinction, sometime in the 1980’s, synods began recommending not only salaries according to years of experience, a specified number of sick days and vacation days, but also a paid sabbatical every seven years. In so doing, surely believing that they were doing a good thing, they actually degraded the Pastoral Office from a calling into a profession.

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If you have a pastoral emergency,

a need for home visitation please contact the Church Office at (717) 692-2141 or Pr. Hoffman at (717) 319-3129.

Office Hours

Monday -Thursday:
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

(Other times available for Pastoral apts.)

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From the Desk of Pastor Hoffman (con't)

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Recently I witnessed the devastating effects of such a mindset. My cousin and his family attend a small Lutheran congregation which is struggling to survive with an average worship attendance of sixty-five. Their pastor has been serving the congregation for seven years and, a few months ago, announced that she would be taking a sabbatical, expecting to receive her full salary for the six months in which she would be absent. Keep in mind that, not only does the congregation have to pay her salary, they will also have to pay a supply pastor for the twenty-four Sundays of her sabbatical, (Again, the synod sets a minimum remuneration for a supply pastor, usually ~\$125 *per Service per week plus mileage.*) **or** not arrange for supply pastors, not have sermons and Holy Communion (since only ordained pastors are permitted to provide these), and be satisfied with a few hymns and some prayers. Either choice would be absolutely ruinous to this congregation. Sadly, this pastor has lost her sense of call, if she ever had one. She has forgotten what it means to serve and not be served.

Once in the professional realm, there are other consequences, probably unforeseen by the pastor, because now it is but an easy transition for the congregation to move from a

mindset of calling to one of hiring and firing. I personally witnessed this in several Texas congregations. And the synods can only passively lay there, hogtied by their own forays into professionalism. (See what I did there?)

This is all the more astounding to me as I have served the Lord and His congregations for thirty years and never come close to even considering a sabbatical. My vacations are my sabbaticals. One who is called into the ordained ministry does not simply turn off the mind of Christ for two weeks. During our recent vacation, I spent significant time praying, reading (often late at night, much to the perturbation of my son), considering and planning my ministry to St. Paul's. Already you have begun to hear some of the themes in my most recent sermons: a medieval mindset vs. a modern or post-modern mindset, and how our life is different because we are Christians (because it surely ought to be). Other focal points will be the importance of community in support of Christian values, and how we can better transmit these values to our children. I have returned from my mini-sabbatical greatly energized and enthusiastic about the direction of my ministry. What more could one want?!

St. Paul's Staff and Officers

- Pastor: The Rev'd. Mark A. Hoffman, STS
- Parish Musician: Mr. James M. Slemmer
- Director of Children's & Youth Choirs: Mrs. Sophia Hoon
- Parish Youth Worker: Mrs. Sophia Hoon
- Parish Secretary: Mrs. Carol A. Klinger
- Congregation President: Ms. Deneice Chubb
- Congregation Vice-President: Mr. Craig Dorman
- Congregation/Financial Secretary: Mrs. Tammy J. Meckley
- Treasurer: Ms. Ann Bowman Jackson

Worship Services



August

Sunday, August 5

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Sunday, August 12

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Wednesday, August 15

Festival of Mary, Mother of Our Lord

7:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

Sunday, August 19

13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Friday, August 24

Festival of St. Bartholomew

7:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Sunday, August 26

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

September

Sunday, September 2

15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Sunday, September 9

*Festival of the Holy Cross/
Rally Day*

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Sunday, September 16

17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Wednesday, September 19

Ember Day

Pastor available in Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and
7:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 21

The Festival of St. Matthew
7:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

Sunday, September 23

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion

Sunday, September 30

19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. - Holy Communion



Godspeed and Blessing of the Backpacks

We soon begin a school year and for our recent graduates a new chapter in their lives as well. Children, Youth and recent graduates are asked to bring their backpacks to the 9 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, August 12th. During our Worship Service we will pray for the Lord's blessing upon all the students and all the teachers, both in our community and in our church.





Stewardship Thought

When you benefit from a will, when you sell a house or shares in the stock market, these are good times to share a tithe with the Lord through His church.



Reminder:
We have a system in place so that meals can be provided for people/families in need: funerals, recuperating, etc. Please let us know when there is such a need.

What's going on ...

