

St. Paul's Monthly Epistle

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People are coming back to church. Vacations have us fluctuating between 155 and 175 each Sunday this summer. That is a far cry from the 50s and 60s earlier this year. We are grateful to God to be able to worship together again.

Speaking of worship, Homecoming is just around the corner. We will be worshipping that Sunday from the old Service Book and Hymnal (1958 SBH). Be with us for Homecoming on September 12th to enjoy singing SBH Setting Two—including adding an “Amen” to the end of each hymn—special music, and a potluck luncheon with old friends.

New friends were made by your children and youth with those from four other local Lutheran churches this summer. Five Lutheran churches joined together for two week-



long day camps in July, one for Kindergarten through fifth graders, and one for middle and high schoolers. Lutheran college students, assisted by Lauren Whisnant, Lindsey Whisnant, Sara Barringer, and German Jaramillo, led the K-5 campers the first week, and the pastors of Christiana, Organ, Salem, Union, and St. Paul's led the older campers the second week. All of this was regularly punctuated by snacks from St. Paul's volunteers. Thank you!

You would have been delighted to see how our kids blossomed in those weeks. Please pray for them: that they continue to grow in the grace of God...and that their pastors and volunteers get some rest.

See you in church,
Pastor Ryman

Please, please, please...

If Pastor Ryman has not yet visited you, we will be calling you soon to schedule a time. Pastor would love a chance to visit with you. His goal is to visit with everyone. If you prefer, you may go ahead and call the church office so we can get you on the calendar (704-633-0922).

Adult Confirmation and Membership Classes

Beginning Sunday, August 1st, at 9:30am, pastor will begin teaching confirmation classes for adults that focus on reading the Bible through the lens of the Catechism. This ongoing class will serve as a solid grounding in Lutheran doctrine and theology for those who are new to the Lutheran church as well as those who want a refresher. From time to time, a three-week membership class will instead be taught those interested in joining St. Paul's.

First Communion Class

Pastor Ryman will have First Communion instruction on August 1st, 8th, and 15th, from 5:00 to 6:00pm in the conference room. Any parent who feels their child is ready to receive Holy Communion is welcome to come be with their child(ren) for instruction. Please call the church office if you and your child(ren) plan to attend. You will need to be present at all 3 classes, or you may call and schedule a time to make up a day that you are unable to attend.

Upcoming Events

- August 1** Biscuits and Beverages before Sunday School, **8:30am**
- August 1** Adult Confirmation and membership classes begin, **9:30am**
- August 1, 8, 15** First Communion instruction, **5:00pm**
- August 9** Blood Drive in the fellowship hall, **2:00 – 6:30pm**
- August 15** Youth and Family Committee meets in conference room, **3:00pm**
- August 15** Outreach Committee meets, **3:00pm**
- August 22** All-Youth cookout and games at the picnic shelter **begins at 5:00pm**
- August 29** **Ice Cream Social** - bring your favorite ice cream to share, **5:30pm**
- September 11** All-Youth clean the picnic shelter for homecoming, **10:00am**
- September 12** Homecoming Sunday

Lutheran Men

St. Paul's Lutheran Men will have their monthly meeting on August 12th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Lutheran Women

Kathie Ketchie Circle does not meet in August, but it is this group's month to send cards to homebound members.

Hama Lingle Circle meets Monday, August 2, at 7:00pm with Betty Monroe as hostess. and Alice Davis as leader.

Grace Ridenhour Circle meets Tuesday, August 3, at 7:00pm.

Ellen Bumgarner Circle meets Wednesday, August 4, at 9:30am in the ladies parlor.

Melissa Lura Circle meets Monday, August 9th, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Bonnie Bost Circle meets Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00pm.



Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW)

Eleventh Annual Convocation

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Faith Lutheran Church

205 S. Main Street, Faith, NC 28041

If you are interested in attending please contact Sarah Goodman or Alice Davis for information and a registration form. Registration fee is \$8.00.

Biscuits & Beverages will be available in the fellowship hall at **8:30am on August 1st**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast before Sunday School.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School begins at 9:30am.

