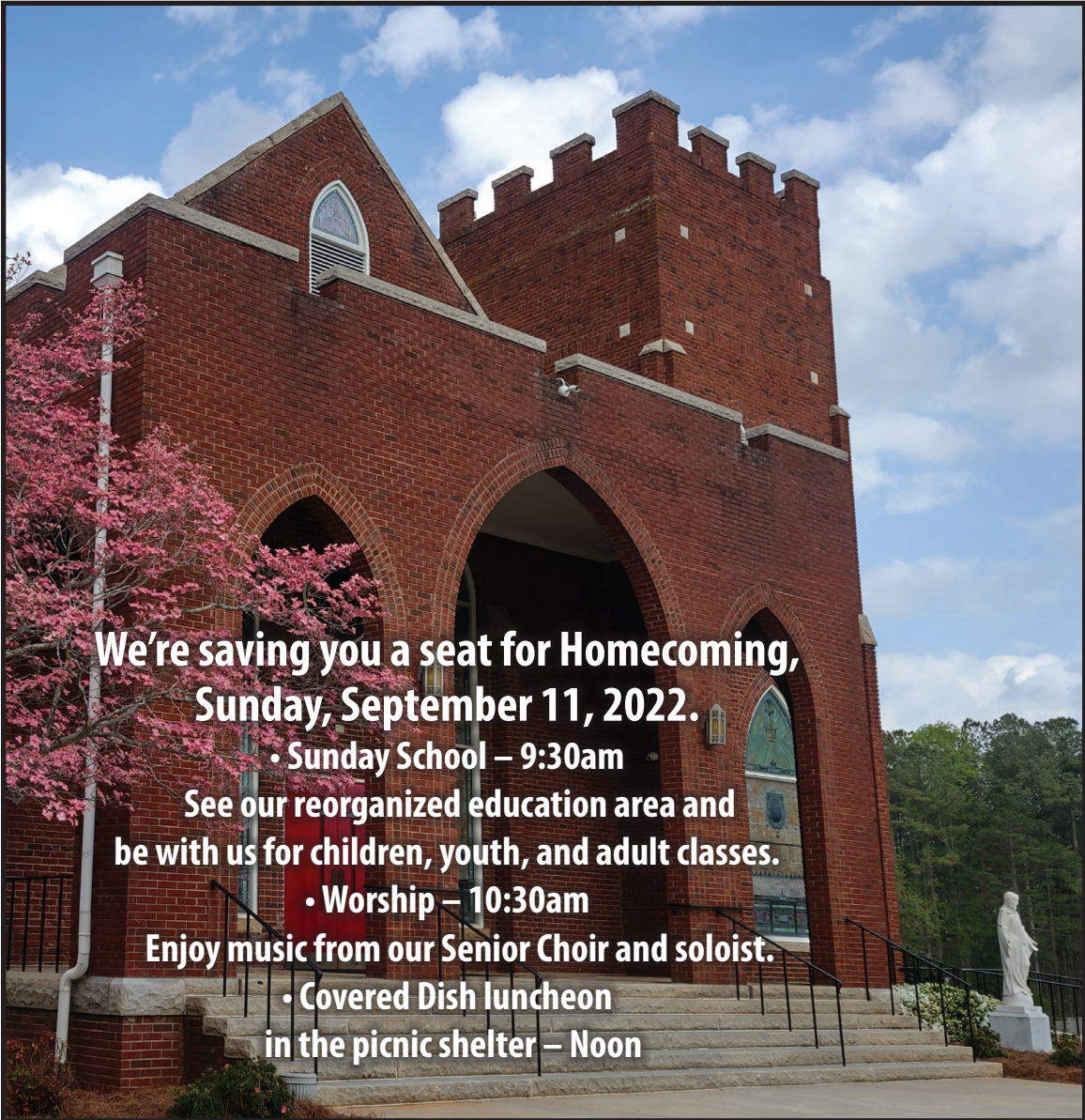




# The Monthly Epistle

of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**We're saving you a seat for Homecoming,  
Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

• Sunday School – 9:30am

See our reorganized education area and  
be with us for children, youth, and adult classes.

• Worship – 10:30am

Enjoy music from our Senior Choir and soloist.

• Covered Dish luncheon  
in the picnic shelter – Noon

## A Word of Caution

You may have received an email or a text purporting to be from Pastor Ryman. If this email is not about St. Paul's, or asks you for money (particularly prepaid VISA or gift cards), or for you to click on a suspicious\* link, open a suspicious\* attachment, call you, or text...then it was not from Pastor Ryman.

These are schemes of crooked people who buy email addresses and lists with the whole purpose of taking your identity—or simply wasting your time.

Do not think that revryman@gmail.com or pastor@stpaulslutheran.church have been hacked. There are no sent messages in his folders that were not sent by him. All of his passwords are very secure.

The emails claiming to be from him, that we have seen, are very obviously sent from another email address. That is not always going to be the case, however.

