

The Epistle - February 2017



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Dear Reader of "The Epistle,"



I want to talk to you about Worship, and my concern over what seems to be our "take it or leave it" attitude towards attendance. As we approach Lent, it is a good time to look at our behavior and attitudes when it comes to Christ and his Church and those pesky 10 Commandments, in particular #3 by our Lutheran count.

We currently have 323 Confirmed Members and 472 Baptized members, give-or-take a margin of error for those who have moved away, transferred, or have joined the Church Triumphant since the last report. With that said, we have an average weekly attendance of 90, and *that* we need to address. We need to address this and do so here, knowing that those who don't attend will likely not be reading this, but encouraging those who *do* read this to become what I would call "nudges." We need to reach out to those folks who are missing and let them *know* they are missed, but more, that they are missing an encounter with the Risen Christ that brings with it God's life-giving Word and Sacraments.

We need to be clear that it is in our Sunday attendance that we who were/are dead in our Sin are resurrected by the power of God's grace and forgiveness. Our prayers and our hymns raise our thanksgiving as a community formed and shaped by Christ. We

need the missing, and they need us, to support one another with presence and voice.

Worship is about God coming to us to raise us to new life. Week in and week out, Sunday by Sunday, we soak in God's grace. We share in the promises of our Baptisms. Hymns, prayers, sacraments are meant to bring not just our voices to this moment, but the voices of saints who have prayed these life giving words, grounded in scripture, across the centuries. We repeat them, sing them, pray them because they provide the language, decorum, order for the moment when God is present in the midst of his people. We bow heads; we fold hands; we kneel; we stand out of respect for the Almighty.

We do not come to be entertained, but to be in dialog, present with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, no small thing to be in God's presence. (I'm guessing that if we were invited to the White House, no matter the president, we would be asking some questions about decorum and behavior. Should God deserve any less? Our liturgy is our guide for this time of care for God and each other.)

We need every one of those 300+. We need your voices, and you need us. And we all need the care St. Paul's brings to this moment. Sunday morning worship is a very special time. It is a privilege we share. "As we pray, so we believe..." the Church Fathers said. See you in church!

In His Peace
Pastor Michael

PSALM 95

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
10 For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."
11 Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."

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FOR OUR WORSHIP PREPARATION...
THE READINGS & PRAYERS OF THE DAY FOR FEBRUARY, 2017
 CYCLE A OF THE THREE YEAR LECTIONARY – THE YEAR OF MATTHEW

THE DAY OF THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR	PRAYER OF THE DAY	WORD & SACRAMENT	SERVICE OF THE WORD
February 5, 2017 EPIPHANY 5 Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9-12 Psalm 112:1-9 [10] 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Matthew 5:13-20 (Green)	Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	8:00 & 10:15	
February 12, 2017 Epiphany 6 Deut. 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37 (Green)	O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	10:15	8:00
February 19, 2017 Epiphany 7 Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40 1 Cor.3:10-11,16-23; Matthew 5:38-48 (Green)	Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	8:00	10:15
February 26, 2017 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 (White)	O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	8:00 & 10:15	
Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Cor. 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Purple)	Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	Eucharist – (7:00PM) Imposition of Ashes	



St. Valentine's Day
February 14



Ash Wednesday
March 1

FEBRUARY MUSIC NOTES:

During the month of **February**, we will continue through the season of Epiphany and on the 19th our service will have the liturgy from many years ago. On the 26th we will be celebrating the festival of **Transfiguration of our Lord**. St Paul's ringers will provide the prelude on Feb. 19th at the 10:15 service.



Save the Date!

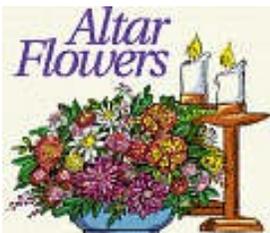
Annual Church Retreat May 5-7
Mark your calendars and plan
to attend

What are the TEN COMMANDMENTS?

What do they mean to us now in a world where Jew, Christian, and Muslim all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets of Sinai as the foundation of our law?

Join us for Sunday School in the Kammerer Room at 9:00
on **February 4** to explore a new adult series:

"The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart"



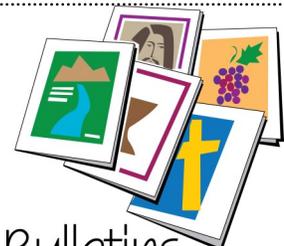
OPEN DATES for FEBRUARY 2017:

BULLETINS

February 5
February 12
February 19
February 26

FLOWERS

February 5
February 12
February 19



Our sister in Christ, *Evelyn Little*, claimed the promise of her baptism on January 3, 2017.