Catechetical Class is an entire program of Christian education to assist our children in becoming full-fledged, responsible and accountable adult members of the Christian Church. The program includes all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who meet with Mr. Brian Baker on Sundays during the Education Hour to study the Bible and Church History. These same students assist with bag-packing for the Outreach Center on the second Sunday of each month during the Education Hour. They are also expected to participate in S.P.Y. throughout the year. Seventh and eighth graders meet with Pr. Hoffman on Wednesdays, beginning on September 12 from 5:15 - 6:15 pm and concluding on November 21st. All students are expected to regularly attend Sunday Church Services and Mid-Week Services during Advent and Lent.



Monthly meetings for S.P.E.L.L. will resume on September 13th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our activity for the evening will be a "1800's Vintage" bracelet project led by Diana Hebda. Of course, there will also be food & fellowship. Please join us.

Our October 11th meeting we will work on a project for the Outreach Center. We hope you can help with this worthwhile service project.

S.P.E.L.L. is a group devoted to supporting each other, supporting the community, supporting St. Paul's, all with the help of the Lord. We look forward to welcoming new members and please invite a friend!!

Sewing Circle

The Sewing Circle is in need of any size sheets and material. If you have any that you are willing to donate, please speak with Janice Shoop. **Also, the ladies are looking for a few extra hands.** No experience is required. You don't even need to sew!! The group meets every Thursday morning and you can usually find someone in the Lydia Room most mornings on other days as well (except Fridays). Any questions, please speak with Janice Shoop.



Choir Rehearsals

The Bell and Adult Choirs will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 29th. Bell Choir will meet at 6:00 p.m., and Adult Choir, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to be a part of one or more of our choirs. Bell Choir participation does not require that you are able to read music, however basic music reading skills are desirable. The Adult Choir sings regularly at Sunday Morning Services and special Services throughout the church year.

The Cherub and Alleluia Choirs will also resume on Wednesday, August 29th. Cherub Choir will rehearse 5:30-6:00 and the Alleluia Choir 6:15-7:00. The Cherub Choir includes children ages 4 to 9 and sings during the Sunday Morning Service. Alleluia Choir includes ages 10 and above. The Alleluia Choir participates in the regular Sunday Morning Service.

Chime Choir is for children and youth in grades 4-12 who are invited to be a part of this choir. The chime choir will play during Sunday Morning Service. The first rehearsal date has not yet been determined.

If you are not already a choir member and wish to join one or more of our choirs, come to the first rehearsal or speak to Jim Slemmer or Sophia Hoon.

Autumn Ember Day—Wednesday September 19

Ember Days are days of repentance assigned to the change of season. As the name suggests, the most recognizable of the Ember Days is Ash Wednesday. They are an ancient and laudable tradition of the church, encouraging and assisting us to continually “return to the Lord,” our God.

Throughout this day, Wednesday, June 13th, Pr. Hoffman will be in prayer in the Sanctuary.

He will thus be available from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to anyone who desires to receive Holy Absolution from our Lord.

Community Events this summer



Silly Joe & Popsicle Pete

Saturday, August 25 — 11 a.m.

Silly Joe will entertain children Kindergarten through 5th grade with silly stories and songs. Popsicle Pete will provide cold treats! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please call the Church Office to register. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Red Creek Wildlife Center— Birds of Prey

Saturday, September 15 - 11 am—Noon

This informative and entertaining program introduces the audience to a live hawk, an owl, a vulture, and who ever else is in a good mood that day. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please call the Church Office to register. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.



Donations for LWR School Kits

We are requested by the Lutheran Youth Organization to collect 200 pairs of children’s scissors. A donation basket is located in the Narthex Sitting Room and will be accepted through the month of August.

SAVE THE DATE! October 13 (rain date Oct. 20)

For a unique petting zoo! More details to follow soon!



Budgets Needed

Please submit 2019 budget request to either James Ulsh, Finance Committee Chairman, or Ann Jackson, Treasurer, by August 31st.



Order of St. John

Any member who is entering Grade 4 or higher, is welcome to join the Order of St. John. The Order of St. John serve as Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch Bearers, and Banner Bearers for Sunday Services, as well as other Festival Services throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the Order of St. John, please speak to Sophia Hoon.

All members will be installed during the 9:00 a.m. service on Rally Day, Sept. 9th.



Congratulations to Mary Ellen Klinger who turned 96 on June 26th and Frances Shoop who celebrated her 97th birthday on July 14th!!

