

WELCOME, CHRIS & KATIE!

We as a congregation are entering a joyful and exciting time as Pastor Chris Thomas begins his journey with us on July 17, 2017. Our church is positioned to grow and share the many blessings our Lord has provided. The growth of St. Paul's requires all us to work together to make this happen to show Pastor Thomas that the congregation is ready to join him & his wife Katie in this exciting new journey.



JULY WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES:

During the month of **July** we continue through the season of Pentecost. Special music this month by Ben Messinger, Abbey Smeak and Mandi Moritz, will enhance the 9AM service. On the 23rd, **worship will be held at the community park beginning at 10AM with the congregational picnic to follow.** On July 30th, we will hold worship at St. John's as this is our 5th Sunday Festival.

Summer months are here and we are still looking for people who wish to share their gifts of music. Please sign up to provide **special music** on the sheet by the choir room. If you have any questions please contact Ben Messinger at 359-4556 or benmessinger@comcast.net.

Thank You 

St. Paul's would like to thank Barb Zumbrum for her many years of singly taking care of the Cross Garden and garden areas at the front of the Church. We had been looking for several volunteers to take over this work and the Lord provided!! Candy Rule, Jarrett Hall, Richard Messinger and Matthew Maurer have all come forth to volunteer to take over this work as needed. Thank you to such a dedicated group of people to this Church!

INFORMATION UPDATES:

William & Kate (nee Sweigart) Nelson were united in marriage on Saturday, June 10, 2017



Address Change

Kate Nelson (Mrs. William)
14 Fisher Drive
East Berlin, PA 17316

Phone Number Change

Harry & Irene Wildasin
717-969-8498

Sunday, July 16 is Pastor Michael's last day with us at St. Paul's.



Please join us in the Social Hall for a reception following the Worship service, to share our thanks & appreciation to Pastor Michael & Bonnie for their time at St. Paul's. Prayers & Godspeed.

Join us for fellowship and family fun baseball! Christian Family is planning a trip to the Fredrick Keys baseball game on Saturday, August 12th @ 6 pm. It's Salute the O's night with a Jonathan Schoop Bobble Head Giveaway and Fireworks after the game! Sign up now so we can get the details and pricing finalized! Field seating advanced tickets are \$13.00, kids 3-12 \$8, but we may be able to get cheaper group rates.



Good Ole Days parade will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017. Christian Witness Committee has a float design for St. Paul's 150th Anniversary to enter in the parade. We need volunteers to successfully assemble this float. If you are able to help us in this effort, please call Abbi in the church office (359-4822) to give her your name and phone number. Christian Witness Committee will contact you with details. Thank you for your continued support of our 150th Anniversary events!

Vacation Bible School 2017 - Join us to explore THE MIGHTY FORTRESS on July 10-14 from 6-8PM at St. John's Lutheran Church. Donations will go to ARC Adams County. Contact Sue Mauck for details. (359-7748)

Summer service helpers: Once again during this summer, there will be a board with the worship leadership roles of acolyte and usher velcroed to it. On the back of each card is a description of what duties each role carries. This means no one has been assigned these roles. If you want to be an acolyte or usher, pick up the card and you are an acolyte or usher for the day. You can do it if you've done it 100 times before, or you can do it for the first time ever. If you pick up a card, please put it in the offering plate so that we get them back for the next week and as a way to show that the gifts we offer to God include our participation in God's worship.



Outdoor
Worship
Service

Our annual service at the park will be Sunday July 23rd at 10 am (please note time change), with a luncheon immediately following. The Service Ministry Committee will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone! Please bring a covered dish/dessert to share! There is no sign-up... Just come for the food, fellowship and fun!



REMINDER: SUNDAY, JULY 30th IS OUR FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE BEING HELD AT ST. JOHN'S BEGINNING AT 10:15AM

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN: Pastor Thomas and his moving truck are scheduled to arrive in Littlestown early in the week of July 9th. In order to offset some of the costs and demonstrate our Christian value of helping others, we are looking to enlist members to help unload the truck. The exact day, date, and time are not yet known at this time. If you are interested in helping (if you are available), please let Abbi office@stpaulslittlestown.org know so that we can add you to the contact list.



SPECIAL NOTE: We are still seeking “actual” physical church memorabilia (photographs of baptisms, confirmations and marriages) for our 150th Anniversary displays. The photographs which have been scanned to “dropboxes” are being used for a digital presentation. St. Paul’s Congregations does not possess a complete pictorial record; this is why we need **your help!** We are grateful for your contributions.

Thank you for your support,
The Anniversary Committee

St. Paul's will be 150 years old in 2017

Join us for anniversary celebrations during the year:

September 17 - Recognition of those married at St. Paul's

Oct 29 - Recognition of 50 Year members as we commemorate 500 years of Reformation and our 150th Anniversary Event with Bishop Jim Dunlop

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Connect to our past with older order of worship services on Sept 24.