Pastor Ryman does not use revryman@gmail.com anymore, unless replying to an email from you that you sent to that address. He sends church email from pastor@stpaulslutheran.church.

The easiest way to think about all of this is, would my pastor send this to me? No? Then delete it. There is no need to waste anymore time with it by reporting it to him or the church office. That just wastes your time and ours. Sometimes, that is the whole intent of the spoofer: to waste our time.

*\*An easy way to think of this is, if it isn't about St. Paul's in some way, don't go there.*

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### Income and Expenses for July 2022

Income: \$38,571 • Expenses: \$41,509

Expense over Income for July: \$2,938

Income over Expense YTD: \$24,716

Capital Building Fund as of July 31: \$222,205

August income/expenses will be in the October Newsletter.

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## Thanks from Faith Academy

We would like to extend our heart-felt thanks to all who so generously donated school supplies for children that attend Faith Academy Charter School.

Sincerely,  
FACS Staff

**Biscuits and beverages** will be available in the fellowship hall **September 4th** at **8:30am**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast and fellowship before Sunday School.

**Homecoming Sunday is September 11th**. Please plan to come for good fellowship, and share a potluck lunch after worship. If you have someone you would like to receive an invitation/reminder postcard, please email the church office the name(s) and correct mailing address (s) with the subject line "Homecoming."

**Chairpersons of All Standing Committees** will meet Sunday, September 18, in the conference room, 6pm-7pm. All **Standing Committees** will meet the next Sunday, September 25, in the fellowship hall. The committees will review ministry needs, goals, and budgeting for 2023. Standing Committees are Christian Education, Finance, Outreach, Property, Worship & Music, and Youth & Family.

### **St. Paul's Men's Annual Fish Fry • Saturday, September 17th**

It's that time for another of our congregation's favorite annual events. St. Paul's Men's Fish Fry will be held on Saturday evening, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. Again this year, Ben Bernhardt, Phil Redding, Glen Amos, and their team will prepare the fish, slaw, hush puppies, and fries for your enjoyment!

Proceeds from this year's fish fry will benefit Binns-Counts Community Center. A minimum donation of \$12 for adults, \$6 for those under 12, is requested (under 3 – free). Drive-thru pick up will be available.

To make sure there's more than enough for you to enjoy, only a very limited number of tickets will be sold at the event. Thank you for your understanding. Tickets will be available on the lawn after service on Sunday, August 28th, September 4th and 11th.

We plan to have an old-fashioned hymn sing after supper, so we invite everyone to be looking through the *Reclaim Hymnal* to find your favorite hymns. We will sing a verse from each hymn that is called out (must be in the *Reclaim Hymnal*, which we will have available in the shelter.)

We look forward to another great fish fry. Plan to come for delicious food, Christian fellowship, and best of all, showing God's love by benefitting Binns-Counts. This is also another fine opportunity for you to invite those friends and family to come and experience our St. Paul's church family.

**Sunday:**

- September 4, Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- Men's Choir practice, each Sunday, 3pm
- Handbell Choir practice, each Sunday, 4pm
- September 4, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- September 11, Homecoming Sunday
- September 11, All Youth Bible Study & Music, 2:30pm
- September 11, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- September 18, Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- September 18, Chairpersons of All Standing Committees, 6pm
- September 18, Vespers—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm, also live-streamed to St. Paul's Facebook page
- September 25, Finance Committee, 5pm
- September 25, All Standing Committees, 6pm
- September 25, Council meeting, 7pm

*(takes the place of the regular Monday meeting in September)*

**Monday:**

- September 5, Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 5, Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm
- September 12, Faith Academy Monday after-school care, 1pm-3pm
- September 12, Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- September 19, Faith Academy Monday after-school care, 1pm-3pm
- September 26, Faith Academy Monday after-school care, 1pm-3pm
- September 26, Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

**Tuesday:**

- Adult Confirmation Class, Tuesdays in the chapel, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, each Tuesday, 6:45pm
- September 13, Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- September 13, Executive Committee, 7pm

**Wednesday:**

- Classical Conversations Homeschool group, each Wednesday, 8:30am-3:30pm
- September 7, Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- September 7, Stephen Ministry Training, 6pm
- Adult Choir practice, Wednesdays 6:30pm
- Confirmation Class (middle school youth) Wednesdays, 7:30pm



**Thursday:**

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

**Saturday:**

- September 17, Men's Fish Fry & Hymn Sing, 6pm
- September 24, Lutheran Women's Bazaar, 8am-2pm

**Grade School Camp Out & Fishing**

Friday, September 30 – Saturday, October 1

Grade School kids will camp out in the ball field, and go fishing at the Deal's. There will be games, and a campfire dinner. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Drop off time is 6pm, Friday, at the picnic shelter. Pick up time is at 1pm Saturday, at the Deal's.