Pre-K - Teachers needed

K-5 - To be taught by Crystal Canup (assistants needed)

6-12 - To be taught by Kenneth Whisnant, Joshua Canup, and Heather Canup

Adult Class - Taught by George Barringer

Adult Class - Taught by Louise Eller (ladies' parlor)

Adult Class - Teachers rotate (choir room)

Adult Confirmation Class - Pastor Ryman (fellowship hall)

Stephen Ministry

Applications for the next class of Stephen Ministry training are now being accepted. Please see Jan McCanless for an application and information.

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30am in the sanctuary (mask optional). If you choose to listen from your vehicle in the parking lot, tune in to 104.5FM. Services are also available on the church website, and on our Facebook page (www.splcweb.org www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC).

Street Address Information

Anyone who receives mail at a post office box please get in touch with the church office to be sure we also have your physical street address. We would like to have a complete record in our data base on all our members. Thank you.

Rowan Helping Ministries

St. Paul's donated 62 lbs. to Rowan Helping Ministries' food pantry at the end of July.

Items needed for RHM Food Pantry: pasta, canned soup, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, small canned tomato products, miscellaneous food items.

Items needed in other areas of RHM are listed in their newsletter online at <http://www.rowanhelpingministries.org/wish-list>. Your generosity is appreciated.

Lights Out

When leaving the church, **please be sure** you have turned lights out in bathrooms, hallways, etc. Also, please be sure all doors are locked (check doors from the outside) when you leave. Thank you.

Church Office

Pamela Cottingham will be on vacation August 9–13. Phone messages will be checked during the week. If you have a matter needing immediate attention, please contact Pastor Ryman by calling the church at 704-633-0922 or at 336-684-5634.

Income and Expenses for June 2021

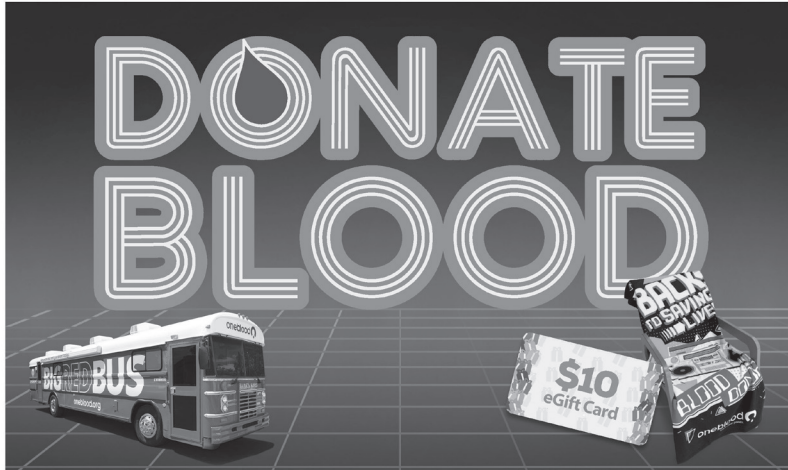
Income: \$41,893 Expenses: \$28,519

Income over Expense for June: \$13,374

Income over Expense for the Year: \$18,292

Capital Building Fund as of June 30th: \$172,109

July income/expenses will be in the September Newsletter.



Monday, August 9, 2021
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*All donors will receive a OneBlood Beach Towel
and a \$10 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup
including blood pressure, temperature, iron
count, pulse and cholesterol screening!*

The next blood drive at St. Paul's will be on Monday, August 9th, in the fellowship hall from 2:00pm – 6:30pm. Please note the time change from the last six drives. OneBlood is allowing more people in the fellowship hall now, but safety precautions will still be observed, such as masking and disinfecting procedures.

Donors are still needed to help catch up the blood supply which was down by 1,000 units because of Covid. If you have donated in the past, you will receive scheduling information the last week of July. If you know anyone who might be willing to donate but is not on our donor list, please ask them to come to donate. Over half of the new donors at the May drive came because someone asked them to donate.

Please save the date to help our church continue to be the leader in blood collection for OneBlood in Rowan County. Everyone knows a family member or friend that has received a transfusion. One unit of this “gift of life” can be used to save three different people. The two previous blood drives at our church have already collected enough units to be distributed to over 100 recipients.