Come to sing familiar hymns from past years and to hear a newly commissioned anthem to mark our 150th Anniversary.

Religious books are being collected in the Kammerer room to be donated to the Adams County Prison. Any questions: contact any member of Christian Ed.



Alive 2017: adult needed to attend with our middle school youth. Sept. 22-24 at Camp Nawakwa. A paid vacation of fun, learning & sharing God's Love! Any questions: contact any member of Christian Ed.

PLEASE HELP! The membership drive for the Auxiliary to the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village of Lutheran Social Services needs your help. Being a member does not entail any other obligations except to help with a donation. Even a dollar can help. Please pick up a receipt from the table in the Kammerer Room to make a donation. Return the receipt & donation to the office or Jan Sweigart. Please help us help them. The campaign will run until September 1. This is also the monthly mission for August. If you have questions or need more info, contact Jan Sweigart (637-7841).



LITTLESTOWN 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. July 26.**

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 AUGUST Epistle is due by Wednesday, JULY 19.

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!

Church Committee Chairs

Christian Education: Jan Sweigart

Christian Family: Kimberly Airing

Christian Witness: Charlie Mauck

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Worship & Music: Sue Strevig



From the Interim Pastor

Come, let us
sing to the **LORD**;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!

³For the **LORD** is a great God,
and a great King above all gods. ⁴In
his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his al-
so.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and
the dry land, which his hands have
formed.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow
down,

let us kneel before the **LORD**, our
Maker!

⁷For he is our God, and we are the peo-
ple of his pasture, and the sheep
of his hand.

Psalm 95

Beloved saints of St. Paul's,

As this interim ends, Psalm 95 comes to mind for some reason. Perhaps it is the wonderful music this congregation brings to our worship life. Perhaps it is the way in which you faithfully serve God with stubbornness and steadfastness that is built and stands fast on "the rock of our salvation." While the rhythm of your worship life is "interesting," (that is the alternating of Holy Communion by Sunday and by style - pew, altar and Intinction) it is nonetheless done with the utmost care and love, and I have no doubt that your new pastor will grow into this rhythm as I tried to do. You do indeed "come into His presence with thanksgiving," and you certainly make a "joyful noise" to the Lord our maker and "great king above all gods."

As I celebrate our love of worship and your practice and care of the liturgy, I would offer a very old maxim, *lex orandi, lex credenda, lex vivendi*, a "loose" translation goes ~ "As we pray, so we believe and so we live." It is ever a reminder for me that in the care of worship is the care of our belief and the shaping of our witness. What we do in our worship is far from inconsequential. A long time before there were creeds there was a liturgy and order to the worship life of the Church. It gave a rhythm to the practice of the faith. It formed and shaped the community around common and shared prayers and practice; relevance grew out of faithfulness. There was comfort and strength in the familiarity of the prayers. All this I have found and celebrated in your ~ in our- life together. Thank you! Thank you! You have blessed our lives with your worship, love and friendship.

*⁶O come, let us worship and bow
down, let us kneel before the LORD,
our Maker! ⁷For he is our God, and
we are the people of his pasture, and
the sheep of his hand.*

Bonnie and I will keep you in our prayers and
would ask the same.

In His Peace

Pastor Michael

From the Parish Nursing Team (PNT):

Last month our blog provided information on ticks. We continue our information on other common breeds of insects that “love to bite.”

Mosquitoes:

Mosquito bites are the itchy bumps that appear after female mosquitoes use their mouthparts to puncture your skin and feed on your blood. (Male mosquitoes do not need the blood to survive). The bump usually clears up on its own in a few days. Occasionally, a mosquito bite causes a large area of swelling, soreness and redness. This type of reaction, most common in children, is sometimes referred to as ‘skeeter’ syndrome.

Bites from mosquitoes carrying certain viruses or parasites can cause severe illness. Infected mosquitoes in many parts of the world transmit West Nile virus to humans. Other mosquito borne infections include yellow fever, malaria and some types of brain infection called encephalitis.

Lemon and Eucalyptus are effective against mosquito bites.

Spiders:

Spiders bite only when they think they are in danger. Spider bites leave very small bites that can be tender, itchy or puffy.

Bedbugs:

Bedbugs are small, flat bugs that live in the bedding or walls of infested homes, apartments or hotels. They hide during the day and come out to feed while you are fast asleep. Bedbug bites look like tiny red bumps that are often clustered and feel very itchy.

Scabies:

Scabies are small mites that take up residence on the skin, especially in warm areas like finger webs and belly buttons. Scabies are contagious, feed at night and make people very itchy.