The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on Sunday, February 26 following the 10:15 AM service. Yearbooks for the 2016 year in review will be distributed. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Bible Study meets on the 1st, 4th, (and sometimes 5th) **Tuesdays** of the month, bible study will meet at 1:30pm. On the 2nd & 3rd **Mondays** of the month bible study will meet at 6pm (just before council & committees meet). Note the variation in days & times. Please join us whenever you can!

HOOKS AND NEEDLES meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Library. This will continue throughout the school year. Anyone who enjoys fiber crafts is invited.

Christian Family Needs YOU!!! Fellowship is an important part of a strong church. Christian Family is working on holding 4 events this coming year. These events are fun ways to get our families together to share in fellowship. We are looking for people who are willing to join Christian Family to help us plan and execute these events. We don't meet often so there's no huge time commitment! If you are interested in joining us contact Kimberly Airing or any council member.

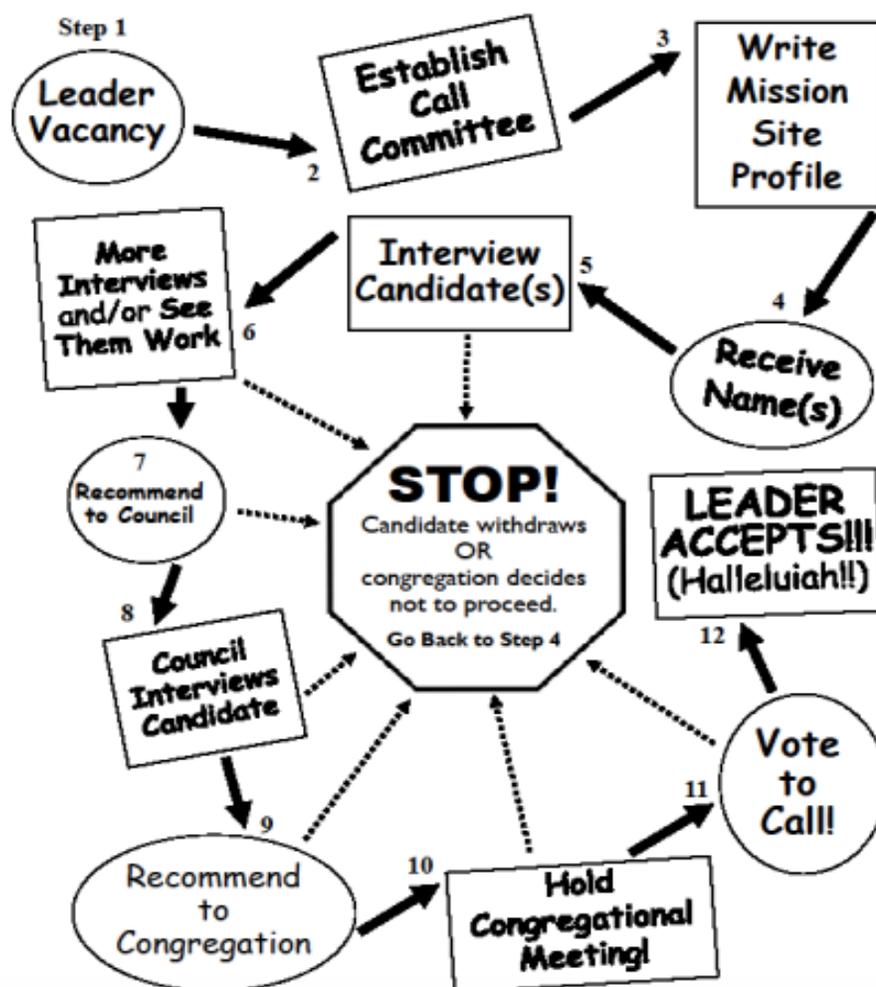
Call Committee News

"12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, signs and wonders and mighty works. 2 Corinthians 12:12

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians at a vulnerable time in his life. He had learned that the church at Corinth was struggling, and he sought to take action to preserve the unity of that local body of believers. Any time of transition can be hard and a church can be vulnerable. It can cause breaks between a congregation. A church can easily lose sight of who they truly are. This has not been the case here at St. Paul's we have remained united and strong. All of our "mighty" works are going forth, feeding the hungry, sharing our musical gifts, educating our children and adults, plus many other things. However, even if you are strong it can sometimes be easy to lose patience.

