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Mrs. Sallie Smull

Mrs. Carole Bell

SEPTEMBER 2017

“In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.” (Genesis 7:11 NRS)

Maybe it's all the rain we've had this summer, but I've been thinking about Noah and the flood lately. Noah is an interesting character in the Bible. He alone, out of all of the people on the earth, has somehow managed to maintain a relationship with God and has found favor in God's sight. Now Noah wasn't perfect, as we see later on in the story, but God used him to save a small group of people and animals in order to re-populate the earth after the flood. I often wonder how that conversation went and if Noah was as willing a participant as the Bible paints him to be. And then there were his wife and children, and their wives. What about them? I have trouble getting my own children to do things at times. Imagine Noah telling his wife and sons that they were going to build a boat, fill it with all kinds of animals, and be confined in the boat for 40 days and nights while it rains, and then remain shut in there for a longer period waiting for the floodwaters to recede. My kids would probably tell me I was out of my mind. But then, when they found out I was serious, maybe they would relent. Maybe.

I guess, in the end, it would come down to a matter of faith, of trust, of belief that what I was saying was true and that they believed their father knew what was best for them. I think that's the lesson of Noah for us today too. We don't always know where we're going in life. We don't always know what the future holds, how long the rain will last, if the food we brought for the voyage will be enough to last. So it comes down to a matter of faith, of trust, of belief that our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us and that he will see us through whatever storms this life brings.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
JULY	\$ 11,327.31	\$ 11,700.14	\$ (372.83)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 71,462.55	\$ 79,811.42	\$ (8,348.87)

THANK YOU!

- ❖ The Third Street Alliance thanks Vacation Bible School for the generous donation of toilet paper.
- ❖ The Jerusalem Singers sent a note: "We truly enjoyed our first time singing at your worship! We thank you for your donations to our mission to New Bethany Ministries."
- ❖ Our Music Director Nancy wrote: "Thank you to all the very special people who shared their music with us this summer. We are so grateful for your time, and the ministry of your talent. Thanks to Chris and Jordan Druckenmiller, Pat Steckel, Ray Shelly, John and Edith Roberts, Genevieve Goldberg, Harold Ziegler, Jeff Stout, the Jerusalem Singers, Fred Broadbent, and our handbell choir for your meaningful contributions to our worship experience."
- ❖ Elverna Turner sends word that she appreciates the cards and good wishes that are sent to her.

MILESTONES

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Nancy Sandt at her death on August 15. Pastor Chris officiated at her private funeral service on August 18.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Mary Ann Short at her death on August 18. Pastor Chris officiated at her funeral service here in the church on August 23.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS / COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday, September 10, we are joining with other area churches to have a combined worship service at Meuser Park in Wilson Borough. It begins at 9:30 AM and is followed by a covered dish brunch, so bring your favorite dish to share. There are many opportunities to volunteer for God's Work, Our Hands:

- filling backpacks with school supplies,
- packing books in boxes and moving them at the library,
- helping at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare,
- collecting needed items for the area food banks and the animal shelter,
- Hymn Sing at Gracedale at 2 PM. Please be there by 1:30 to help bring residents to the chapel.

FALL SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, September 17, our Worship Service will start at 10 AM. There will be Coffee Hour following the service. Sunday School also starts that day. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome.

REFORMATION 500 OKTOBERFEST

The Bethlehem-Easton Mission District "Reformation 500 Oktoberfest" will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 4 to 8 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 610 W. Berwick Street, Easton. You are invited to come out and enjoy an evening of food, music, and dancing. Bring your best German dish to be judged by our expert panel. There is no cost but due to limited seating, reservations are required. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED for ANNIVERSARY YEAR COMMITTEE

As you all know, next year is the 150th year since the founding of St. Paul's III. We want to do a variety of things to celebrate this special occasion, but we need your help. Specifically, we need someone willing to chair the committee and help manage things throughout the year. We are looking at scaling back some of the activities that we had originally planned in order to make it a more manageable celebration but we still need your help.