How to protect yourself: Bug bites can be prevented by using a good insect repellent, like one that contains 10-30% DEET to protect against mosquitoes, ticks and other bugs. Do not use a high concentration of DEET more than once a day- 10% is effective for up to 2 hours; 30% is effective for up to 5 hours.

Here are some safety tips to follow for your vacation away from home or if you planning to receive guests into your home:

Traveling?

First and foremost- do not forget to pack your medications in a carry-on bag while traveling.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water (the best kidney-clearance beverage) unless restricted by a physician.

Make a safety checklist for household safety prior to leaving; such as checking appliances, locking doors and windows, perhaps placing timers on lights, stopping mail and newspaper deliveries.

Never give an opportunity for someone looking to enter your home for undesirable reasons.

From the Parish Nursing Team (PNT) continued...

Fun in the Sun:

Pack a sunscreen product, if vacationing in the sun. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least 30 SPF every day for kids older than 6 months.

Reapply sunscreen after swimming, sweating or after 2 hours in the sun.

You may also choose to get a wide-brimmed hat, wear sunglasses and cotton clothes to reduce exposure to the sun's damaging rays.

Be sure to check your medication side effects- some medications tell you to avoid direct sunlight.

Firearm Safety:

Be sure to remind folks you are visiting to lock any firearms for the safety of children and teens. Likewise, if you have visitors vacationing in your home, be sure to lock any firearms you may have for the same reason.

Child Safety Tips:

Before the children head out the door to play, discuss and agree on a safety plan that includes how they can reach you and what to do in an emergency.

Always provide oversight to children while playing near water or swimming in a pool.

Wear appropriately protective sports gear-such as a proper fitting helmet to prevent bodily injury.

Camping Food Safety Tips:

Wash hands and surfaces frequently to avoid the spread of bacteria.

Keep raw foods separate from cooked foods to avoid cross contamination.

Be sure to cook food to the proper temperature to kill harmful bacteria (hamburger 71 degrees C; poultry, 74 degrees C).

Keep cold foods cold- 4 degrees C. Foods sitting at unsafe temperatures in the heat puts you at risk for food-borne illnesses.

These are hundreds more safety tips to stay safe throughout the summer. But we, the Parish Nursing Team, felt these to be most important.

Signing off until September with best wishes for everyone to enjoy a safe and happy summer. Please let us know if you have a particular interest in a topic you would like addressed in the future.

Best regards,

Jill Baird, RN

Sue Bowmaster, RN

Janet Cutsail, RN



FINANCIAL CORNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Littlestown PA

Donations Account Balances

(04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017)

Monday, May 1, 2017	Period	Page 1 of 1
Account	Activity	YTD Balance

<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
801 - ENV CONTRIBUTIONS	12,216.00	45,183.15
802 - Initial Offering	0.00	460.00
803 - Loose	254.65	625.15
804 - Sunday Church School	67.30	227.65
805 - Good Friday	445.00	445.00
806 - Lent	280.00	685.00
807 - Ash Wednesday	5.00	398.00
808 - Maundy Thursday	280.00	280.00
809 - Easter Sunrise	1,340.00	1,340.00
810 - Christmas Eve	0.00	10.00
811 - Music	100.00	100.00
812 - Weekly Bulletins	40.00	200.00
813 - Youth	35.00	176.00
815 - Major Building Impro	140.00	495.00
816 - Memorial Fund	190.00	1,660.00
817 - Funeral Fund	0.00	500.00
818 - Line of Credit	75.00	160.00
831 - A/C	3,300.00	21,200.00
860 - Food Pantry	100.00	719.00
861 - Luth. World Relief	120.00	216.00
867 - Benevolence	5.00	20.00
868 - Ruth's Harvest Fund	105.00	1,041.00
872 - Out Reach	0.00	20.00
899 - Misc. Donations	445.00	548.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$19,542.95	\$76,708.95

Count: 24
Period: 04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017
Year: 2017



St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Littlestown PA

Donations Account Balances

(05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017)

Tuesday, May 30, 2017	Period	Page 1 of 1
Account	Activity	YTD Balance

<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
801 - ENV CONTRIBUTIONS	10,265.00	55,448.15
802 - Initial Offering	0.00	460.00
803 - Loose	151.76	776.91
804 - Sunday Church School	47.15	274.80
805 - Good Friday	0.00	445.00
806 - Lent	0.00	685.00
807 - Ash Wednesday	0.00	398.00
808 - Maundy Thursday	0.00	280.00
809 - Easter Sunrise	0.00	1,340.00
810 - Christmas Eve	0.00	10.00
811 - Music	190.10	290.10
812 - Weekly Bulletins	60.00	260.00
813 - Youth	33.00	209.00
815 - Major Building Impro	115.00	610.00
816 - Memorial Fund	160.00	1,820.00
817 - Funeral Fund	0.00	500.00
818 - Line of Credit	120.00	280.00
831 - A/C	327.00	21,527.00
860 - Food Pantry	110.00	829.00
861 - Luth World Relief	15.00	231.00
867 - Benevolence	15.00	35.00
868 - Ruth's Harvest Fund	49.00	1,090.00
872 - Out Reach	10.00	30.00
899 - Misc. Donations	168.00	716.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$11,836.01	\$88,544.96