Patience is what we need most as we continue on with the call process. We have received names of candidates and are moving forward. Everything is still positive and going well. We are happy to see the congregation is remaining strong and encourage you to keep being patient. This is a big decision for our church and we are being diligent in our efforts to find the best candidate to be our next Pastor. Please continue to keep us and the church in your prayers!"

12 Steps to Your New Leader!



Please take a moment to notify the church office:



- ◆ When you (or a family member) would like a visit from the pastor
- ◆ When there is a death or serious illness in your family
- ◆ When you wish to add or remove someone from the prayer list
- ◆ When you move to a new address or your phone number has changed
- ◆ If you wish to be added to the Epistle emailing list
- ◆ When you wish to borrow tables/chairs from the church
- ◆ When you wish to fill out a form of use for the Social Hall (policy is at least 30 days in advance)
- ◆ When you need information about scheduling a baptism or wedding
- ◆ When you wish to submit an article for the newsletter and/or bulletin announcements
- ◆ When you wish to update with graduation information

Church Office Telephone 717-359-4822

Email Address: office@stpaulslittlestown.org

Please note: Phone & email messages are checked only office hours on weekdays

For a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Richard Michael 717-314-7898
or Richardmichael1@mac.com.

WEBSITE: www.stpaulslittlestown.org

Information for MARCH Epistle is due by Wednesday, February 15.

All contributions of articles/information from all corners of St. Paul's are encouraged! Please submit material via email of office@stpaulslittlestown.org or by placing it in the secretary's mailbox in the church office. Please note: Items submitted after the deadline may be held until the subsequent newsletter, so information can be dispersed promptly. Thank you!

Thank you notes



Sending special thanks to all of my St. Paul's family for the good wishes, cards, gifts, and especially the prayers that you have been sending my way. I am definitely feeling better, but still have a way to go. I love you all. ~Bonnie S.

Thank you for another great job. Once again the Advent/Christmas decorating committee did a fantastic job of preparing our sanctuary for all of our December services. They prepared the "Way of the Lord" each week as they lead us to the birth of Jesus. The kids were especially aware of the significance of each week's banners. Pastor Michael used the weekly themes to tell the children and adults the symbolism of the chrismos and the importance of the Advent wreath. Take the opportunity to thank the following people who contributed many hours and a lot of loving labor this Christmas season.

Ron & Jill Baird, Susan & John Bowmaster, Mike & Janet Cutsail, Kevin & Darbye Smeak, Charlie & Sue Mauck, Ruth Pautenis, Al & Bonnie Simon, Ken & Linda Smith

Air Conditioning Fund Update

Late last year, our congregation voted to approve a proposal of \$75000 to replace our Church's failed and aging air conditioning systems. Since we currently only have the financial resource of a \$50000 line of credit loan, we must have \$25000 upfront in order to commence this work. Our goal is to have this upfront money by April 1st to insure that we will have the use of these new systems in time for Summer's heat.

**Our current A/C fund status as of 1/15/2017 is:
\$11430 or 46% of our goal with 10 weeks to go.**

Please continue to support this fund as you are able in addition to your normal weekly giving.

LITTESTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Food distribution takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Bart's Centenary on King Street from 3 to 5 pm. If you would like to donate your time or resources, please come to Bart's Centenary anytime from 1 to 6 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month, or use your monthly giving envelope. There is a shopping cart in the Kammerer Room for donations to the **Littlestown Food Pantry**. Other non-perishable food items are encouraged at any time as well. **The next food pantry distribution takes place on Weds. February 22.**



Ministerium Lenten Luncheon Schedule

2017 Littlestown Ministerium Lenten Lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday (3/1) and continue through Wednesday, April 12. Please note the events will start at 11:30AM. The cost per person will be \$5.00. Each Lenten luncheon will include an opening hymn, scripture, reflection and closing hymn, then the group will enjoy a simple meal together. (Inclement weather policy: if Littlestown school district is closed the day of the event, the luncheon will be cancelled)

March 1

Hosting Church: Redeemer's UCC

March 8

Hosting Church: St. Aloysius

March 15

Hosting Church: Bart's Centenary

March 22

Hosting Church: St. Paul's



March 29

Hosting Church: St. John's

April 5

Hosting Church: St. Luke's

April 12 (Holy Week)

Hosting Church: Christ UCC

IMPORTANT: St. Paul's is expanding our online presence through our website and our Facebook page. As we are working to share the joy, musical gifts, programs and more with the world we would like to post photos of our activities online. In doing so we realize that not everyone would like photos or videos of their children or themselves share online. If you'd love to help us evangelize online and are happy to let us share pics of your child we request that you fill out this Website and Social Media Release. Simply return that to the office or mail it to us. If you would not, simply do not fill out the form. Any adults that do not want their photos or videos shared simply let Kimberly Airing or any council member know. We are excited about this new way to share all of the great things here at St. Paul's. Thank you for your support with this!