Following is the Sermon from the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

(Texts: Deuteronomy 5 and 2 Corinthians 4)

In the name of the Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit.

First of all, let me begin by addressing the substance of the Old Testament Lesson, simply because I have heard some unclear thoughts expressed on the matter. As Dr. Martin Luther observed, Scripture is sufficiently clear for everyone to understand the basic meaning. Thus, the Third Commandment:

Observe the Sabbath to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord, He who is your God. On that day you shall not do any work.

The greatest authority of all, Mother Church, in her divine wisdom, has seen fit to move the Sabbath rest to Sunday in honor and respect for The Resurrection. But Jesus did not abolish the Sabbath nor any other Commandment.

The Third Commandment is crystal clear: from all labors, we are to rest — no house painting or carpet shampooing, no washing windows or mopping the floor, no employment work, no mowing the lawn, no digging holes, no car detailing, no laundry... no school homework... but I would remind you, kids, that means you need to get your homework done on Friday or Saturday. And the same applies to ourselves as adults.

We are to rest in order that we may join together in worship of our Lord; we are to rest in order that the Lord may be part of our thoughts and discussion throughout the day; we are to rest in order that we may have quality time with our family and friends; we are to rest in order that we may enjoy some recreational activities during the day; and we are to rest in order that we may be refreshed when we return to our labors on Monday.

The truth is, the older we get, the more we need our rest. Most children and youth resist taking a nap — they think nap time is punishment. On the other hand, most adults think nap time is a mini-vacation!

Not that children and youth don't have their aches and pains: pains in the joints from growing, a broken bone here, a sprained ankle there. Certainly there are those who have very severe trials like Eric Erdman, the young man from Millersburg fighting against cancer. But by and large, our children and youth heal so fast that their setbacks are only momentary afflictions. But the afflictions of adults are not always so momentary.

Recently my family watched Martin Scorsese's film, *Silence*. I'm not going to spoil it for you if you haven't seen it, but you should really avail yourself of the opportunity to watch it. Afterwards we discussed the film. Jacob said, "I thought of what I would do if I found myself in the person's predicament, and I would be confused as to what to do."

The church teaches us and prepares us for all eventualities. She provides for us preemptively *so that we will not be confused* when afflictions are set upon us, she helps us understand and put all of life's experiences into perspective: pain & blessing, sorrow & joy, loneliness & fellowship, evil & goodness, failure & success, death & peace. But when tragedy occurs in a person's life, it is too late to explore profound spiritual questions.

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Notice how your elders are slowing down a step, how they have difficulty getting up off the floor or out of a chair. Keep track of how many joint replacements you hear of. This too will be you one day! Be aware of cataracts and macular degeneration. Pay attention to loss of hearing and diabetes. It might not all be a result of staring at video screens or listening to rock music or eating too much sugar — it may simply be the human condition! I promise you - you will not be exempted! And why? Why is this? For what purpose? Keep listening.

Second, I am preaching to middle aged adults who have begun to experience life's trials & tribulations, and "mature" adults who perhaps are even in the throes of them, to help you reflect on them as a Christian, and to assist you in dealing appropriately with them.

Once we have entered the workforce, once we have children of our own, we learn what it means to be weary — and we need our rest. Mothers of newborns are advised — nap when your baby naps — or you might not get one any other time.

Weariness is a sign of what we know but don't like to admit: that we are mortal. It is taught of the Lord, the one who is immortal, that He will neither slumber nor sleep — ever! No amount of caffeine or red-bull or 5-hour energy boost can match that. But I have a surprise for you — our weariness, our mortality is a blessing!

Consider this: if you have a treasure, you hide it! If your mother has given you her diamond ring and you're going on vacation, you don't just leave it lying around — you hide it! So also it is with the Lord — He has a great treasure, and He hides it — He hides it among us! And look at the likes of us! Deaf, blind, crippled, diabetic, heart problems, cancer — who would hide a treasure among us?! But yet, God does so, very intentionally — to show that the power He has is his and not ours.

Consider this: We have a potter among us. She makes the most beautiful earthen vessels. Now if you just want a beautiful showpiece, she can do that for you. But beyond that, it is the function of the earthenware which is most important. She can make a pitcher but it cannot do anything on it's own. It can't fill itself. It can't pour itself. As long as it is in her possession, only the creator has the power to make the pitcher function.

