



“ST. PAUL’S IS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, COMMITTED TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE WORD OF GOD”

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30-1:30 pm

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We are on Facebook! Visit us at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Mountain Top, PA and keep in touch with upcoming events.



Worship Service

9:30 am



August 4th and 18th 2019



Our monthly Healing Service is scheduled for
Wednesday, August 7th at 11:00 a.m.
with a potluck lunch following.



**OUR NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:
Sunday August 11th 2019 at 6:30 pm**



On August 18th, 2019 we will hold a Summer Outdoor Service & Picnic, extending an invitation to other local Lutheran congregations. The Service will be at 11 am, followed by our picnic. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken.

We kindly ask that everyone brings a covered dish to share. Members from St. John's, St. John's, St. Luke's, Freeland, St. John's, Nanticoke and St. Mark's, Pond Hill have been invited to join us. Special music will be provided. We hope to see you there!

PASTOR'S NOTES

The Bible says, “Do no forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels unaware.” I would like to talk about that today.

Two strangers attended the same church for several Sundays. No one spoke to either one of them, so one lady decided, “I’ll give this church one more chance. If nobody speaks to me next Sunday, I’ll never go again.” The other lady said, “I don’t like this ‘no speak’ situation in church. If no one speaks to me next Sunday, I’ll break the ice and speak to someone myself.” The next Sunday the ushers happened to seat the two strangers on the same pew. Once more nobody spoke. But, as the first woman rose to stalk out forever, the second woman turned, put out her hand and said, “Good morning, I’m glad to see you.” Both were pleased at having met a friend and they continued to attend.

Hospitality is more than a gathering for friends, a suite at a business convention, or even a committee of greeters at church. Hospitality is a spiritual discipline and a moral obligation of all who call themselves Christian. It is

considered as important in the Bible as prayer, Bible study and worship. It is a dynamic expression of vibrant Christianity. We are called to practice hospitality, to be hospitable, to offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

We live in fear. We put dogs in our yards and double locks on our doors. We install elaborate alarms our houses. We surround our airports with safety officials and our cities with armed police. We train our children to beware of strangers. We are reluctant to stop and help a stranded motorist. We prefer to communicate by cell phone and the internet rather than entering into a conversation with an individual. It just seems much safer that way.

It is the mission of the Church to bring people together who do not know one another. I want to build a congregation full of faces who welcome others into our midst. We cannot change people any more than we can make a plant grow, but we can take away the weeds and stones which prevent development and join hands as God makes his will known to us all. It is love in action. It doesn't have to be organized or programmed or formulated. Hospitality is expressed in random acts of kindness.

If we want a safer, more hospitable world, we might begin by building hospitality centers that are known as churches who are as concerned for their community as they are for themselves. Look all around you and find someone in need. Help somebody today. Though it be little, a neighborly deed, help somebody today. Isn't it time we put the moral punch back into that Biblical word called HOSPITALITY?



GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

MONDAY, AUGUST 12th at 6:30 p.m.

A rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh.

Along with his mother Daphne, and his nanny Olive, Christopher Robin and his family are swept up in the international success of the books; the enchanting tales bringing hope and comfort to England after the First World War. But with the eyes of the world on Christopher Robin, what will the cost be to the family?

This is a wonderful movie for anyone who read Winnie the Pooh as a child.

4th Wednesday Surprise!

4th Wednesday Surprise? In June a group of us had lunch at THE Pines in Hazleton. Located in an old bank building, the Pines uses the same recipe as the old Knotty Pine restaurant.

In July we headed down to Leiby's below Tamaqua. Who knows where we'll end up in August, Join us on **Wednesday**,

August 28 at 11:30 at St. Paul's and we will carpool to our destination.



SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS IN AUGUST

Youth from St. Paul's are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School at St. John's, St. John's, August 5th-August 9th from 9-12. This year's theme??? To Mars and Beyond! If you have additional questions, please contact Pastor Kaufman for additional details.

Additional activities include:

Monday, August 5th--Bowling

Sunday, August 11th--Appalachian Brewing Company

Tuesday, August 13th--Eastern Penitentiary

Friday, August 16th --Penn's Cave

Tuesday, August 20th --Swimming at Knoebel's



ADULT CHOIR SIGN UPS...