Website and Social Media Release Form

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Littlestown to post my and/or my child's story, photo, or other item, hereinafter referred to as "Materials," I submit to and for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Littlestown Web site and Facebook account.

I hereby release you, your representative, employees, managers, members, officers, parent companies, subsidiaries, and directors, from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with any use of said "Materials", including, without limitation, all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of my right of publicity, defamation and any other personal and/or property rights.

I acknowledge and agree that no sums whatsoever will be due to me as a result of the use and/or exploitation of the "Materials" or any rights therein.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

I acknowledge that my child is under 18 years old and lacks the legal capacity to enter into binding agreements. Accordingly, I have read this Release and consent to my child's inclusion in the Materials will not contest the rights granted in this Release, and shall assist and support you in any and all legal proceeding for affirmation of this Agreement, should you choose to have a court of law affirm this Agreement.

Child's Name: _____

_____ Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Please make a copy of this form for your own records and mail or fax the signed original to:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Littlestown
53 W. King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340
Phone/Fax: 717-359-4822

From the Parish Nursing Team: The month of February is Heart Month

Across the nation, Coronary Artery Disease, which includes heart attacks, is responsible for 1 of every 7 deaths. But the good news is—heart disease and the sometimes resulting deaths can be prevented—by acting FAST! According to the American Heart Association statistics, 635,000 people in the United States will experience a heart attack and about half of those people will have a second or repeat attack.

What are the warning signs?

- Chest discomfort. Some heart attacks present as a sudden, intense pain but most start slowly with mild pain or discomfort that involves the center of the chest. This pain can last for more than a few minutes-or goes away and then returns again. It can be described as an uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or outright pain.
- Symptoms in other areas of the upper body can also present as discomfort in one or both arms, the back, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath may or may not occur with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs such as nausea, lightheadedness or feeling a cold sweat may accompany the chest discomfort.
- Men and women may experience heart attack warning signs differently. Most commonly, chest pain or discomfort is the classic sign. However, women are more likely to also experience nausea/vomiting, shortness of breath and back or jaw pain.

By this time, you might be asking, “What do I do and how do I know this is a heart attack?”

Even if you are not sure the symptoms you are experiencing is a heart attack and you don’t want to be “embarrassed” by having a “false alarm,” **CALL 9-1-1 ANYWAY.** Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance to a hospital usually receive faster treatment. **TIME IS MUSCLE** and faster treatment can prevent debilitating heart disease or even death. It is very easy to convince yourself there is nothing wrong by ignoring the warning signs—but this is dangerous. If you, or someone you know, show signs of a heart attack, **CALL 9-1-1 and get immediate help.**

What can you do to prevent Coronary Artery Disease? Here are some suggestions:

- Avoid smoking and second hand smoke—smoke delivers toxic substances to the heart, arteries and veins that actually damage the blood vessels. The sores that develop inside the blood vessels can rupture and release blood clots that flow through the circulatory system. If that blood clot lodges within the heart, a heart attack can occur. If a blood clot lodges in the brain—a stroke can result.
- Get regular medical checkups to promote wellness and prevent disease progression.
- Treat and manage high blood pressure if you have it – this is the single most significant risk factor for heart disease that will reduce strain on the heart, arteries, and kidneys. High blood pressure is manageable. Normal blood pressure is less than 120 mm/Hg systolic (top number) and less than 80 mm/Hg diastolic (bottom number). The lifestyle modifications listed here have been proven to reduce blood pressure.
- Control your cholesterol. 75% of the body’s cholesterol is produced by the liver and the body’s cells. The other 25% comes from the food that we eat. The American Heart Association, (AHA) recommends a diet high in whole grain fiber, lean protein, and a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables. The AHA recommends a diet low in cholesterol, trans-fats, saturated fats, sodium (salt), and added sugars.
- Be physically active—Exercise @ least 30 minutes 5-7 x’s a week. Just by taking a brisk walk 5 times a week can promote a healthier and more satisfying life while lowering the risk factors for heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Children require 60 minutes of exercise every day.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight and normal body mass index (adults= 25). More than 2/3 of the American adult population is overweight; 1/3 qualify for the obesity category. This is now recognized as a major, independent risk factor for heart disease.
- Maintain normal blood sugar and control diabetes if you have it. A fasting blood sugar should be below 100. Lower blood sugar protects every vital organ in our bodies-