So it is with you and me. We are the earthen vessels who cannot fill ourselves nor pour ourselves out. We are afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, & struck down by others but our Lord will not allow us to be crushed, driven to despair, forsaken or destroyed, because He has hidden his treasure among us! The treasure that we have is not ours individually, but is ours collectively, for together, we are the Body of Christ! And the treasure that we have in our midst is the death of Jesus!

Think about the HC Liturgy and respond appropriately:

*For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes!*

(Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!)

You see, right there is the treasure! And what a glorious treasure it is! That we who proclaim the death of Jesus among us, also proclaim that Christ is risen and will come again! We are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake — aches and pains and suffering... & perhaps even torture, so that the life of Jesus may be manifest among us!

This has some substantial implications for us as a congregation. We all have been Baptized into the Body of Christ — together, we are the Body of Christ. Thus *it is unacceptable to suffer alone*. When we suffer, we must not withdraw from the Body. And we who are the Body must remember those who suffer, so that the life of Jesus may be manifest among us.

When Moses came down from Mt. Sinai, and every time he came out of the Tabernacle from meeting with God, his face shone so much that the people were afraid to come near him: He had seen the glory of God! Today's New Testament Lesson tells us that the glory of God shines in the face of Jesus Christ. This is 2 Corinthian's way of informing us that Jesus *is* God, the same God, who commanded, *Let light shine out of darkness*, helping our poor, mortal bodies to confess that Christ has died, yes, but He has risen & He will come again!

Thank you!

Thank you so much for all the great things you have been doing for me. Wonderful visits, gifts and food, but especially for all the prayers. Thank you so very much!

Cynthia A. Keefer and Honey Bunny, too!

We would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, words of encouragement, and cards through son & brother, Neil Hoy's courageous battle with cancer and upon his death. A special thanks to Pastor Hoffman for his visits to Neil and our families.

Debbie Ramberger & family
Bob Hoy & Kay

Thank you very much for opening your hearts and your doors when I needed it most. The kitchen was exactly what I needed to finish my food for my mother's luncheon.

I greatly appreciated it.
Connie Cook



A Eulogy for a Father

My father, Morris Charles Hoffman, died on May 23. His Memorial Service was June 5. Sometime during that day, I had hoped to eulogize him; I was never given the opportunity to do so. Therefore I would like to share my eulogy with you, my brothers and sisters.

Although I could regale you with all sorts of memories of my father, this is not the place for banal sentimentality. Faithful Christians do not live in the past; the sum of our life is not a mere collection of fond memories — we live for what is to come. Only those historic events which shape our salvation are of any import.

Therefore I tell you that my father was most influential in my life through his love of singing the Faith. He was my cherub choir director in York, where I specifically remember singing,

*There is a green hill far away,
Beyond the city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
He died to save us all.*

He sang in every choir in every congregation to which we ever belonged. In the summers of my teenage years, he stood next to me in the congregation, pointing to the notes and helping me sing bass. Through his example of singing the Faith, he encouraged me in the Faith. And now I pass this same gift on to my own son as well.

Dad loved to harmonize, especially in his favorite hymn, which was so, perhaps because it helped him confess his trust in the Lord:

*This Is My Father's World;
Oh, let me not forget
That thought the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet!
This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!*

Holy Cross Sunday/Rally Sunday, September 10th

The Christian Education Committee announces that Sunday, September 9th, will be Rally Day. On Rally Day, we will install the members of the Order of St. John. We will also promote students to their respective grades and distribute Bibles to the 4th graders.

Sunday School Staff installation will also take place at this service.



Congregational Picnic

Sunday, August 26th

Wiconisco Creek Park, Millersburg

Meal Served at Noon

Bring a covered dish or dessert, place settings, chairs, blankets, bug repellent, games, etc.

Wear your picnic attire to church then come share in the fun!

Softball, horseshoes, activities for all, and just plain fun! The youth will be providing games for the younger children.

Meat as well as drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board located in the narthex. If you'd like to assist in any way, please contact Matt Klinger, Donna Fralick or Craig Dorman.



West Virginia Mission Trip – 2018

During the week of July 8th through July 13th, Jere Troutman and I joined a team from Riegle's Church on an annual mission trip to Philippi, West Virginia. The full team consisted of 21 members including men, women and children. The team spent four full days working on two parallel projects. The two projects each consisted of supporting disadvantaged families with various home improvement projects; from floor and stairway repair, to painting, drywall hanging/finishing, to roof replacement and repair.