Contact Alice Davis (pherford1@yahoo.com or 704-855-4930) for information or to schedule an appointment.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Alan
Beaver for the Capital Building Fund from
Ben and Susan Bernhardt
Perry and Lori Bernhardt
Terry and Myra Jane Eller
Helen Gordon
Tim and Janie Sifford
Barbara Wilson

Gifts were received in memory of Alan
Beaver for the General Fund from
Vernon and Cheryl Bernhardt
Randy and Janet Bingham
Jim and Elizabeth Brady
Michael and Jane Hartness
Alan and Joy King
Joe and Denise Koehn
Judy and Lindsay Lowman
David and Desi Neal
Hal and Glenda Pritchard
Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

Gifts were received in memory of Kathleen
Brown for the Capital Building Fund from
Sybil Athey
Jerry and Linda Beaver
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson

A gift was received in memory of Kathleen
Brown for the Helping Hands Fund from
Ben and Susan Bernhardt

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Champion for the Capital Building
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Grady and Jenny Earnhardt
Judy and Lindsay Lowman

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Gifts were received in memory of James E.
Poe for the Capital Building Fund from
Jerry and Linda Beaver
Ben and Susan Bernhardt
Tim and Karen Deal
Frank and Cindy Hinson

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Poe for the General Fund from
Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

Gifts were received in memory of Bill
Reissner for the Capital Building Fund
from

Anonymous
Sybil Athey
Travis and Cindy Alligood
Don and Judith Austin
Bill and Linda Behrendt
Perry and Lori Bernhardt
Dana and Crystal Bost
John and Carolyn Canup
David and Carole Chilson
Lib Cobb
Alice Davis
Jimmie and Jean Deal
Tim and Karen Deal
Daniel and Jan Dolan
Grady and Jenny Earnhardt
Maressia Fox and Miranda Fox

Brenda and Jerry Goble
Helen Gordon
Hama Lingle Circle
Frank and Cindy Hinson
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hodgins
D.W. and Judi Honbarger
Steve and Jenny Jones
Judy and Lindsay Lowman
Lutheran Men of St. Paul's
James and Andrea Lyrly
Bob and Jan McCanless
Linda and Todd Martinez
Kay Moody
Jim and Gail Morgan
Jim and Pat Murtaugh
Nancy Powell
Alan and Terri Powlas
Jeff and Mita Powlas
Charles and Glenna Sears
Wayne and Johnsie Taylor
Kenneth, Bethany, Lauren
and Lindsey Whisnant
Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm
Wayne and Jane Wilhelm
Doris Yost

A gift was received in memory of Bill
Reissner for the General Fund from
Stan McConnell

Gifts were received in memory of Bill
Reissner for the Helping Hands Fund from
Melissa Bernhardt
Harold and Dot Goodman

A gift was received in memory of Richard
Safrit for the Capital Building Fund from
Jerry and Linda Beaver

A gift was received in memory of Esther P.
Wilhelm for the General Fund from
Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

A gift was received in honor of Alice Davis
for the Helping Hands Fund from Dottie
Stancil.

A gift was received in honor of Tony
Heilig's birthday, and in memory of
Mitchell Heilig's birthday from Delores
Stanley.



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family
of Carolyn Rufty who passed away on
Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Our sympathy is extended to Nancy Poe on
the death of her husband, James Poe. Mr.
Poe died Monday, July 19, 2021.

Thanks

To St. Paul's Church family,

We appreciate all the calls, cards and food during our dad's, Bill Reissner's illness and death. It was very comforting to have the Women of St. Paul's to furnish us with a deli tray after the funeral, and the Hama Lingle Circle for their help in adding to the deli tray and serving. Special thanks to Pastor Ryman for the visits he had with Dad at Autumn Care and the hospital. Again, thank you for all the support you have shown.

Family of Bill Reissner

To St. Paul's Church family,

Thank you so much for the calls and cards during my hospitalization. It is comforting to know I have so much support from my church family. I am feeling better recuperating from home.