Count: 24
Period: 05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017
Year: 2017



FINANCIAL CORNER (con't)

2017 Income and Expenses								
Month	Actual Expenses	Funded from Savings	Current Expenses	Actual Offering	Other Income	Added to Savings	Current Income	Surplus / (Deficit)
Jan	\$ 13,177		\$ 13,177	\$ 17,473	\$ 5,508	\$ 5,645	\$ 17,336	\$ 4,159
Feb	\$ 16,691	\$ 351	\$ 16,340	\$ 16,770	\$ 1,865	\$ 4,044	\$ 14,591	\$ (1,750)
Mar	\$ 13,574		\$ 13,574	\$ 22,923	\$ 2,073	\$ 10,645	\$ 14,351	\$ 776
Apr	\$ 40,303	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,303	\$ 19,543	\$ 4,620	\$ 3,830	\$ 20,333	\$ 5,030
May	\$ 16,026		\$ 16,026	\$ 11,836	\$ 2,813	\$ 797	\$ 13,852	\$ (2,173)
Jun	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jul	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Aug	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sep	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oct	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nov	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dec	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	\$ 99,772	\$ 25,351	\$ 74,421	\$ 88,545	\$ 16,880	\$ 24,961	\$ 80,463	\$ 6,043

The current value of Unrestricted Investments available for support of any future additional deficits is: \$ 158,855

Line of Credit Balance owed is: \$ 1,138

MISSION OF THE MONTH ENVELOPES

Every month a different organization will benefit from the Christian generosity of St. Paul's via our blue Mission of the Month envelopes. Following are organizations identified by council to be recipients of these gifts. If you would like to suggest an organization, please contact a council member.

July – SpiriTrust–Friends of Utz Terrace (Hanover)
 August – SpiriTrust – Gettysburg Auxiliary
 September – Crop Walk
 October – Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services
 November – Angel Tree
 December – Grace BeMiller Scholarship Fund

SPRING CLEAN FOR THE RUTH'S HARVEST LITTLESTOWN YARD SALE

Looking for somewhere to get rid of your gently used stuff.
Fill a box and donate it to the Ruth's Harvest Littlestown Yard Sale.

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

When: August 18 & 19, 2017

Time: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations can be dropped off at the church or call the church office at 717-359-4822 to arrange for pick-up. Deadline to drop off items is Monday, August 14.





St. Paul's - JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>If you wish to add, remove or notice a mistake, please contact the church office. 359-4822 / office@stpaulslittlestown.org</p>						1 Jan Sweigart <i>Don & Betty Snyder</i>
2 Mike DeGroft	3	4 <i>Chris & Teresa Aulthouse</i>	5 Donna Study	6	7 Sharri Plattenburg	8
9 Ron Baird	10	11 Elena Yingling Kerry Abruzzo	12 Diane Cavanaugh	13 Beverly Boyd Ben Messinger	14 Ruth Ann Peart	15
16 Jackie Murren	17	18 Ronnie Jones	19 Deb Trask	20 <i>Harry & Irene Wildasin</i>	21	22
23 Karen Kopp Phyllis Null	24 Ayleen Gontz	25	26 <i>Ernie & Diana Spamer</i>	27 Lisa Sneeringer	28	29
30 Jim Kindig Phyllis Null	31					

JULY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11AM Memorial Service for Larry Hartman Luncheon following service in Social Hall
2 9:00AM Worship	3	4  Independence Day <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6	7	8
9 9:00AM Worship	10 6-8PM VBS @ St. John's	11 6-8PM VBS @ St. John's	12 6-8PM VBS @ St. John's	13 6-8PM VBS @ St. John's 7-9PM LAMB Rehearsal	14 6-8PM VBS @ St. John's	15
16 9:00AM Worship <i>Farewell reception for Pastor Michael after the service</i>	17	18	19 <i>Newsletter Info. Due</i>	20	21	22
23 10AM Outdoor Worship @ Community Park 11AM Church Picnic @ Community Park	24 <i>Office Open</i>	25	26 7-9PM LAMB Rehearsal	27	28 	29
30 <u>5th Sunday Festival @ St. John's Lutheran Church</u> 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Luncheon	31					

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