Jere and I worked with a total team of seven. Our project led us to a family consisting of two adults and one teenager that were living in a 50 year-old manufactured home. The home had been expanded through numerous expansion projects over the years and was in dire need of multiple repairs including: replacing several different week-points in the floor supports and subflooring in the bathroom, kitchen and living room, replacing the entire floor including supports in one room, replacing the front porch steps, installing a new counter backsplash in the kitchen, and various cleaning/painting tasks.

Although the home-improvement project was important, our time spent with the family was even more important. The father was in recovery from heart surgery and could no longer perform the heavy lifting tasks needed on the property. We also came to find out the couple's oldest son is suffering with late-stage cancer with a very discouraging diagnosis. The entire family gathered together at the home while we were there and we had the chance to meet and converse with everyone. In reflection, the time we spent with the family was way more important than the time spent on home repairs.

The annual West Virginia mission trip is supported by World Vision International (WVI) as part of their Appalachia initiative. WVI maintains a warehouse of building products and housewares in Barbour County, WV, of which Philippi is the county seat. The WVI programs serve over 190,000 people in Appalachia annually, and are supported by an average of 1,800 people who go to Appalachia to serve on mission trips. Maybe you can be one of those volunteers in 2019?

Respectively,
Scott Meckley

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Scholarship. Words cannot express my gratitude for your support and kindness towards my education. In the fall of 2018, I will be attending Bloomsburg University to begin working towards my Early Childhood (Pre-K to Grade 4) Education Certificate.

Once again, thank you so much for your generous contribution to my education. I will be paying for my college expenses on my own, so every bit of financial aid make a huge difference.

Sincerely, Dana Slemmer

Dear St. Paul's Scholarship Committee,
I would like to thank you for the wonderful, generous gift of scholarship money I received to help pay for my schooling at HACC and books. The money will be used wisely at my school.
Once again, your support was greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Brittney Miller

Scholarship Selection Committee and Members of St. Paul's Church,
Thank you for selecting me to be a recipient of your scholarship, and for welcoming my family and me to your Church Service. I am very excited to start my classes in the fall, and I know that God will help guide me on this new path in my life.
Sincerely,
Abigail Scheib

Outreach Center News

St. Paul's food pantry is located in our Outreach Center on Walnut Street. In February, the Outreach Center served 159 people. The Center will be open on Saturdays, August 18 and September 15 from 9 am - Noon and is currently in need of canned vegetables. You can bring your donations with you to church on Sunday, or drop them in the Lydia Room during the week. Please do not drop off items on the Outreach Center or Church building porches, unless prior arrangements have been made.

The Action Against Hunger Meal is scheduled for Fridays, August 3 and September 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this FREE take-out meal please share this information with them. If you'd like to help with the meal preparation or distribution please contact Becky Riland at 717-805-2480.

Bulletin & Lamp Candle Sponsorships

Sponsorships are available each week for the bulletin and the Sanctuary lamp candle. Bulletin sponsorships are \$15/ date and Sanctuary lamp candle sponsorships are \$10/ date. Please include the date of your sponsorship with payment. A two month schedule sign-up sheet is posted on the Narthex bulletin board.

Church Flowers

Would you like to sponsor the Altar Flowers, Memorial Stand Flowers, or have a flower placed for a birth or other special occasion? The cost of the flowers is \$40/2 Altar Vases or \$40/1 Memorial Vase. Single roses or single carnations are \$10/vase. You may take the flowers with you at the conclusion of the Service or choose to donate them to one of our shut-ins. Please contact Mary Warfel at 717-692-5274.

Flower Cross to be decorated for Holy Cross Sunday

We will be decorating the Flower Cross for the Holy Cross Sunday, September 9th. Donations for the purchase of flowers are greatly appreciated and may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Please complete this form, and submit it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church .

