



The Monthly Epistle

of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Food! Food! Food! We are all about food at St. Paul's. That may be because we are a Lutheran congregation. The old adage goes that you might be a Lutheran if you carry silverware in your pocket just in case there's a potluck at church. Well, sure; potlucks are our favorite indoor sport! To that point, make sure you have your silverware handy for two of the next items I mention.

The Ol' Timey Stew is Saturday, November 2nd, at 6:00pm. Four different stews are cooked in kettles over open fires, then enjoyed by all comers in the picnic shelter. Make plans to be with us—especially if you haven't been to an Ol' Timey Stew yet.

Our fourth quarter children's mission focus is Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries (LMVFM). Leslie, Deb, and Patrick (Wyclif's dad) will be with us for worship on December 8th. The afternoon before, Saturday, December 7th, from 4pm until you go home, we will have a ham and bean soup supper with cornbread. Donations will be received that will then be turned over to LMVFM. By the way, Patrick Dooley, their British Cream Retriever will be with them for unlimited petting.

The third meal requires no silverware. Every Sunday, we receive by the hand of Christ Jesus himself, the most filling meal of all. Be with us for Holy Communion each Lord's Day as we receive God's grace in bread and wine, his body and blood given and shed for you.

See you in church!

Pastor Ryman

November 1—All Saints Day
We remember our loved ones
who have gone before us to the
Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday.

Jeffrey Howard Powlas

January 23, 2024

Carolyn Earnhardt Cress

February 17, 2024

Rebecca “Becky” Lyerly

April 9, 2024

Michael Allen Morris

June 25, 2024

Rev. Iverson McCoy Brendle, Jr.

August 9, 2024

Herman Gilbert Ritchie

September 24, 2024

Teresa Casper Peeler

October 14, 2024

Family of church members

Gerald Lynwood Alligood

Father of Travis Alligood

Carolyn Faggart

Mother of Randall Faggart

Lynn Price

Daughter of Betty Camerlin

Virginia Swindell

Mother of Crystal Canup

Monica Willis Eaton

Sister of Gina Wilhelm

Donald Eidson

Uncle of Tammy Leazer

Cheryl Cress Palmer

Daughter of Carolyn Cress

Patty Darby

Mother of Misty Brady

Ethel Kluttz

Sister of Susie Page

Myra King Bost

Aunt of Karen Deal and Dana Bost

Jane Mullins

Sister of Betty Camerlin

Robert “Buddy” Heilig

*Brother of Teresa Linker
and Reba Saine*

Andy Myers

Brother of Jenny Earnhardt

Glenn Lyerly

Brother of Betty Monroe

Dave Dodson

Brother of Autumn Hill

Kenny Drew

Brother-in-law of Jamie Drew

Thelma C. Anderson

Aunt of Pastor Mark Ryman

*We extend our love and sympathy to the family of
Teresa Casper Peeler who died Monday, October 14, 2024.
A graveside service was held at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 26.
Please keep Teresa's family in your prayers.*



Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of
Teresa Peeler for the Cemetery
Fund from

Susan and Ben Bernhardt
Crystal and Dana Bost
Jenny and Grady Earnhardt
Helen Gordon
Bonnie and Wayne Hinson

Gifts were received in memory of
of **Teresa Peeler** for the Capital
Building Fund from

Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Cindy and Frank Hinson
Judi and D.W. Honbarger

A gift was received in memory of
Polly and Herman Ritchie for
the General Fund from

Shirlene Potts and Brian Potts

A gift was received in memory of
of **Herman Ritchie** for the
Improvement Fund from

Wilbur Canup

A gift was received in memory of
Herman Ritchie for the Music
Fund from

Shane Young, Mackenzie and
Corbin Menius

Gifts were received in memory of
Herman Ritchie for the Capital
Building Fund from

Brenda Bass and
granddaughter Alyssa
Ben and Susan Bernhardt
Perry and Lori Bernhardt
Dana and Crystal Bost
Susan Cruz
Alice Davis
Tim and Karen Deal
James and Mary Lee Earnhart
Myra Jane and Terry Eller
Helen Gordon
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson
Cindy and Frank Hinson
Judi and D.W. Honbarger
Kay Moody
Mita Powlas
Betty Ritchie
Susan and Mark Ryman
Jeanne and Tony Shaver
South Salisbury Fire
Department
Wayne and Johnsie Taylor
Kenneth and Bethany
Whisnant, and Lauren
and Lindsay
Sue Young

