

## Seasons

“For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under  
heaven.” *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

I love the fall season. Actually I love all the seasons for their unique activities and characteristics. But I love the fall because of the changing colors of the leaves, the smell of a wood fire in the fireplace on a cold night, the harvest of vegetables from the garden and their canning for winter’s use and, to a certain extent, the unpredictable nature of fall in the Northeast. We may have days that are still warm enough to enjoy time outside in shorts and t-shirts, but there may also be days when it is cold enough already to see a flurry of snowflakes falling from the sky. It’s the unpredictable nature of fall that reminds me of those seasons in our human lives when things can be uncertain and unpredictable.

But as the line from Ecclesiastes reminds us, all of these things happen under heaven, within the scope of God’s care for his creation, and for all of us. Whatever season of life we may be in, whatever matters may be affecting our lives, God is there. Sometimes it’s a season like spring when new growth is happening in our lives and we look to God for reassurance. Sometimes it’s a season like winter when we brace ourselves against the cold, huddle together with others for warmth and look to God for hope. And sometimes it’s a season like fall, when we aren’t quite sure what the season will bring from one week to the next, but trust that God will see us through, whatever may come our way.

May your change in seasons bring you joy and delight in the changes around us, and trust that God is with you in this and all seasons.

Vicar Chris

## Adult Sunday School

Join Vicar Chris on Sunday, October 23<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for the kick-off of adult Sunday School. The format will be informal and conversational as we explore topics of interest to our everyday lives, how they are impacted by our faith, and how they impact our faith. Whether you have kids in Sunday School at this time, or are just looking for a chance to gather and share with other Christians, this is a good time to come and learn more about your own faith life and the lives of others. Topics each week will vary depending on local and world events and what the needs of the group are. Please consider joining us on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Fall 2011 Bible Study

Join Vicar Chris during the month of November for a five week beginner’s Bible Study. There will be a morning and an evening study, on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. If the idea of Bible Study makes you fearful because you don’t think you know that much about the Bible, then this study is for you. You won’t be put on the spot or made to feel uncomfortable. We will look at some of the basics of the Bible and discuss them together in a relaxed manner. If you’ve tried Bible Study in the past and been turned off by it, try this one. It could open your eyes to the wonders of the Bible in a new way.

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## October 16<sup>th</sup> Healing Service

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, during the regular morning service, we will have a Service of Healing. All are welcome to come forward during the service for a time of personal prayer for healing. If you feel the need for healing in your own life, or would like to pray for healing in the life of someone close to you, please come forward and allow Vicar Chris to pray for you during this time. You are invited to share a specific request for healing prayer, or simply say “The Lord knows my need” and Vicar Chris will pray for you.

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Hello everyone,

Happy fall. Things are going really well here at St. Paul Third. We were very happy to say hello and welcome to Vicar Chris on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>... and we said thank you and good bye to Pastor Trout and Carole Ann on Sept 18, delayed because of the hurricane. Sunday school is back in session. We have defiantly swung right in to fall mode.

Vicar Chris and council met for our first council meeting and Vicar also met with the Worship and Music committee. We are moving in the right direction by preparing for the months ahead. It feels so good not to be saying "in the future we would like to do this again or have this for our church", many things are now in place!

We will be having cottage meetings... the 1<sup>st</sup> one set for Sept 30, fun fellowship and maybe a bit of a study. Look for the other dates to follow and plan to attend one or all!! Bible Studies are set, adult bible school, and in October we will have a service for healing. All dates and times are listed in the Herald.

As you can see no grass will grow under Vicars feet, and council and Worship & Music are very happy to have the inspiration and support from Vicar Chris. God's work is growing here with us!!

All of our faith, love and commitment to God and our church has come to light. We can continue to spread our good faith by reaching out to others. Thank you to everyone for trusting in God's plan. Now lets get busy and get active. Make God and his work a priority in our lives!