- Take your medications as prescribed by your attending or treating provider. Always contact your primary care provider before self-discontinuing prescribed medications; unless you are experiencing life threatening symptoms, such as pronounced hives or respiratory difficulty. Notify your provider if this should occur.
- Always carry a list of medications with you for ready reference.
- Know your numbers and compare them to normal values for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol levels and BMI (body mass index). The charts below explain the normal values for blood pressure and cholesterol.

Blood Pressure Category	Systolic mm Hg (upper #)		Diastolic mm Hg (lower #)
Normal	less than 120	and	less than 80
Prehypertension	120 – 139	or	80 – 89
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 1	140 – 159	or	90 – 99
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Stage 2	160 or higher	or	100 or higher
Hypertensive Crisis (Emergency care needed)	Higher than 180	or	Higher than 110

AHA: 10/2016

Normal Cholesterol by the numbers: High cholesterol has no symptoms, and many people have it unknowingly. Find out what your cholesterol levels are so you can lower them if you need to.

Total cholesterol:

- **Less than 200 mg/dL:** Desirable level that puts you at lower risk for heart disease.
- **200 to 239 mg/dL:** Considered borderline high.
- **240 mg/dL and above:** High blood cholesterol. A person with this level has more than twice the risk of heart disease.

HDL cholesterol levels: (High density—the good kind of cholesterol --**higher is better**)

- **Less than 50 mg/dL:** Considered a major risk factor for heart disease.
- **60 mg/dL and above:** Considered protective against heart disease.

LDL cholesterol levels: (The bad kind of cholesterol--**lower is better**)

- **Less than 100 mg/dL:** Optimal
- **100 to 129 mg/dL:** Near or above optimal
- **130 to 159 mg/dL:** Borderline high
- **160 to 189 mg/dL:** High
- **190 mg/dL and above:** Very high

Triglyceride levels: (Triglycerides are fats in your blood that the body uses for energy)

- **Less than 100 mg/dL:** Optimal
- **Less than 150 mg/dL:** Normal value
- **150–199 mg/dL:** Borderline high
- **200–499 mg/dL:** High
- **500 mg/dL and above:** Very high

***A free blood pressure screening for the congregational members will be held after worship on February 5th and 19th, 2017.**

Visit heart.org/answersbyheart to learn more.

Ruth's Harvest Updates

Advent: a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ child, a time to open our hearts. And open them, you did...with your response to the Ruth's Harvest Reverse Advent Calendar. Over 5000 food items and hundreds of dollars were donated to the Littlestown supplemental backpack program for elementary children. Your generosity allows us to continue to provide for approximately 150 children in grades K – 5 each weekend and extended vacation of this school year. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: On February 12th you will have another opportunity to support Ruth's Harvest by attending a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Hanover. The flyer is seen below, simply cut it out and present to your server.



FUNDRAISING NIGHT!

TEXAS
ROADHOUSE®

**Fundraiser For
Ruth's Harvest Littlestown
2/12/17
11am to 9pm**

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

Texas Roadhouse asks that you do not hand out on our property

Call AHEAD SEATING **(717) 630-2703**
179 Eisenhower Dr.

FINANCIAL CORNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Littlestown PA
Donations Account Balances (12/01/2016 - 12/31/2016)