Gifts were received in memory of **Herman Ritchie** for the General Fund from

Cindy and Travis Alligood

David Chilson

Grady and Jenny Earnhardt

St. Paul's Lutheran Men

Patsy and Charles Martell

Betty Monroe

Frances Peeler and the

Granite Quarry

High School Class of 1950

Paul Peeler

Nancy Poe

South Salisbury Fire

Department

Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

Wayne and Jane Wilhelm

A gift of time and labor in work done at the parsonage was provided in memory of

Herman Ritchie by

Urie Detweiler

Gifts were received in memory of **Kenny Drew** for the Capital Building Fund from

Myra Jane and Terry Eller

Judi and D.W. Honbarger

A gift was received in memory of **Brenda Thomason** for the General Fund from

South Salisbury Fire

Department

A gift was received in memory of **Joanne Leazer** for the Capital Building Fund from

Tammy Leazer

Gifts were received in memory of **Dave Dodson**, brother of Autumn Hill, for the Capital Building Fund from

Crystal and Dana Bost

Bonnie and Wayne Hinson

Cindy and Frank Hinson

Judi and D.W. Honbarger

Nancy Powell

Johnsie and Wayne Taylor

Honor Gifts

A gift was received in honor of the **47th wedding anniversary of Susan and Mark Ryman** for the Capital Building Fund from Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

A gift was received in honor of **Crystal Bost's 60th birthday** for the Capital Building Fund from Lori and Perry Bernhardt

A gift was received in honor of **Lisa Raymer's birthday** on October 19th for the Improvement Fund from Franda Raymer



Congratulations and best wishes to Madeline Pepper and Jeremy Scott who were married October 20, 2024, at the Barn at Cedar Hill.



Ol' Timey Stew

Join us for the Ol' Timey Stew on Saturday, **November 2nd**, at **6pm**, in the picnic shelter for delicious stews cooked over open fires. We will be serving chili beans, vegetable beef, chicken noodle, and gumbo with all the condiments. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

We will not offer 'to-go' portions Saturday night. All remaining soup will be available for a donation after church Sunday in the fellowship hall.

"Ol' Timey" activities include trying your hand at using an old cross-cut saw or riding in a fully restored 1800s buck-board wagon. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to bring a friend who's looking for a loving church family. We'd love to have them.

Blood Drive, Monday, November 11, 2024

The **last blood drive at St. Paul's** Lutheran Church will be held Monday, **November 11th, from 1:30 – 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to collect 35 units which can provide as many as 105 transfusions. Please consider giving the "gift of life" for someone who can never repay for that act of kindness.

If you have donated within the last year, appointment schedules will be sent the last week of October. If you have not donated, but wish to do so, please contact Alice Davis, 704-855-4930, or by e-mail: pherfordr@yahoo.com.

Binns-Counts Toy Collection

The Christmas toy collection for the children (babies through teens) at Binns-Counts Community Center **will continue until November 24th**. Youth and parents will accompany John and Carolyn Canup on Thanksgiving weekend to deliver the toys to the center. **Toys should be new and unwrapped**. Cash donations are also accepted if you don't want to shop for toys. Boxes for collecting the toys will be in the narthex and by the conference room. Thank you for your support.

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH



Scan the QR code to learn more or
make a donation online, or visit

www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NC0277

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

PLEASE HELP - GIRL SCOUT TROOP 743 by
sponsoring a wreath today to be placed on
veterans grave this December at
Salisbury National Cemetery Annex.



Each wreath is \$17. All money for **Wreaths Across America** needs to be turned in to Nicole Amos by November 25.



Morning Prayer

Each weekday morning at 8:30, our secretary and pastors gather in the church office for morning prayer. Others also join us in praying the Daily Lectionary. This reading plan may be found on page 179 of the LBW, though we are in Year Two of the readings at present. Pentecost 23, which we are reading at the time of publication, is on page 191.

We read the lessons together, including a fourth reading from *For All the Saints*, a four-volume set of prayer books that some of us use at Vespers and Morning Prayer. We also discuss these readings, share what's happening at St. Paul's, then pray for each other and for our church.

We would welcome you any weekday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 in Pams' office. Join us for prayer; it is a rich time that you will enjoy. Our hope is that we quickly outgrow the confines of her office and move Morning Prayer to the chapel.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will go to lunch on **November 21st, to the Classic Restaurant in Denton, NC.** We will meet at the church at **10:30am**, to carpool to the restaurant.

I will need to make reservations. Therefore, you will need to **let me know if you are going no later than November 17th.** If you haven't been there since the restaurant re-opened, I think you will be surprised and will enjoy the meal. The restaurant has moved from downtown and is now located on Highway 109. I hope you will join us.