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE ADULT VOCAL CHOIR! It's almost time for another year of singing! Consider joining us for the 2019-2020 year! The blue signup sheet is in the Narthex. See Schyler with questions.

OPERATION BACKPACK PROJECT



Starting school without the tools needed to succeed can put big obstacles in a developing child's way. New backpacks and supplies give children a sense of pride and excitement to go back to school. You can help. The Mission District will be offering filled backpacks to guidance counselors in local schools for needy children. We will be collecting various items to fill those bags. Needed items include: pencils, crayons, notebooks, large eraser, colored pencils, markers, packets of loose leaf paper, folders, rulers, pens, scissors, highlighters, pencil box and glue.

These items can be brought in and deposited in the Narthex.



August 4th Lois Scott
August 11th Terry Scott
August 18th The Zimmerman's
August 25th Kathy Lines

There are several dates available to sponsor Altar Flowers, Bulletins and the Newsletter for 2019. Charts/sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Why not honor a loved one or a significant occasion by sponsoring these items?

Flowers: \$32/week Bulletins: \$10/week

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE WORLD USAgain

USAgain is a non-for profit company with a triple bottom line: for people, for planet and for profit. In other words, we only do

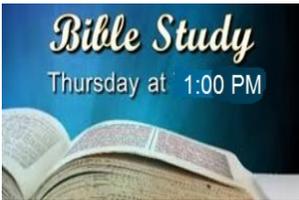
well by making a positive impact on our planet and the people who inhabit it. By partnering together, we help to make a positive impact worldwide on 3 different levels.

- 1) Clothe the world. Help offer affordable clothing choices to 70% of the world's population and stimulate economic growth globally.
- 2) Combat climate change and reduce pollution. Seven pounds of CO2 emissions and 1,400 gallons of water are saved for each pound of textiles recycled.
- 3) Create local green jobs. Reusing clothing employs 85 times more workers than landfills and incinerators do on a per ton basis.

HOW IT WORKS

Go through your closet and bag up all clothing, shoes and household textiles like sheets, drapes, towels, etc. that you no longer use. They accept clothing, footwear, accessories and linens of all styles, sizes and colors. Use the bin behind the church. It's that simple!

Who ever thought Bible Study could be fun???



This is Bible Study like you've never experienced! No homework, no tests, no previous knowledge. Have some fun with learning; only 2 hours a week with a

knowledgeable teacher. Snacks provided! Come join in on the fun in our bible study group. Everyone is welcome! Thursdays at 1pm... We enjoy each other's company and great conversation.

Bible Trivia: How well do you know your bible?

- 1-When teaching about prayer, Jesus told his followers not to babble like whom?**
- 2-When we pray, what food should we ask God to give us daily?**
- 3-What insect did Jesus say destroys our treasures?**
- 4-What part of the body did Jesus say was the lamp of the body?**
- 5-Who are the two masters Jesus said we can't service at the same times?**

(For answers to the Bible Trivia, Read Matthew 6)

(Answers are on the last page of the Newsletter)



**The Next WELCA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday August 14th at 1pm. We will go Bingo at Davis
Nursing Home around 2pm, please bring 3 gifts from the
following list: Large Print Seek & Finds or Crossword puzzles,
tissues, men or women's deodorant, gel pens, adult coloring books,
shampoo, & body lotions.**



SPOONS AND SOUP FOR VETS- WE ARE CONTINUING TO COLLECT METAL SPOONS AND ALSO PULL TAB CANS OF SOUP FOR HOMELESS VETS THROUGH THE VALOR CLINIC.

If you have metal spoons or pull tab cans of soup to donate, please place them in the bin in the Narthex. You can also donate money & Florence Drum can buy spoons or soup for you.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent is a membership organization of Christians who want to be wise with money and live generously. Members are individuals who have invested in Thrivent's various financial products.

There are various benefits as a Thrivent member. One particular program involves Thrivent Action teams. Twice a year, members can apply for a \$250 grant to get a fundraiser, educational program or service project off the ground.

For those who are not invested in a Thrivent products are invited to consider an associate membership for \$20 per year. In return you are allowed to apply for ONE project per year for up to three years. Your \$20 investment on behalf of the church would provide you with the opportunity to underwrite a church project for \$250!