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ **GIVEN BY** _____

HONOR/MEMORY OF: _____



Sunday Services of Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

August 2018

Coffee Hour - 10:15 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9:00 Sewing Circle	3 4:00 - 5:30 AAH Meal Pick Up	4
5 15th after Pentecost Holy Baptism ~10:30 Summer Choir Rehearsal	6	7 7:00 Social Service Meeting SCS Teachers Meeting	8	9 9:00 Sewing Circle 7:00 Finance Meeting Luther Lager League	10	11
12 12th after Pentecost Group 3 Bag Packing ~10:30 Summer Choir	13	14 7:00 Council Meeting	15 7:00 Festival of Mary, Mother of Our Lord	16 9:00 Sewing Circle	17	18 9:00 - Noon Outreach Center Open/ READ Program
19 13th after Pentecost	20	21	22	23 9:00 Sewing Circle	24 7:00 Festival of St. Bartholomew	25 11:00- Noon Silly Joe and Popsicle Pete
26 14th after Pentecost ~10:30 Summer Choir Annual Church Picnic	27	28 7:00 Property Meeting Music & Worship Mtg.	29 5:30 Cherubs 6:00 Bell 6:15 Alleluia 7:00 Adult	30 9:00 Sewing Circle	31	

Sunday Services of Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Coffee Hour - 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:30 (Begins Sept. 9th)

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 15th after Pentecost	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 7:00 Finance Meeting	5 5:30 Cherubs 6:00 Bell 6:15 Alleluia 7:00 Adult	6 9:00 Sewing Circle	7 4:00-5:30 AAH Meal Pick	8
9 Festival of the Holy Cross/Rally Day Group 2 Bag Packing	10	11 7:00 Council Mtg	12 5:15 Catechetical Class 5:30 Cherubs 6:00 Bell 6:15 Alleluia 7:00 Adult	13 9:00 Sewing Circle 7:00 S.P.E.L.L. Luther Lager League	14	15 9:00—Noon Outreach Center Open/READ Program 11:00 Red Creek Wildlife
16 17th after Pentecost	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19 Ember Day 11:00— 1:00 Holy Absolution 5:15 Catechetical Class 5:30 Cherubs / 6:00 Bels 6:15 Alleluia / 7:00 Adult 7:00—8:00 Holy Absolution	20 9:00 Sewing Circle	21 7:00 Festival of St. Matthew	22
23 18th after Pentecost	24	25	26 5:30 Cherubs 6:00 Bell 6:15 Alleluia 7:00 Adult	27	28	29
30 19th after Pentecost						

Worship Server Schedule: August

Altar Guild: Don & Christie Klinger, Alan & Heather Howard, Verna Deibler, Diane Lawley, Dean & Becky Riland

WORSHIP SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 9:00 A.M.
	11th Sunday after Pentecost	12th Sunday after Pentecost
HEAD USHER:	Wade Kessler	Wade Kessler
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Dean & Becky Riland	Jere Troutman and Edwin Schlegel
LAY ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Warfel	Mary Warfel
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Carol Klinger	Cheryl Dorman
LECTOR:	Craig Dorman	Deneice Chubb
USHERS:	Alan & Heather Howard	Neil Warfel and Dale Klinger
	Robert & Leonice Kessler	Mike & Deb Ramberger
GREETERS:	Kurt & Nancy Hand	Don & Christie Klinger
NARTHEX GREETERS:	Donna Hoffman	Diane Lawley
PA SYSTEM:	Brian Baker	Kevin Ramberger

WORSHIP SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 9:00 A.M.
	13th Sunday after Pentecost	14th Sunday after Pentecost
HEAD USHER:	Wade Kessler	Wade Kessler
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Matthew Riland and Robert Kessler	Neil Warfel and Scott Meckley
LAY ASSISTING MINISTER	Matthew Huntzinger	Matthew Huntzinger
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Carig Dorman	Dennis Klinger
LECTOR:	Cheryl Dorman	Mary Warfel
USHERS:	Clair & Janice Shoop	Brian & Amy Baker
	Allen & Sally Lucas	Tim Rebeck and Dwight Rebeck
GREETERS:	Dean & Becky Riland	Matthew & Brandi Riland
NARTHEX GREETERS:	Neil Warfel	Nancy Shiffer
PA SYSTEM:	Brian Meckley	Mike Ramberger



Worship Server Notes: Altar Guild Note: Mary will email or phone you the week before the last Sunday of the month preceding your month of service. At that time, you can email or phone Mary before Sunday, at 692-5271 with your preferred Sunday or Sundays that you are available. On your Sunday, please check the clipboard in the linen drawer first thing, flower instructions will be on the clipboard as well as other special instructions. Altar Guild questions and changes should be directed to Mary Warfel. Thank you for your service.

PLEASE NOTE: Worship schedules are prepared approximately two months in advance. Once the schedules have been submitted to the Church Office for Newsletter printing, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement if you are not available on a date you are scheduled. Schedule changes should be reported to the Church Office.