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

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Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Giving Accounts		
801 - ENV CONTRIBUTIONS	11,446.00	129,295.00
802 - Initial Offering	0.00	575.00
803 - Loose	477.00	2,319.60
804 - Sunday Church School	50.00	492.15
805 - Good Friday	0.00	295.00
806 - Lent	0.00	923.00
807 - Ash Wednesday	0.00	320.00
808 - Maundy Thursday	0.00	600.00
809 - Easter Sunrise	0.00	720.00
810 - Christmas Eve	1,350.00	1,360.00
811 - Music	0.00	495.00
812 - Weekly Bulletins	60.00	785.00
813 - Youth	43.00	508.00
815 - Major Building Impro	145.00	1,619.00
816 - Memorial Fund	250.00	1,275.00
817 - Funeral Fund	0.00	400.00
818 - Line of Credit	25.00	2,865.76
820 - Christian Ed.	0.00	10.00
822 - Organ Fund	0.00	40.00
829 - Roof Fund	0.00	5.00
830 - Disaster Relief	0.00	25.00
831 - A/C	4,790.00	9,075.00
832 - Flooring	5.00	55.00
860 - Food Pantry	205.00	2,682.00
861 - Luth World Relief	42.00	744.00
862 - Heifer Int'l Fund	0.00	34.00
863 - Lutheran Home	0.00	15.00
864 - Seminary	0.00	20.00
867 - Benevolence	5.00	112.00
868 - Ruth's Harvest Fund	254.00	2,507.00
871 - Flowers	0.00	28.00
872 - Out Reach	10.00	130.00
899 - Misc. Donations	0.00	440.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$19,157.00	\$160,769.51

Count: 33
 Period: 12/01/2016 - 12/31/2016
 Year: 2016



2016 Income and Expenses							
Month	Actual Expenses	Funded from Savings	Current Expenses	Actual Offering	Other Income	Total Income	Surplus / (Deficit)
Jan	\$ 14,958		\$ 14,958	\$ 11,680	\$ 6,380	\$ 18,059	\$ 3,102
Feb	\$ 16,609		\$ 16,609	\$ 14,021	\$ 2,299	\$ 16,320	\$ (289)
Mar	\$ 16,886		\$ 16,886	\$ 14,686	\$ 1,929	\$ 16,615	\$ (271)
Apr	\$ 15,655		\$ 15,655	\$ 11,209	\$ 4,692	\$ 15,901	\$ 246
May	\$ 19,738		\$ 19,738	\$ 11,407	\$ 2,540	\$ 13,947	\$ (5,791)
Jun	\$ 16,261		\$ 16,261	\$ 11,868	\$ 3,695	\$ 15,563	\$ (698)
Jul	\$ 16,066	\$ 1,240	\$ 14,826	\$ 11,725	\$ 3,800	\$ 15,525	\$ 698
Aug	\$ 21,133	\$ 2,000	\$ 19,133	\$ 14,872	\$ 1,588	\$ 16,461	\$ (2,673)
Sep	\$ 13,305	\$ 441	\$ 12,864	\$ 12,166	\$ 1,744	\$ 13,909	\$ 1,045
Oct	\$ 13,723		\$ 13,723	\$ 13,113	\$ 3,550	\$ 16,663	\$ 2,940
Nov	\$ 13,304		\$ 13,304	\$ 14,866	\$ 2,551	\$ 17,417	\$ 4,113
Dec	\$ 15,429		\$ 15,429	\$ 19,157	\$ 2,937	\$ 22,094	\$ 6,664
2016	\$ 193,068	\$ 3,681	\$ 189,387	\$ 160,770	\$ 37,704	\$ 198,474	\$ 9,087

The current value of Unrestricted Investments available for support of any future additional deficits is: **\$ 146,875**

2016 Summary

Income in 2016 exceeded Expenses by \$9087, as opposed to a projected annual deficit of (\$22,724) in our 2016 Budget. Much of this surplus can be attributed to savings in Ministry expenses over the last 1/3 of 2016 and contributions in excess of \$9000 into the A/C Fund account that have yet to be used.



St. Paul's - FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Diana Spamer	3 Richard Messinger	4 Bonnie Simon
5	6 Carina Snyder Steve Snyder	7	8 Nancy Boyd	9	10 Morgana Lobaugh	11 <i>Darryl & Suzanne Thompson</i>
12	13 Racheal Hanson	14	15	16 John Bentzel	17	18
19 <i>Harry & Bonnie Strine</i>	20 Ellen Kerstetter	21 Mike Cibula	22 Jeff Keller Veronica Stellhorn Jennifer Yingling	23 Andrew Thompson	24 Martha Ritter	25
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00PM Bell Rehearsal 7:00PM Chancel Choir	2 2:00PM Ruth's Harvest Packing <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4
5 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship	6 6-8PM Girl Scouts	7 1:30PM Bible Study 6-8PM Girl Scouts 6:30-8PM H&N	8 6:00PM Bell Rehearsal 7:00PM Chancel Choir	9 2:00PM Ruth's Harvest Packing	10	11
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