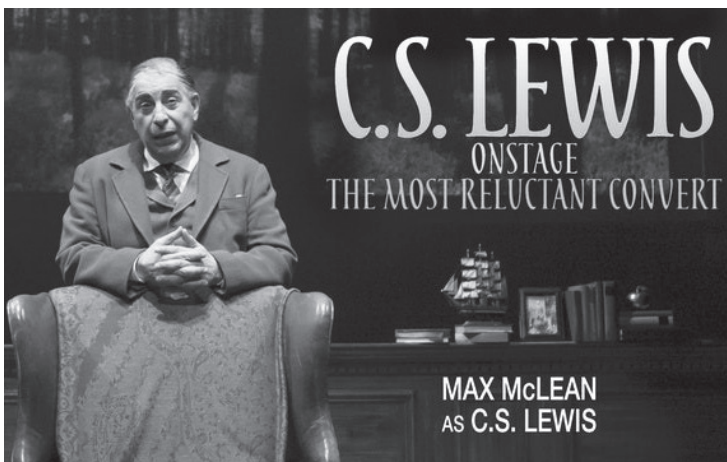
In Christian Love,
Ben Bernhardt



C. S. Lewis Onstage - The Most Reluctant Convert

C. S. Lewis is best known for his fantasy series, "Chronicles of Narnia", and has written many Christian-themed novels.

Watch "The Most Reluctant Convert" on Redeem TV as Max McLean tells the story of C.S. Lewis on his journey from atheism to Christianity.



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The Bread of Life

Find the 36 **bold** words from John 6:27-35 (ESV)

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

Do not **work** for the **food** that **perishes**, but for the food that **endures** to **eternal life**, which the **Son** of **Man** will **give** to you. For on him **God** the **Father** has **set his seal**.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be **doing** the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you **believe** in him whom he has **sent**.” So they said to him, “Then what **sign** do you do, that we may **see** and believe you? What work do you **perform**? Our fathers ate the **manna** in the **wilderness**; as it is **written**, ‘He gave them **bread** from **heaven** to **eat**.’” Jesus then said to them, “**Truly**, truly, I say to you, it was not **Moses** who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the **true** bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread **always**.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me **shall not hunger**, and whoever believes in me shall **never thirst**.”

The Eyes of All Look to You

Find the 48 **bold** words from Psalm 145:1-13a, 14-20 (ESV)

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

All your works shall give **thanks** to you, O LORD, and all your **saints** shall **bless** you! They shall **speak** of the **glory** of your **kingdom** and tell of your **power**, to make known to the children of man your **mighty deeds**, and the **glorious splendor** of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an **everlasting** kingdom, and your **dominion endures** throughout all **generations**. The LORD **upholds** all who are **falling** and **raises** up all who are **bowed down**. The **eyes** of **all** **look to you**, and you give them their **food** in **due** season. You **open** your **hand**; you **satisfy** the **desire** of **every living thing**. The LORD is **righteous** in all his **ways** and **kind** in all his works. The LORD is **near** to all who **call** on him, to all who call on him in **truth**. He **fulfills** the desire of those who **fear** him; he also **hears** their **cry** and **saves** them. The LORD **preserves** all who **love** him, but all the **wicked** he will **destroy**.

Take Heart

Find the 42 **bold** words from Mark 6:45-52 (ESV)

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

Immediately he made his **disciples** get into the **boat** and go before him to the **other side**, to **Bethsaida**, while he dismissed the **crowd**. And after he had taken **leave** of them, he went up on the **mountain** to **pray**. And when **evening** came, the boat was out on the **sea**, and he was **alone** on the **land**. And he saw that they were **making headway painfully**, for the **wind** was **against** them. And about the **fourth watch** of the **night** he came to them, **walking** on the sea. He **meant** to **pass** by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a **ghost**, and **cried out**, for they all saw him and were **terrified**. But immediately he **spoke** to them and said, “**Take heart**; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And he got into the boat with them, and the wind **ceased**. And they were **utterly astounded**, for **they did not understand about the loaves**, but their **hearts** were **hardened**.

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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

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