If you would be willing to chair this committee, please

see Pastor Chris for more information.

From the MUSIC DIRECTOR'S BENCH

A musical friend and I were recently discussing our personal internal soundtracks. He had asked me if I

heard music in my head all the time, as he seemed to. I hadn't thought about it, but when I am not actively "thinking," there is always music. We weren't sure if this is true for everyone, or just those of us who play, sing, or listen to music all the time.

I'm not talking about that annoying stuck-in-your-head song phenomenon, but a more companionable accompaniment to everyday life. It's sometimes whatever I've worked on recently for church or theater, or just something I heard playing, but it's always changing. Sometimes I can't imagine why a song wants to hang around while I drive, or garden, or try to sleep, but there it is.

A few hours after the Jerusalem Singers sang for us in July, I was on a plane, with one of their pieces, the one by Michael Praetorius (yes, I'm enough of a music geek to have recognized that name, but you should have too—he wrote "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming") stuck in my head. The combination of the ethereal sights above the clouds and the remembrance of the morning's ethereal music was perfect.

Now, my internal soundtrack is usually more mundane, and rarely coincides so perfectly with the visual, but when it does, it's magical.

What's your soundtrack? Do you find yourself humming a snatch of the choir anthem, an organ voluntary, or a hymn in the days after church? Are you listening for music in your life? Do try to—as my friend told me, it will feed your soul.

COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER HEALING BLANKETS

The Healing Blanket Ministry here at St. Paul's III is for everyone—whether a church member or not. The idea behind the blanket is that the person be healed in body, mind, and spirit. They are on the center table in the Narthex. Please sign the green book when you take one.

HOAGIES, HOAGIES, HOAGIES!

We are selling tickets for 6-inch “shortie” hoagies from WaWa. There is a large selection from which to choose. They can be purchased from Stephanie Druckenmiller for \$5 each. Please continue to support this fundraiser.

COFFEE HOUR

Look for the new sign-up sheet on the standing bulletin board in the Narthex. Join us in Fellowship Hall after the 10 AM worship service (beginning Sept. 17) for coffee, tea, and goodies. For more information, see Betty Buckley or Sallie Smull.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year we will partner with Arndt’s Lutheran Church for Confirmation Class. The first class will meet on Sunday, September 17, from 3 to 6 PM at Arndt’s. Pastor Chris will be sending more detailed information to all prospective confirmands.

BOOKCASE/BOOKRACK

Christ in Our Home, a daily devotional booklet which is taken to our homebound members by the visitation teams when they take communion, is very popular with our members and can be found in the bookrack near the front door. Feel free to take one!

SEPTEMBER

PARISH SECRETARY'S HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In the EVENT of CANCELLATION

If it is necessary to cancel some of our activities, for whatever reason, please tune in to WFMZ, channel 69 on your TV, or call the church office and select option 226.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Office: sp3office@rcn.com Pastor Chris: sp3pastor@rcn.com

WEBPAGE

If you have information you want to add to our web page, email the information to the church office. The *Herald* is also available on-line at www.stpaulsthird.org

DIRECTORY – There is a new updated email directory in the church office, should you need information.

**DEADLINE for the OCTOBER issue
of the *Herald* is SEPTEMBER 15.**

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Cut out the following information and keep it in your wallet!

St. Paul's III Lutheran Church
2561 Newburg Road, Easton, PA 18045
(610) 258-0875
Pastor Chris Druckenmiller
emergency contact: (610) 331-6717

Hospital Codes:

Easton: L35

St. Luke's: 316

Lehigh Valley, Allentown General, Muhlenberg: 316

If you are admitted to the hospital, please give them our code so they can notify us of your admittance. A family member should still inform the church office so visitation arrangements can be made.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

SIGNATURE QUILT UPDATE

The Stitchers of St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church have created a new signature quilt for our 150th anniversary in 2018. We have collected signed squares from most members. The ladies are now sewing the blocks together to complete this beautiful work of art!

SECOND SUNDAY

Remember that the second offering received during worship on the second Sunday of each month is used to support various social ministry agencies and issues in our local community, Synod, E.L.C.A., and our world.