Would you like to learn more? Are you already a Thrivent member?

How can you get involved? And if you aren't a member of Thrivent, would you consider investing on behalf of St. Paul's? Where does your passion lie? What a wonderful way to support various ministries within the church! Are you interested in learning more as to how you can help St. Paul's and "seed" new or existing projects? Contact Pastor for more info.



ALUMINUM CANS

Be contentious about the environment and make a positive impact by saving your aluminum cans. Aluminum cans can be deposited in the bin behind the church. Monies collected from the sale of the cans support our missionary in Tanzania.

YARN SPINNERS



We are currently working on lap robes for St. Luke's Marjorie Lou Anthony will take them over to St. Luke's for distribution. We will continue to work on the prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for Pastor.



COFFEE CANS FLOWERS Please save your green plastic coffee cans (leave labels on) as we need these for the flowers that we use to take to the shut-ins. Please bring into the church.



BOARD GAME DAY Every third Wednesday, at 1:00 pm. at the church will be board game day. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Come on out and have some fun.



ST. PAUL'S HOAGIE GANG

THE HOAGIE GROUP NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS! IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH SECRETARY FOR MORE INFORMATION 570-474-6616. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Sign up for DELICIOUS hoagies! Watch for the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. All orders must be in by the previous Sunday, which in this case will be, **Sunday, August 11th with a pick up date of August 15th 2019. The costs of the hoagies are \$4.00 each.** The sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. Thank YOU! All monies earned go to benefit the church. They're available the **3rd Thursday of each month except December.**

MaineSource Giveback Program

The MaineSource GiveBack Program is a unique way of giving back to the community. It is a free year-round fundraising program with no selling involved. With the Giveback rewards program, members of the church raise money just shopping with us. Every 6 months, we'll receive a check based on how much our members collectively spent at MaineSource. It's that easy. Just do your regular shopping with MaineSource, and the church will earn 5% of that back. Just shop with MaineSource, and the church will reap the benefits.

**Any time a member of the church swipes their GiveBack card, those purchases will count towards our church's cumulative total. Every purchase you make, from meat to produce and everything in between, counts towards our rebate. Pick up a form and return it to the church today. This past month we received a check for over \$200! Thank you!
(Forms are on the table in the Narthex)**

A LOOK AHEAD...



FLEA MARKET September 14th 2019
at St. Paul's, 8-1pm
***Tables available**
Please contact Lois Scott 570-239-7421



**A Pizza Sale in conjunction with Flea Market will also take
place on Friday September 13th 6-8 pm &
September 14th 8-1 pm.**

A word of thanks...



DINKEY MEMORIAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

June 26, 2019

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
316 S. Mountain Boulevard
Mountain Top, PA 18707

Greetings St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of our congregation here at Dinkey Memorial, I would like to thank you for the donation of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We had explored different options for purchase when the opportunity arose for us to receive your device. Our gratitude is beyond measure.

As a token of our appreciation, please accept the enclosed donation toward your medical clinic. May God continue to bless your ministry and the hope provided through your clinic and entire congregation.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Anthony P. Pagotto
Pastor, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

Get your submissions into Kelly by Tuesday August 20, 2019. You can leave your information in her mailbox, call her at the office or email her at info@stpaulsmttop.com



**Feeding the
Community**

FOOD BANK

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month has been declared "FOOD BANK DAY" and we ask that members remember those less fortunate by bringing non-perishable food items in order to keep up with the demand for food. OTHER ITEMS THEY CURRENTLY NEED ARE: Coffee, Peanut Butter, jelly, ketchup, dry soup, pudding, Jell-O mixes, popcorn, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, canned soup, mustard, mayonnaise, tuna, macaroni & cheese, pasta (ex. spaghetti), peas, canned pasta, and noodles, beets, boxed brownies, and cake mixes



A reminder we'd like your loose change!

Clean out your pockets and check under your car seats! Please donate your loose change for our Sunday school.

SICK OR IN THE HOSPITAL? WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT FROM PASTOR?