Mark your calendars and join in on the activities. The rewards you will get will be deep in your heart, leaving a spiritual impression that never goes away. You can't go wrong!! See you there!

*Bev Brodhead*

Church Council President

# OCTOBER

PARISH COORDINATOR'S hours:

Monday thru Thursday:  
1030 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Oct 3-5, 6-11 vacation, 12-13, 17-20, 24-27,  
31 – Nov. 3

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The **NOVEMBER "HERALD" DEADLINE** is October 16

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E-mail

Please update your e-mail address on the list on the board in the narthex.

Office e-mail address: [sp3office@rcn.com](mailto:sp3office@rcn.com)

Vicar Chris - [sp3pastor@rcn.com](mailto:sp3pastor@rcn.com)

The monthly issue of "Partners in the Spirit" can found on line at [http://www.godslove.org/publications/partnersinthespirit/ /index.html](http://www.godslove.org/publications/partnersinthespirit/index.html). Synod News is available at [www.godslove.org/synodnews.html](http://www.godslove.org/synodnews.html).

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## SECOND SUNDAY

We are looking forward to a new year and new ways to help through our second offering received during worship on the Second Sunday of each month. Remember, our Second Sunday offering is used to support various social ministry agencies and issues in our local community, Synod, E. L. C. A., and our world.

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

St. Paul's III Lutheran Church, 2561 Newburg Rd, Easton, PA 18945  
(610) 258-0875

Vicar Chris Druckenmiller – emergency call (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 and we will be notified of your admittance. You or a family member should still call the Church office so visitation arrangements can be made.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

**AUGUST CASH FLOW**

|               |                 |                             |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Surplus / (Shortage)</u> |
| \$6,708.65    | \$9,532.87      | (\$2,824.22)                |

**YEAR TO DATE**

|               |                 |                             |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Surplus / (Shortage)</u> |
| \$76,586.07   | \$64,955.20     | \$11,630.87                 |

Submitted by Sarah Frey, Treasurer

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THANK YOU

To The Great People of SP3,

What a joy it was to be with you on September 18. A variation on a thought from my sermon that day comes to mind: "Good times you're still here and we are glad!" We were privileged that you made us a part of your family these past 4 years! At the same time, your generous farewell gift will allow us to experience some "Good Times" and say: "Thank You! No doubt about it we're glad you're still here Wow!"

Our prayers and best wishes are with you as you move forward into this new time in your lives as a gathering of people in Christ. God's richest blessings be with you all!

Pastor Stan and Carole Ann Trout

Cottage Meetings

To the Congregation of St Paul's III:

Over the next couple of months there will be a series of cottage meetings, small groups of 10 or less people gathering together in a member's home, to allow us to meet one another and get to know each other better. Each meeting will have a brief time of Bible study, some refreshments and a chance to just talk about what's on your minds, concerning the current state of St Paul's III and the future of our ministry together. I invite you to sign up for one of these opportunities to get to know me, and maybe some of your fellow members who you may not know. I look forward to it.

In Christ's Love,  
Vicar Chris

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SOCIAL MINISTRY PAGE

SOLDIER PROJECT

We are continuing our soldier project...

if you know of anyone in Iraq or Afghanistan, please contact Cheryl Nielsen with the addresses for our next mailing... and please

contribute items that are listed on the ministry table in the narthex. It is the least we can do. Remember---Prayers are always accepted

ALSO...

On this web site [www.letsaysaythanks.com](http://www.letsaysaythanks.com) you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services.\

INGATHERING

The Ingathering for the Bethlehem/Easton Mission District will be held on Dec. 7, 2011 at St. Luke's Old Williams.