In August, we collected \$157.88 for the Easton Boys and Girls Club. In **September** our recipient will be the **Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity.**

BETHLEHEM/EASTON MISSION INGATHERING

The Ingathering for the Bethlehem/Easton Mission District will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Our congregation's designated item is 175 tubes of toothpaste. We already are over a third of the way there! A collection basket is in the Narthex.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Remember to bring canned and non-perishable goods for three area food banks—ProJeCt, Salvation Army, and St. Paul's Lutheran South Side ("12 Baskets Full").

There is a list of needed items next to the Food Bank collection basket on the table in the Gathering Area.

CENTER for ANIMAL HEALTH and WELFARE

The Center is always in need of towels, sheets, blankets, kitty litter, cat and dog food, laundry detergent, bleach, and office supplies. It depends almost solely on donations for its operation. Remember, animals are no longer euthanized unless absolutely necessary (illness, history of bad behavior). If you need any items picked up, contact Georgi Weiser.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to share your talents at St. Paul's Third and all are welcome to join in any of the programs and/or committees. Here are some of the opportunities available:

Committee Involvement – Church Council Member, Christian Ed, Community Growth & Fellowship, Financial Strength, Mutual Ministry, Property, Social Ministry, Worship & Music

St. Paul's Choirs – Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band

Worship Assistants – Greeters, Ushers, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Prayer Partners, Altar Care

Parish Care Team – Monthly home-bound communion visits

Stitchers – Sewing group which makes tie quilts for the homeless and lap robes for Gracedale. A knowledge of sewing is not necessary. They also prepare a lunch for Safe Harbor on the first Wednesday of each month

Coffee Hour – Bake and/or host a Sunday morning social hour (sign-up sheet on standing Bulletin Board in Narthex)

Meals-on-Wheels – Monthly delivery of meals to home-bound (contact Cheryl Nielsen who will pass your name on to Janet Marshall, coordinator)

Wednesday Work Group – General upkeep of building

Gardening – General maintenance of flower beds, etc.

Create projection slides using Power Point – Pastor will train how to prepare the slides

Projectionist – run the projector for Sunday morning service

As you can see, there is something for everyone. Or if there is something you would like to do to help out, please let us know. Contact Pastor Chris or any of the council members for more information.

Schedule of People Serving for

SEPTEMBER 3 9 AM – PENTECOST 13

Acolyte	Bella Guiducci
Ushers	Jim & Laura Dorsa, Joy Sales, Betty Buckley
Lay Reader	Jordan Druckenmiller
Communion Assts.	Vincent Guiducci, Daryle Davidson, Margaret LaDuca
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeter	Ann Young
Counting Team # 4 B	

SEPTEMBER 10 9:30 AM – PENTECOST 14 **God's Work, Our Hands** **Combined Service at Meuser Park**

Counting Team # 1 A

SEPTEMBER 17 10 AM – PENTECOST 15

Acolyte	Nancy Frey
Ushers	Vincent Guiducci, Betty Buckley, Ann Young, Sallie Smull
Lay Reader	Jeff Stout
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Karen Fretz, Tom Young
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeters	Ned & Pattie Corcoran
Counting Team # 2 A	

SEPTEMBER 24 10 AM – PENTCOST 16

Acolyte	Bethany Druckenmiller
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch, Shirley Stillo, Daryle Davidson
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Georgi Weiser, Cheryl Nielsen, Vincent Guiducci
Greeters	Ed & Sue Becker
Counting Team # 3 A	

*Schedule of People
Serving for*

OCTOBER 1 10 AM – PENTCOST 17

Acolyte	Sarah Frey
Ushers	Jim & Laura Dorsa, Bev Brodhead, Renee Golaszewski
Lay Reader	Joan Shultz
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Margaret LaDuca, Joan Shultz
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeter	Joy Sales
Counting Team # 4 A	