If you are in the hospital, please let us know. We care about you, and we would like to pray for you. If you would like Pastor to make a visit for any particular reason, please contact Pastor directly or leave a message with the church secretary and Pastor will contact you to schedule a time. **YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO US,** but we cannot address what we don't know.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Ben Austin, Ed Balliet, Georgina Becker, DJ Bianco, Kari Stewart-Bonczewski, Austin Bowman, Hank Boyle, Sondra Brophy, Christopher Burge, Kevin Cadwalder, Betty Cauchi, Kim Collum, Jay Crandall, Claire Daley, Bill Dalon, Harlon Davis, Janice DeSino, Pauline Dennis, Brianne Dileo, Allen Drum, Carisa Drum, Carol Duffy, Bob Dunlap, Evelyn Evans, Lynne Fazio, Shirley Fetchko, Robert Ganski, Steven Ganski, Eileen Garinger, Robert Gasper, Joshua Hank, Cassandra Hank, Shawn Henning, Joyce Hocko, Pat & John Hoovler, Amy & Ian Hunter, Mary Beth Innamorati, Craig Jacobs, Ruth Jakubowski, Charlie Johns, Gary Keller, Alice Kershinski, Plair Koch, Jeannine Ksiaskiewicz, Barbara Macko, Amy Maher, Dale and Roseann Major, Wayne Mast,

Shari Meister, James Mendygral, Mary Alice McCloskey, McCale McQuire, Patty Mellow, Tony Mohl, Roberta and Jim Mohr, Sandy Morales, Cheryl Myers, Jilie O'Boyle, Irene Pritchard, Andrew Richner, Steven Reeves, Michele Reed, Teresa Renninger, Diane Rosa, Cathy Ruitter, Pam Sampolski, Dale Scott, Ken Scott, Lois Scott, Carl Schultz, Joe Seymour, Stephen Shaffer, Robert F. Shultz, Lisa Slocum, Barrett Smolenak, Leona Stemrich, Joanne Stevens, Lael Swank, Ruth Thomas, Jason Ungarian, Matthew Walker, Jeanne Wallace, Pauline Weber, Marion Yuknavich, Steve Yodoff, Loretta Z

IN ADDITION TO THOSE HAVING HEALTH PROBLEMS we ask that you pray for all the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Matthew Hewson, Wayne Kaufman, Richard Mester, Patrick Murphy, Brandon Passman, Anthony Porrecha, Jr., Christian Yurkanin.

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A reminder to all our newer families: Please remember to submit anniversary and a list of birthdays for members of your family so we as a church family can recognize these special occasions!



Drake Dewald	1 st
Sally Jarmiolowski	1 st
Paul Lawson	1 st
Jason Hunter	2 nd
Janet Zimmerman	4 th
Christie Kaufman	5 th
Alice Doxsey	6 th
John Regulski	6 th
Lindsay Brown	7 th
Frank Buff, Jr.	7 th

Mary Lasoski	8 th
Mary Golla Harrison	9 th
Connor Gusditi	9 th
Fred Stewart	10 th
Tracy Lines	10 th
Sandra Hassinger	11 th
Isabella Harztell	11 th
Michael Henahan	12 th
Steve Pierdon	15 th
Kevin Scott	15 th
Englysh Handlong	17 th
Gene Burge	18 th
Falon Brady	19 th
Linda Prushinski	20 th
Christopher Robbins	22 nd
Jackie McDermott	25 th
Debra Garinger	26 th
Brayden Eddy	26 th
Charles Johns	27 th
Paul Leco	27 th
Joe Lenahan, Jr.	27 th
William Michel	28 th
Georgian Ollwerther	29 th
Debbie Arnold	29 th
Judy Johnson	29 th
Judy Hollock	30 th
Garrett Gusditi	30 th
Julie Johns	31 st

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Alice & Jim Doxsey	2 nd /'75
Patti & Day Williams	2 nd /'80
Kevin & Terry Scott	5 th /'00

Colleen & Steve Angel	12 th /'78
Carol & Bill Hankinson	15 th /'87
Pat & John Hoovler	16 th /'69
Janet & Rich Zimmerman	16 th /'69
Mary & Don Gasper	19 th /'61
Mark & Nicole Gusditis	19 th /'07

Answers to the Bible Trivia

- 1) Pagans
- 2) Bread
- 3) Moth
- 4) The Eye
- 5) God and Money