NARTHEX GREETERS: Please stand next to the elevator in the Narthex. It is not necessary to stand next to the stairwell, when there are greeters on the landing.

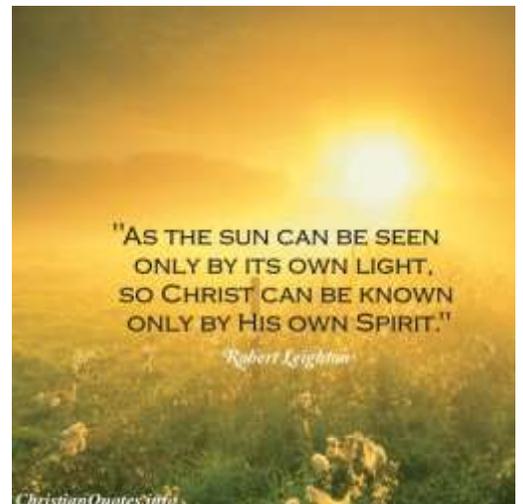
Worship Server Schedule: September

Altar Guild: Denny & Kathy Lenker, Walt & Diana Hebda, Mary Miller, Tina Sweigard, Bob & Leonice Kessler, Shawn & Tiffany Herb

WORSHIP SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 9:00 A.M. 15th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9:00 A.M. Festival of the Holy Cross
HEAD USHER:	Jere Troutman	Jere Troutman
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Craig & Cheryl Dorman	Don & Pat Joreitz
LAY ASSISTING MINISTER	Dennis Lenker	Dennis Lenker
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Scott Meckley	Mary Warfel
LECTOR:	Brian Meckley	Scott Meckley
USHERS:	Kurt & Nancy Hand	Deneice Chubb and Don Joreitz
	Dean & Becky Riland	Craig & Cheryl Dorman
GREETERS:	Gary & Judy Stoneroad	Brent & Megan Wallisch
NARTHEX GREETERS:	Tommye Margerum	Donna Hoffman
PA SYSTEM:	Matthew Riland	Dean Riland

WORSHIP SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9:00 A.M. 17th Sunday after Pentecost	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9:00 A.M. 17th Sunday after Pentecost
HEAD USHER:	Jere Troutman	Jere Troutman
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Dean & Becky Riland	Brian Baker & Matt Huntzinger
LAY ASSISTING MINISTER	Wade Kessler	Wade Kessler
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	James Slemmer	Dennis Lenker
LECTOR:	Edwin Schlegel	Carol Klinger
USHERS:	Matthew & Brandi Riland	Robert & Leonice Kessler
	Dale Klinger and Neil Warfel	Clair & Janice Shoop
GREETERS:	Don Joreitz	Steve & Cathy Nace
NARTHEX GREETERS:	Bill Mace	Dale Klinger
PA SYSTEM:	Brian Baker	Brian Meckley

WORSHIP SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9:00 A.M. 19th Sunday after Pentecost
HEAD USHER:	Jere Troutman
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Matthew Huntzinger and Robert Kessler
LAY ASSISTING MINISTER	Edwin Schlegel
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Dennis Klinger
LECTOR:	Dennis Lenker
USHERS:	Brian & Amy Baer
	Alan & Heather Howard
GREETERS:	Allen & Sally Lucas
NARTHEX GREETERS:	Donna Fralick
PA SYSTEM:	Mike Ramberger



Order of St. John Schedule - August and September 2018

SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 9:00 A.M.
	11th Sunday after Pentecost	12th Sunday after Pentecost
Acolyte:	Micah Lynch	Skye Weaver
Crucifer:	Morghan Klinger	Lexi Meko

SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 9:00 A.M.
	13th Sunday after Pentecost	14th Sunday after Pentecost
Acolyte:	Thorne Weaver	Kierstyn Long
Crucifer:	Jacob Hoffman	Morgan Long

SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, SEPT. 2, 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, 9:00 A.M.
	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Festival of the Holy Cross
Acolyte:	Brendan Bixler	Evelyn Snyder
Crucifer:	Morghan Klinger	Jacob Hoffman
Torch Bearers:	NA	Emily Snyder
	NA	Ethan Snyder
Banner:	NA	Jack Bailey

SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, SEPT. 23, 9:00 A.M.
	17th Sunday after Pentecost	18th Sunday after Pentecost
Acolyte:	Brenna Bailey	Nathan Bailey
Crucifer:	Lexi Meko	Jacob Hoffman

SERVER POSITIONS	SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 9:00 A.M.
	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Acolyte:	Mary Riland
Crucifer:	Jack Bailey

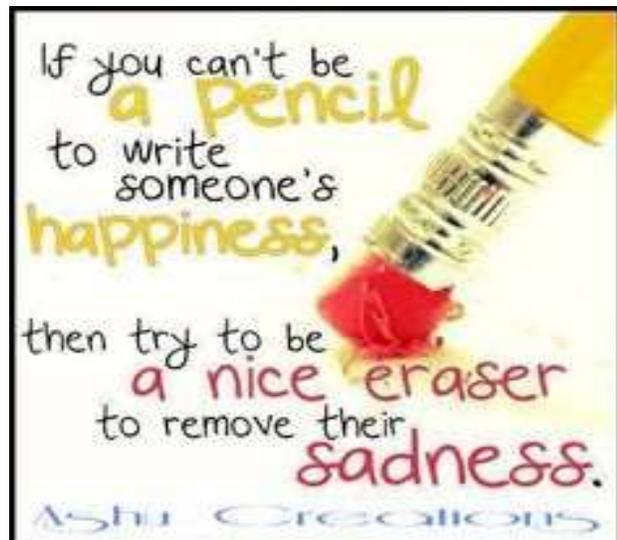


What is S.P.Y.?

S.P.Y. (St. Paul's Youth) is a group for St. Paul's kids and friends in grades 6-12. Activities are planned at least once a month (and sometimes more!) for fun and fellowship. Why should you come? Because it's a safe and friendly environment where you and other Christian youth like you can come together and have a great time while you learn, experience and grow!! Friends are always welcome too!!

S.P.Y. Update!

Watch the Bulletin for upcoming S.P.Y. events!



Dear St. Paul's,

We would like to express our deep appreciation for your \$200 donation toward Joe Underkoffler's mission trip to Ecuador. Joe is amazing young man. He has felt God calling him to the mission field. Since his father's recent death, we weren't sure if Satan would discourage him and have him rethink his calling. Not only does Joe still want to serve, but his mother encourages him and give her full support (an incredible testimony to their trust in God).

Again, thank you for your contribution. May God abundantly bless your church and ministry as you continue to serve Him. Working together for the Kingdom, Lori Brown—Reigles Bible Fellowship

Dear Pastor Hoffman and Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On behalf of the officers, deans and all the members of the Society of the Holy Trinity, I thank you for your recent gifts from May, in the amount of \$302.00. We are so grateful for your continued faithfulness and partnership in the Gospel. Your steady generosity is an example for us all!

May God fill u with all grace and peace and bless our common ministry.

In Christ's service, The Rev. Pari R. Bailey, STS

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of 78.38 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference.

Your gifts fund the "I am Safe" community center in West Mosul where children come to get help with their trauma through the help of supportive staff and programs.

This is just one example of how your support alleviates suffering around the world. On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards, Daniel S. Speckard, President and CEO

Dear St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$450.00 to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Your donation will be used to restore the predominantly Christian town of Karamles on the Nineveh Plain in Iraq, which was liberated from ISIS late last year.

The cause for restoring Karamles is a major undertaking. But thanks to your support, the Knights of Columbus has made tremendous progress! Because of loyal friends like you, the Christian faithful of Karamles will have a future in Iraq!

Fraternally, Ronald F. Schwarz, Treasurer

Financial Report Through June 30, 2018

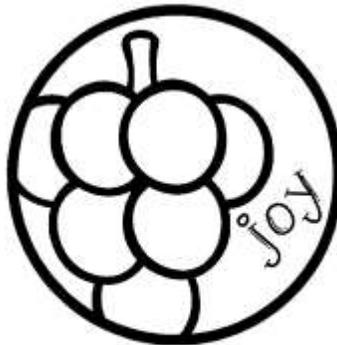
Operating Expenses Budgeted	\$167,613.54
Operating Expenses Actual Spent	\$148,119.44
Operating Expenses Receipts	\$109,417.91
Reimbursed Expenses	\$ 18,018.41
Deficit of	\$ 20,683.12



The Fruit of the Spirit



I can color the Fruits of the Spirit, cut (with a 2" puncher), hole punch and attach to yarn to make a necklace.





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