Our collection this year is 80 bottles of shampoo and 50 combs, plus one dozen diapers size 4 or 5. Donations can be placed in the basket next to the food bank table.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERAN'S TEA

"As your parents age, are you ready?" This is the topic of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Tea that will be held at St. Andrew's on Sunday, October 2 at 2pm. The Tea is open to women of all ages for the purpose of raising awareness of the inevitable issues that happen in every family. Please RSVP to Cheryl Nielsen 610-554-0505) if you plan to come. Bring friends, daughters, mothers. You don't have to be a member of Thrivent to attend.

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COFFEE HOUR

See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex to volunteer to bake and/or act as hostess. Please join us for this fellowship following worship. Contact Betty Buckley (610.252.8895) or Sallie Smull (610.258.8064).

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CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are still in need of an additional teacher. Please contact Kelly Aldinger if you would like to share the news of God's love with our children.

## CHECK IT OUT!

SP3 is putting together a collection of Christian fiction and non-fiction literature available to check out. The bookshelf is located in the hallway outside of the Music and Christian Ed offices. Simply sign the card in the inside pocket, and file under the author's last name. Happy reading!

## LABELS FOR EDUCATION

A big THANK YOU to all who have donated labels to our Campbell Soup Labels for Education program. Sometime in the future we will be able to put our points towards a needed item for our Christian Education program. Once again, thank you for your support, and please keep dropping off those labels!

## SAVE A TAPE

We are collecting only Redner's receipts. You need a red and white card to present at check-out time... if you don't have one, ask for one at the Courtesy Desk... They are free! We are not saving Giant slips anymore! We will be selling Giant Gift Certificates in the future

Empties4Cash

## KEEP SAVING THOSE INK CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES!

**Thanks** to all who bring in personal computer ink/laser jet cartridges and cell phones for recycling! Keep up the good work! By working together, our H2H youth ministry makes some extra cash to support service and fellowship events. Please consider letting friends, neighbors and co-workers know of our program, if they do not have a collection center, and you are willing to bring there cartridges in.

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## OCTOBER H2H schedule:

- 2 - Fellowship Event
- 9 - Off
- 16 - Theme Event 6:45-8:00 PM
- 23 - Theme Event 6:45-8:00 PM
- 30 - Theme Event 6:45-8:00 PM

Volunteer opportunities

## pRAYER CHAIN "FISH"

(Friends in Spiritual Healing)

Our Prayer Chain here at St. Paul's III has been in existence for many years.

Here is how it works... If someone has a prayer request, the person calls the Prayer Chain Coordinator... who calls the next 2 people on the list, who call the next 2 people on the list, who each call 1 person, who then calls 1 person, etc., etc. until all the people on the "chain" are praying for the person or situation in need.

If you would like to participate on the Prayer Chain or have a prayer request, give the church office a call at 610.258.0875.

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## PARISH CARE TEAM

The Worship and Music Ministry Team is seeking volunteers to serve on a Parish Care Team.

Parish Care Team members visit our members who are home-bound to serve communion once a month. Training will be provided – please consider volunteering for this ministry. Contact Jeff Stout (610) 252-1584 for more information.

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

"Thank You" to all the people who serve on a Sunday morning; **Greeters, Ushers, Lay Readers and Communion Assistants.**

We are always looking for new people to assist on a Sunday morning and would be happy to add your name to the list of volunteers. Not sure what's required?

Please ask anyone on the Worship and Music committee.

Also, Worship and Music is looking to add to the **Altar Care** roster of those willing to serve the Lord in this ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining this faithful and dedicated team! If you are able to set up / disassemble the altar for worship services, please contact Jeff Stout (W&M Chair) at 610.252.1584. Training is provided.

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committee involvement

All TEAMS and groups are looking for additional members... more

people, more ideas! There's something for everyone!

Church Council Member  
Christian Ed  
Community Growth & Fellowship  
Financial Strength  
Property  
Social Ministry  
Worship & Music

Talk to any council officer or member, they'd be glad to tell you more about our ministry and project goals at St. Paul's Third.