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS FROM ST. PAUL'S THIRD

Doris Adams 610-252-0405	2024 Ealer Avenue Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> May 17, 1928
Decima Assise	The Easton Home 1022 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> Jan. 20, 1934
Walter Auch 610-746-1274 256-497-4244 (cell)	Moravian Hall Square 175 W. North Street Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Oct. 19, 1920
Jack & Kathleen Bennett 484-635-1768	Country Meadows 4011 Green Pond Road Bldg. 5, 2 nd fl, Rm 501 Bethlehem, PA 18020	<i>Birthdays:</i> Jack: March 11, 1927 Kathleen: Jan. 16, 1926
Lillian Bethman 610-252-2787	Weston Senior Living 2222 Sullivan Trail, Rm. 211 Easton, PA 18040	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 11, 1916 (101st birthday)
Bob Halpin 610-253-8177	629 Pierce Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> March 7, 1929
Jo Madson 610-253-8011	1857 Ferry Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> Feb. 17, 1928
Ruth Marcavia 610-248-9348	Old Orchard Manor Care 4100 Freemansburg Ave., Rm 234 Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 7, 1920
Janet Marshall 484-896-8497	Gracedale – SE 2, Rm 1 2 Gracedale Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 26, 1930
Wayne Sandt 610-252-2435	2728 Nazareth Road Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> Nov. 8, 1936
Mae Shimer 610-588-7731	Gracedale – SE 1, Rm 15 2 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Dec. 16
George Short	Manor Care Health Services 2600 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> Jan. 12, 1939
Reuben Spurrier	Manor Care Health Services 2600 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> Sept. 1, 1937
Elverna Turner	Gracedale – Tower 10, Rm C-1 2 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Sept. 3, 1931

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

2	Rose Wunderly	12	Jackson Harris
5	Carol English		Steve Neel
	Barbara Miller		Bob Ronn
8	Christopher Sponder	13	Michael DeRogatis
10	Rachel Barron		Irene Nicholas
11	Jamie Compton	26	Richard Demchak
	Pastor Chris	27	Bill Ritchie
	Druckenmiller	28	Chase Barron
	Trevor Henley		Karen Fretz
			Anna LaDuca

ANNIVERSARIES

9/1/62	Marty & Pat Reagle (55)
9/1/94	William & Lynn Werner
9/12/87	Mark & Melody Henley (30)
9/12/08	Russell & Kelly Higgins
9/14/73	Ed & Betty Buckley
9/18/65	Ted & Joy Sales
9/20/80	Richard & Linda Demchak
9/26/81	Joe & Janine DeRogatis
9/27/80	Henry & Debbie Greenleaf
9/27/87	Eric & Tracy Steible (30)

*We apologize if we missed your birthday or anniversary.
Please notify the office... we don't want to repeat this oversight.*

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Church Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Chris Druckenmiller
Music Director	Nancy Broadbent
Parish Secretary	Sallie Smull
Sexton	Carole Bell

Church Council and Officers

Daryle Davidson	President / Stewardship	610-905-5991
Vincent Guiducci	Vice-President / Property Co-Chair	610-248-9956
Micki Stout	Secretary / Community Growth & Fellowship / Mutual Ministry	610-252-1584
Ed Becker	Scouts Chair	610-253-4470
Bev Brodhead	Asst. Financial Secretary	610-258-9935
Betty Buckley	Social Ministry / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-252-8896
Joe DeRogatis	Property	610-559-0927
Margaret LaDuca	Worship & Music Chair	610-252-4369
Joy Sales	Social Ministry / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-253-0022
Mike Smallets	Stewardship Chair / Financial Strength	610-972-0605
Brenda Van Horn	Worship & Music	610-252-4017
Tom Young	Financial Strength Chair / Property	610-258-1321

Committee Lay Chairs and Volunteer Staff

Sarah Frey	Treasurer / Financial Strength	610-905-7474
Cheryl Nielsen	Financial Secretary / Social Ministry Chair	610-253-7867
Pattie Corcoran	Office Assistant	610-559-0485
Karen Fretz	Altar Care Supplies	610-258-5736
Stephanie Druckenmiller	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-837-2457