**Friendship Registers**—Church members and visitors are asked to please write your name in the register on your row so that we will have a record of your attendance. This also helps us to know how many people we have worshiping with us each Sunday. If you are a visitor and would like Pastor Ryman to contact you, please include your contact information. Pass the register down your row for others to sign. Ushers will collect them after worship. A register is located on each pew/row. Thank you.

**August 2022 Blood Drive**

Thanks to everyone who registered to donate blood at our August blood drive. It was the most successful drive the church has had in three years. A total of 45 persons registered. Seven were deferred for health or medical reasons. Even though six who were scheduled did not register, nine persons came as walk-ins to the drive.

Thirty-eight units were drawn and six of those gave "double rbc" which count as two units, so the total credited to our church was 44 units. There were 21 members of our church registered, and more importantly, seven new persons came to donate (two of them are from Tennessee, so they said they would probably not come back unless they were visiting in the area again when St. Paul's was hosting a drive.)

Forty-four units of blood collected means that as many as 108 persons can receive transfusions. What a wonderful way to give health or life to someone who will never be able to repay the donor.

The last blood drive of the year for St. Paul's will be Monday, November 14th. Please mark your calendar for this date if there is any possibility that you may be able to give this "gift of life!"

Alice Davis

## **Lutheran Women's News**

**Grace Ridenhour Circle**, Tuesday, September 6, at 6:30pm

**Ellen Bumgarner Circle** –meets Wednesday, September 7, at 10am

**Melissa Lura Circle**, Monday, September 12, 6:30pm

**Hama Lingle Circle** – meets Monday, September 12, at 7pm

*(note date change; Jane Webb will be hostess, and Alice Davis will lead)*

*Hama Lingle circle is responsible for sending cards to homebound in September.*

**Bonnie Bost Circle** meets Tuesday, September 13, at 7pm

**Kathy Ketchie Circle** – meets Sunday, September 18, at 5pm

## **2022 Bazaar**

The St. Paul's Lutheran Women's Bazaar will take place in the fellowship hall on Saturday, September 24th starting at 8am and ending at 2pm.

The Lutheran Men will have breakfast biscuits for sale from 8am until 10am, or until the biscuits are gone.

Also for sale at the bazaar will be produce, canned goods, baked goods, frozen meals, crafts, and other items. Canned drinks, and chicken dinners, complete with all the fixings, will be available to purchase 11am – 1pm (\$12.)

There will be raffle 'baskets' from each circle, and two additional raffle items made by St. Paul's members.

Please join the St Paul's Lutheran Women as we fellowship together at this fun and exciting event. We are putting out a request to the congregation for canned drinks and water donations. Donations should be left on the stage in the fellowship hall.

Love and Blessings

Libby Bingham, 2022 Bazaar Chairman

St. Paul's first *Monday Only After School Care Program* for Faith Academy Charter School got off to a great start on August 15th. We had 13 students (next week 14) and four volunteers, plus our leader, Pastor Ryman. He played his guitar with some games and read a Bible story with questions after. We had snack time, and Pastor read a book to the group before pick up time at 3pm. We heard positive comments from the students, and several parents voiced appreciation for the program.

Thanks to Tim Deal for doing the background checks, and to volunteers Libby Bingham, Louise Eller, Lisa Monroe, Gina Barringer, Ben Bernhardt, and Dana Bost. A big thanks to Pastor Ryman for taking charge of the program. I hope this will be a good outreach program for our church.

*Susan Bernhardt*

### ***Gifts to Honor***

A gift was received in honor of Gina Barringer for the Capital Building Fund from

Susan Ryman

### ***Memorial Gifts***

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

Jean and Jimmie Deal

James and Mary Lee Earnhardt

Myra Jane and Terry Eller

Helen Gordon

Cindy and Frank Hinson

Betty Monroe

Gaynelle Morgan and family

Nancy Parrish

Wayne and Johnsie Taylor

Gifts were received in memory of Frankie Raymer for the General Fund from

Judith and Don Austin

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Kenneth, Bethany, Lauren,  
and Lindsey Whisnant

A gift was received in memory of Bill Behrendt for the Capital Building Fund from

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A gift was received in memory of Bill Behrendt for the Helping Hands Fund from

Vance Goodman

Gifts were received in memory of Frankie Raymer for the Capital Building Fund from

Ben and Susan Bernhardt

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Karen and Tim Deal

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Grady and Jenny Earnhardt

James and Mary Lee Earnhardt

Myra Jane and Terry Eller

Helen Gordon

Frank and Cindy Hinson

Bonnie and Wayne Hinson

Judi and D.W. Honbarger

Alan and Donna Lyerly

Wayne and Johnsie Taylor

Vaughn and Nancy Wilhelm

Gifts were received in memory of Emma Corl (Windy Heilig's mother) for the Capital Building Fund from

Dana and Crystal Bost

Tim and Karen Deal

*We extend our love and sympathy to Windy Heilig on the death of her mother, Emma Krimminger Corl. Ms. Corl died August 3, 2022.*



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## **OUR MISSION**

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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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