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### BLANKET STITCHERS

The quilters meet the first Wednesday of each month at 9 AM. All are welcome to join our small group. We are in need of clean bed pads and batting material for inside the quilts they make. If you've been meaning to clean out that linen closet, now would be the time.

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### lawn care & gardening

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex for those interested in mowing grass and tending to our gardens. We thank Arlo and Marion Babp for their work in the church's gardens, again. They keep trying to retire from this position, but their caring and dedication to the appearance of our church's property must be their calling. However, many hands make light work... so please sign up to help.

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### AN HOUR or two A month!

Can you spare some extra time for YOUR church?... just a couple of hours for committee work each month?

**WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

Do you attend Sunday service?... we need help there too.

St. Paul's Third needs us to come together and rebuild OUR Church. We need everyone.

**WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

*"Here I am Lord, send me!" (Isaiah 1:8)*

**VOLUNTEER!!!**

**Arndt's Open Arms Senior Connection  
A ministry of Arndt's Lutheran Church**



### What is Arndt's Open Arms Senior Connection?

- a loving **"home away from home"** in a caring environment
- a day club for older adults
- a non-medical program intended to keep older adults active in a **socially and intellectually stimulating environment**



### Who is it for?

- older adults
- all are welcome!
- volunteers of all ages who enjoy the company of older adults

### When is it?

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- begins Tuesday, April 13, 2010

1851 Arndt Rd., Easton, PA 18040 Phone: 610-253-3732

Email: [arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn.com](mailto:arndts.lutheranchurch@rcn.com)

Website: [www.arndtslutheran.org](http://www.arndtslutheran.org)

### \*\*\* SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED:

A monthly week-day worship on the first Thursday of each month will begin at 10:30 AM. Following the service visitors can join in fellowship with coffee and light refreshments.

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### interfaith food pantry

ProJeCt's food pantry is the largest food pantry in Northampton County, providing two-to-three day supplies of food to more than 2,500 households each year. Last year they provided meals to 4,300 individuals in nearly 3,000 households.

Arndt's Lutheran church has become a food bank drop off point. Members of the church will transport food donations weekly to St. John's downtown. Donations can be dropped off during office hours which are generally 9:30 AM – 12 noon, weekdays.

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### Charts for dedications

Dedication Charts are posted in the hallway off the narthex for 2011. If you wish to sponsor: Church

Bulletin (\$20), Communion Elements and Sanctuary  
Candle (\$10 each), please put your name on the large chart . . .  
and your dedication on the small form above the chart.  
Also . . . you can sponsor our weekly ad in the Express Times  
for \$10 per week. AND . . . don't forget, you can also sponsor our  
newsletter for \$75 per month by placing a call to the office.

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#### PRAYER HEALING BLANKETS

The Healing Blanket Ministry here at St. Paul's III  
is for everyone. These blankets are for anyone,  
whether a member or not. The intention behind the  
blanket is that you be healed, mind, body and spirit.  
Blankets are available in the Narthex. Please log the name of the  
person receiving the blanket and your name as the giver in the journal  
provided. May you be blessed with love and prayers in this ministry.

Please contact me if you would be able to help with this ministry.  
Shirley Stillo at 610-252-0166

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#### HOAGIES, HOAGIES, HOAGIES!

Did you know that the Hoagie Sale is an ongoing program offered by  
the Community Growth and Fellowship Committee? You can purchase  
your coupons for hoagies from Noto's Deli throughout the year from any  
committee member for only \$5 each. We have sold an additional 64  
hoagies since February and the total sold so far is 287. Our total profit is  
\$574. Thank you for supporting this profitable fund raiser!

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#### AMBASSADOR'S CLUB OF ST. PAUL'S THIRD

The Ambassador's Club is an over 55 group who meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
of each month at the Chrin building. They have a variety of speakers  
and entertainment and many trips are available for members. If you are  
interested in joining this energetic group, please contact their president,  
Angelo Trinchere at 610.258.6916.

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