



The Monthly Epistle

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Based on every comment I have heard, VBS was a success. There is a reason for that: our church volunteers worked hard, taking their various tasks seriously. I am grateful to all of you who did games, crafts, food, teaching, music, generally helped out with the kids, and some who just showed up every day to help however needed. Your efforts made an impact on 21 young lives. Christ's Word got into them, they made friends, and they had fun. One grandmother reported that since VBS, this is the happiest her grandchild has been in quite a while.

Now, it is my prayer that these things continue at St. Paul's. I hope that our efforts may continue so that all of these VBS children, and more added throughout 2022-23, are "happy in Jesus."

To that end, our Education Committee has been working on getting our Sunday School program ready to go by Rally Sunday, August 7th. We have new teachers, a new curriculum, and fresh, clean classrooms. The teachers and the Property Brothers have been putting in the hours to make sure our education wing has the accumulated "stuff" of decades out of those classrooms, and in its place, fresh bulletin boards, tables, chairs, cribs, changing tables, toys in safe containers, and a new TV for the high school class.

Things are really taking shape when it comes to Christian education at St. Paul's. Be sure to come to Rally Sunday on August 7th, so that you may meet the teachers, and visit the classrooms. I extend this invitation especially to those couple dozen kids who were in Vacation Bible School. Moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas, make sure your children are learning about Jesus and his Word, making Christian friends, and having fun. They will be grateful to you for a lifetime.

See you in church,
Pastor Ryman

A light Breakfast will be available in the fellowship hall at **8:30am on August 7th.** Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast and fellowship before Sunday School.

Sunday School Teacher Training class will be held in the chapel on August 7, at noon. This is a 'make-up' class is for those who did not make it to the first class, and for those who wish to do it again.

Sunday School Rally Day, August 7, 2022

The Christian Education Committee is working to get our Sunday School program back in full swing, following the pandemic.

Classes for children will be pre-K, K-2, 3-5, middle school, and high school. There will be a new young adult class starting in the August 14th with Spencer Newsome as teacher. All classes will be using material from Sola/SEED that is available online and is teacher- and student-friendly. Our goal is to team-teach these classes so that volunteers teach only once or twice per month. Pastor Ryman will meet with teachers on August 7th, at 2:00pm, to demonstrate how easy this material is to teach. **Please contact Ben Bernhardt or Christian Education Committee members to volunteer.**

Faith Academy Charter School – Monday After School Care

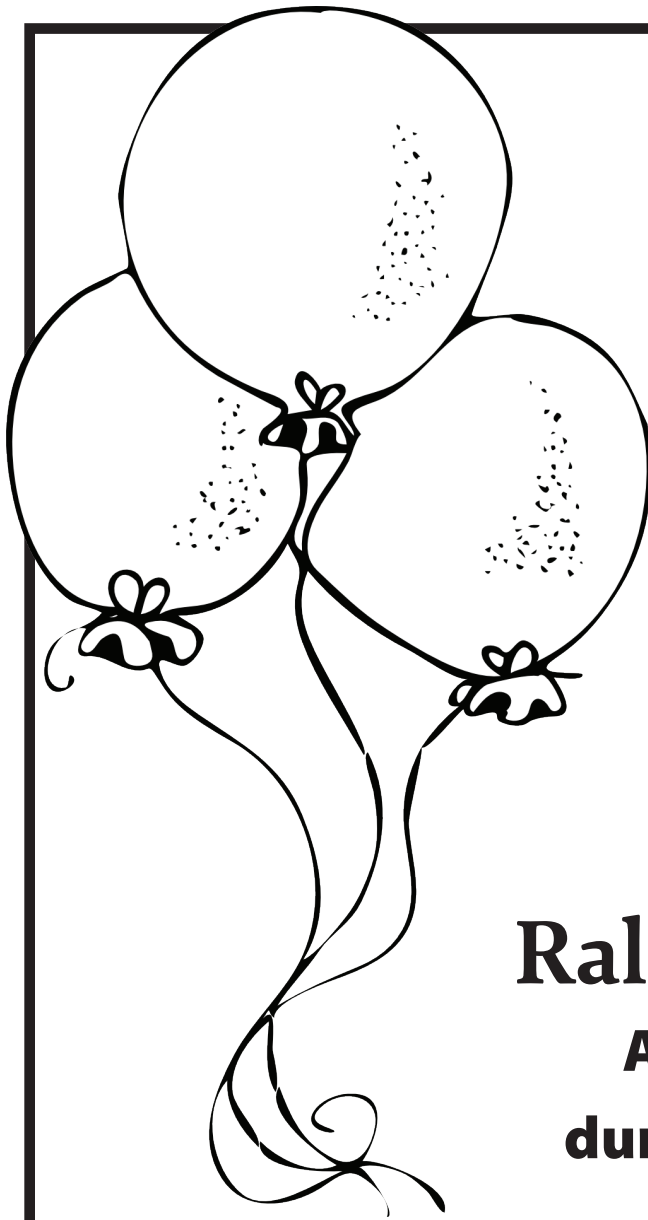
St. Paul's is offering a Monday after-school care program for students from Faith Academy Charter School. This will be Mondays only, in the church fellowship hall.