Helen Gordon, 704-636-5002

History of Your Church

Did you know that we almost had a steeple on top of the bell tower? Did you know that we almost had balconies over both transepts in the Sanctuary? These items were in the initial plans of the last major building improvement project of 1966-1967. However, these ideas were dismissed due to cost restraints.

As our membership embarks on a new building project, the History Committee invites you to visit the History Room. Among the artifacts is a notebook detailing projected floor plans, committee reports, receipts, and final costs of that last remodel.

Included were the front porch and ramp, the choir loft, new roof, moving and reconfiguration of some stained glass windows, new altar, pews, and our specially built Zimmer pipe organ. Complete renovations of the nave, chancel, and basement in 1967 cost just over \$125,000. Please take a peek in the History Room. You just might learn something!

History Committee

Decorating the Church for Advent

The Christmas tree and other decorations will be placed on **Saturday, December 7**, at 9am. We need volunteers to assist in decorating for the Advent Season.

Decorations will be removed on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 8am. Check your calendar for both dates and call Bonnie Hinson at 704-279-3126, or email her at lwaynehinson@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be placed in the church December 21. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, they will be **\$14 each**. The **deadline** to order a poinsettia is **Sunday, December 8**.

Forms for poinsettias will be in the narthex beginning in November. A booklet of poinsettia memorials/honorariums will be available on Christmas Eve.

Help Needed

It's that time of year to again prepare our church volunteer schedules for the coming year. Have you thought about sharing your time and talents with the church? If so, we could use your help with the **Altar Guild** and the **Ushers**. Our list of volunteers is slowly being depleted through attrition. Please prayerfully consider serving. If you have questions regarding the duties and scheduling of the Altar Guild please contact Bonnie Hinson at 704-232-3364. For information on Usher duties and scheduling contact John Canup at 336-978-2333.

November Calendar of Events

Sundays

- Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship, 10:30am
- Men's Choir practices each week at 4pm
- Handbell practice each week at 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship, 6pm; prayer, 6:30pm
- November 3 – Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- November 3 – Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- November 3 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- November 3 – Altar Guild annual meeting, 3pm
- November 10 – Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- November 10 – Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- November 10 – Kathy Ketchie circle, 4pm
- November 17 – Annual Congregational meeting, 10:30am
- November 17 – Autumn Care worship service, 2pm

Mondays

- Newsletter articles for December are **due by November 19**
- November 4 – Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- November 4 – Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- November 11 – Blood Drive, 1:30 – 6pm
- November 11 – Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- November 11 – Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm
- November 11 – Outreach Committee meeting, 6:30pm
- November 18 – Council meeting, 6:30pm
- November 25 – Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesdays

Bible Study classes, at 10am and 6pm

Girl Scouts meet each week at 6:30pm

- November 5 – Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- November 12 – Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- November 19 – Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesdays

- Classical Conversations homeschool group, each week, 8:30-3:30
- Adult Choir practice each Wednesday at 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class, conference room each week, 7pm
- November 6 – Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- November 6 – Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve service, 7pm

Thursdays

- November 21 – Friendship Club, 10:30am
- November 28 – Thanksgiving Day, Office closed

Fridays

- November 15 – Confirmation Lock-in, 7pm
- November 29 – Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Saturdays

- November 2 – Ol Timey Stew, 6pm
- November 2 – Turn clocks back tonight and enjoy an extra hour
- November 23 – Girl Scouts, fellowship hall 7am – 7pm

Lutheran Women Meetings in October

Bonnie Bost – November 12, 7pm

Ellen Bumgarner – November 6, to be determined

Kathy Ketchie – November 10, to be determined

Hama Lingle – November 4, 7pm at the parsonage

Melissa Lura – November 11, friendship dinner with families

Grace Ridenhour – November 5, 6:30

**God guide me with thy wisdom,
God chastise me with thy justice,
God help me with thy mercy,
God protect me with thy strength,
God shield me with thy shade,
God fill me with thy grace,
For the sake of thine anointed Son.
Amen**

Percentage Giving

Use this chart to help you decide what percentage of your annual income to give in offerings per week:

Annual Income	Weekly Giving (in Dollars)					
	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%	2%
\$5,200	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$6,500	15.00	12.50	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.50
\$7,800	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$9,100	21.00	17.50	14.00	10.50	7.00	3.50
\$10,400	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$11,700	27.00	22.50	18.00	13.50	9.00	4.50
\$13,000	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$14,300	33.00	27.50	22.00	16.50	11.00	5.50
\$15,600	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$18,200	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$20,800	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$23,400	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$26,000	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$28,600	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$31,200	72.00	60.00	48.00	36.00	24.00	12.00
\$36,400	84.00	70.00	56.00	42.00	28.00	14.00
\$41,600	96.00	80.00	64.00	48.00	32.00	16.00
\$46,800	108.00	90.00	72.00	54.00	36.00	18.00
\$52,000	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$65,000	150.00	125.00	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
\$78,000	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00
\$91,000	210.00	175.00	140.00	105.00	70.00	35.00
\$104,000	240.00	200.00	160.00	120.00	80.00	40.00
\$117,000	270.00	225.00	180.00	135.00	90.00	45.00
\$130,000	300.00	250.00	200.00	150.00	100.00	50.00
\$150,000	346.00	288.00	231.00	173.00	115.00	58.00

Thank You

I'm overwhelmed and truly humbled that so many of my church family have memorialized my brother Dave with donations to the Capital Building Fund. Please know how grateful I am. I love my church family. Thank you so much!

Autumn Hill

Thank you [Tim, Josh, Elijah, and Hailey Canup] for helping with the clean up in McMillan Hidden Valley after hurricane Helene. It was appreciated by all of us.

Hope Paul

Missions

Imagine not knowing that you have a Father in heaven who loves you, brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world, hope and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, or an identity as a child of God.

Thank you for your donations of \$253.58 and \$294.04. Because of your congregation, we are able to connect spiritual orphans to the global family of Christ.

Our 2025 mission season has been published and is on our website.

In His Service,
Pr. David R. Breidenbach
SON Executive Director

<https://sonetwork.org/serve/opportunities/>

Thank you for praying, packing, and giving, whether through your regular donation or a special one-time gift. Because of the response we received, over 400,000 meals and tons of bottles water have been deployed to western North Carolina through our partners on the ground. We will provide ongoing updates as this relief effort continues. Thank you again for working alongside us to share Christ's love with the lost and hurting!

Serving with you
Joseph Williams, CEO
Feed the Hunger

Missions

Thank you for your generous donation of \$294.04 in September. Through your support of Radical, we can see the nations reached for the glory of Jesus' name together. We are grateful to God for you.

The Radical team

Greetings from Focus on the Family, and heartfelt thanks for your gracious \$294.04 gift. This sacrificial demonstration of love and support is a great encouragement to our entire staff. Your faithful support allows our ministry to reach out to hurting households. Thanks for standing with us.

Sincerely,
Jim Daly
President

Thank you for your faithful ministry partnership and steadfast support in encouraging society to uphold the God-given value of human life, and to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. Your thoughts, prayers, and impactful financial offering of \$1,976.00 are a blessing to all of us, and we are excited to receive your assistance in flooding hearts and minds with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. May God bless you and your Gospel-motivated voice for life.

In Truth and Love,
David Probst, Development Director
Lutherans for Life



Offering for September 2024

General Fund income for the month: \$35,246

October General Fund report will be in the December Epistle. Online Giving is accessible at StPaulsLutheran.Church/give. Scanning this QR code will take you directly to the giving page. There is a minimal fee for each transaction.



An Uproar in Church

Find the 30 bold words from Acts 20:7–12.

Q T N S W D D E E P Z Z G O D
Y E V I L A A M L W J A R D A
X L Z V Y E W Y O I T O U I W
J W T A L K E D R H F N H S N
G E J A L B N P E O N E C C M
D E H U E I S R E H T E G O T
A K A K W R E P H N S S D U M
E P K T A D G F E S U Z E R I
R R S Q R E B H P E H V T S D
B Q F A F I R S T D C L R E N
D R I H T F Y B E A Y H O O I
T X E N E O Y P F E T V F J G
O C V L U S A A B D U E M P H
R M L T D R Z L D I E S O W T
G X H W T U P R O A R F C O D

On the **first day** of the **week**, when we were **gathered together** to **break bread**, **Paul talked** with them, prolonging his **speech** until **midnight**, as he intended to **depart** the **next day**. And there were many lamps in the upper chamber where we were gathered. And a certain young man named **Eutychus** sat in the **window**, sinking into a **deep sleep** as Paul continued his **discourse**. When he was sound asleep, he **fell** down from the **third story**, and was taken for **dead**. Paul went down, fell upon him, and embracing him said, “Do not cause an **uproar** for his **life** is in him.” Then he went upstairs and broke bread, and ate, and talked with them a long while—until **dawn**. So, he departed. And they led away the **youth alive**, and were **greatly comforted**.



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