Faith Academy dismisses at 1pm each Monday. Since our parking lot is a stop for one of their buses, and there are some parents who struggle with getting their child picked up early on Mondays, we would like to help those parents by opening our doors for their children from 1pm-3pm. *Children must be picked up by 3pm.*

Faith Academy will have a list of the students enrolled in our after-school care so that they can make sure the child is on the correct bus to be brought to St. Paul's.

If you know of someone who has a child at Faith Academy, and could use this program, the registration form is on the church website: www.StPaulsLutheran.Church. **Registration forms need to be into the church by August 5th.**

The Youth and Family Committee is sponsoring an **All-Youth Cookout on August the 14th, at 4pm.** We will have games, followed by hamburgers, and hot dogs for supper. *Please note in the friendship register how many in your family will be attending.* This will help the committee plan for food.



Rally Sunday
August 7th
during worship

**Meet your classmates and teachers,
see your classroom, and make new friends.**

Sunday:

- August 7, Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- August 7, Rally Sunday
- August 7, Grace Ridenhour Circle, following worship in the parlor
- August 7, Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- August 7, Outreach Committee, 3pm
- August 7, Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- August 7, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- August 14, Cottingham Baptism, 10:30am
- August 14, Worship & Music Committee, 2pm
- August 14, All-Youth Cookout, picnic shelter, 4pm
- August 14, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- August 21, Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- August 21, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- August 28, Ice Cream Social at the picnic shelter, 5:30pm

Monday:

Faith Academy after-school care (Mondays only, beginning August 15), 1pm-3pm

- August 1, Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- August 8, Blood Drive, 2pm - 6:30pm
- August 8, Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- August 15, Council, 6:30pm
- August 22, Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesday:

Girl Scouts meet on Tuesdays beginning on August 9

- Adult Confirmation Class, Tuesdays in the chapel, 10am and 6pm
- August 2, Extension Club, 1pm
- August 9, Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- August 9, Executive Committee, 7pm

Wednesday:

- Beginning August 3, Classical Conversations Homeschool group, each week
- August 3, Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- August 3, Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- August 10, Confirmation Class (middle school youth), 7:30pm

Thursday: Bible Study, Thursdays in the fellowship hall, 10am and 6pm

- Stephen Ministry Training, 6:15pm



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 28th

5:30 – 7:30PM

Picnic Shelter

Everyone is invited.

Bring your favorite ice cream to share
—homemade if you are able,
but ice cream from the store is fine too.



The Lutheran Men will meet **Monday, August 22, at 6:30pm** in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome and encouraged to come for fellowship.

Lutheran Women's News

Hama Lingle Circle – meets Monday, August 1, at 7pm

Hostess will be Betty Monroe, with Alice Davis as leader.

Ellen Bumgarner Circle –meets Wednesday, August 3, at 10am

Grace Ridenhour Circle, Sunday, August 7, following worship in the parlor

Melissa Lura Circle, Monday, August 8, 6:30pm

Bonnie Bost Circle meets Tuesday, August 9, at 7pm

Kathy Ketchie Circle – no meeting in August

Kathy Ketchie Circle is responsible for sending cards to shut-ins in August.

August 2022 Blood Drive

The third blood drive for 2022 to be held at our church is Monday, August 8th, from 2pm – 6:30pm, in the fellowship hall. Our goal of 35 units has been reached at each blood drive, thanks to those who have been willing to give double red blood cells, which count as two units. Because of deferrals for high blood pressure or heart rate, low hemoglobin (the most common deferral), and medication issues, at least 40-45 persons need to register to donate in order to reach our goal. Over the past year, less than 20 of our church members have registered at each drive. Only through community support has the church been able to maintain the goal.

Please consider becoming a donor if you are not already on the church donor list. If you have given at least one time for the past four drives, you will receive an email to schedule an appointment or to be reminded of our blood drive in August. The contact person for our church is Alice Davis (704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.)

Rowan Helping Ministries—Volunteers delivered 76 lbs. of food items in July. Please give generously. Non-perishable food items are always needed.

Income and Expenses for June 2022

Income: \$34,291 • Expenses: \$29,787

Income over Expense for June: \$4,505

Income over Expense YTD: \$27,654

Capital Building Fund as of June 30: \$223,149

July income/expenses will be in the September Newsletter.

DONATE BLOOD

YOU HAVE GREATER
POWERS THAN
YOU KNOW.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Monday, August 8, 2022

2PM-6:30PM



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**DONORS
RECEIVE***

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Towel**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit
oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **55685**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable.
Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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Share your power

Memorial Gifts

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

Phyllis Burson
Shirley Hoosier
Susan Morris
Beth Nance

Gifts were received in memory of
Perry Julian for the Capital Building Fund
from

Cindy and Travis Alligood
Ben and Susan Bernhardt
Dana and Crystal Bost
Alice Davis
Tim and Karen Deal
Jenny and Grady Earnhardt
The Ellen Bumgarner Circle
Harold and Louise Eller
Charles and Linda Hess
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson
Judi and D.W. Honbarger
Donna and Alan Lyerly
Glenna and Charles Sears
St. Paul's Lutheran Men
Sunday School Class #5

Gifts were received in memory
of Perry Julian for the Choir Music Fund from
Harold and Dot Goodman

Gifts were received in memory
of Perry Julian for the General Fund from
Don and Judith Austin
Perry and Lori Bernhardt

Gifts were received in memory
of Perry Julian for the Improvement Fund
from
Bob and Jan McCanless
Wayne and Jane Wilhelm

A gift was received in memory of
Frankie Raymer for the Helping Hands Fund
from
Dot and Harold Goodman

A gift was received in memory of
Frankie Raymer for the Capital Building Fund
from
St. Paul's Lutheran Men

Gifts were received in memory of Frankie
Raymer for the General Fund from
Knox Contract Seeding, Inc.
Patsy and Charles Martell

*We extend our love and sympathy to the family
of Perry Julian, who died July 6, 2022. Please
keep Ruth, and all Perry's family in prayer.*

*We extend our love and sympathy to the family
of Frankie Raymer, who died Thursday, July
21, 2022. Please keep Franda, Lisa, and all
the family in prayer.*

Gifts to Honor

A gift was received in honor of Bonnie and
Wayne Hinson for the Helping Hands Fund
from
Dottie Stancil

A gift was received in honor of Alice Davis for
the Capital Building Fund from
Helen Gordon



*Congratulations to Josh and Danielle Canup
on the birth of their daughter,
Julia Belle Canup.
Julia was born Thursday, July 21, 2022.*

Thanks

Dear friends,

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers during my recovery from having a knee replacement. I am so grateful for my caring church family.

Kay Moody

St. Paul's Congregation,

Thank you for all your donations! (*For Sara's Girl Scout Silver Award*)

I never expected so many. I am so fortunate to have such an amazing and loving church family. I know every donation will help a family in the Binns-Counts area. We will deliver them shortly.

Love,

Sara Barringer

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Paul's:

We are very grateful for your giving to Naomi's heart Mission. Not only in monthly donations, but also in the blessing of receiving your "Lenten" offerings.

In giving to Naomi's Heart, you help to provide increased feedings to malnourished children who attend our Academy, reach out to families in remote areas with medical clinics, feedings, the gospel of Jesus, and help with our everyday general expenses.

I am back at the mission and enjoying again being a part of all the ministry we do... thankful to God and his continued faithfulness in provision and protection.

Again, thank you for having the heart and compassion to walk beside us as we serve a great and mighty God.

Blessings

Kristie Ward

Founder of Naomi's Heart Mission

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for awarding me the Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship. I am blessed to receive this gift to assist in my academic career at Liberty University. I am fortunate to be surrounded by loving individuals like yourselves who have assisted in my studies as I continue my education. Once again, thank you for the love and support that you have shown me, and I ask for your continued prayers as I continue on this journey.

Sincerely,

Hannah Barringer

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC MINISTRY
CALLING ALL SINGERS!



***Come one, come all
Join a choir this fall.***

Beginning times

Sr. Choir - Wed., Aug 3 at 6:30

Men's Choir - Sun., Aug 7 at 3:00

Kids Music Time - TBA

Why Bother with Choirs?

- Provides an anchor or regular church participation in a time when secular attractions and pressures pull many away from the church
- Becomes an effective vehicle for teaching the faith, especially to children and youth
- Adds beauty and aesthetic depth to worship
- Is an easy way to make new friends and feel like you “belong”
- Develops children’s sense of culture and sophistication
- Provides a healthy creative and artistic balance to heavily data-based education
- Is therapeutic, giving singers the chance to momentarily put aside their other pressures and concerns
- Develops poise under pressure
- Teaches the value of teamwork
- Teaches beneficial posture and breathing techniques
- Shows the positive impact a group can make beyond that which is possible for an individual
- Teaches the value of careful preparation in reaching goals
- Shows the singers that their individual leadership, demeanor, and discipline make a significant contribution to the success of the group
- Teaches a sense of responsibility and setting priorities
- Helps develop habits of good enunciation
- Gives members a sense of pride and self-worth
- Provides the foundation for a lifetime of enjoyment in music
- Trains participants to be future supporters of the arts
- Provides musical memories that can take you momentarily out of difficult situations by calling to mind a beautiful piece of music and comforting text
- Teaches an historical perspective through music and texts conceived during different periods of history

Handbell Choir will resume practices on August 21, at 4pm.
Contact John Brock for information.

*We welcome back Johnsie Taylor as our organist, starting August 7th.
Welcome back, Johnsie!*



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