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“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”
Isaiah 11:1-10

We like to think of children as cute and adorable, as amusing or entertaining with their made-up stories, simple ways of looking at things, and wonder at the world and what it holds. Children are innocent and pure, sweet and precious. But we usually don't think of children as leaders, especially of a pack of wild beasts. And yet this scripture from Isaiah speaks of a time when a little child will lead all of these animals around like a drum major in a big parade. Now we interpret this scripture in relation to Jesus, the Messiah, who came to earth as a little baby, a child, to lead not just a pack of wild animals, but a lost and weary world, into the way that we should follow. But what if this verse from Isaiah was talking about just an ordinary child? What if it wasn't the child who was remarkable, but the coming reign of God that was so peaceful that a little child, small, defenseless, innocent, a child with no fear of standing before creatures capable of great violence, what if a child such as this were able to lead these animals? Wouldn't that be a day to hope for, a day to anticipate with great joy, and a day to celebrate?

Isaiah offers us a vision of a coming day when a little child will lead the way. Even though Jesus came as a baby almost 2000 years ago, we know that we still live in a world that is broken and anything but peaceful most of the time. This is why we continue to read the ancient prophecies, why we continue to remember this season of Advent, living in recognition that our Savior has already come, but that he will also come again to usher in a final reign of peace when a little child may actually do as Isaiah prophesied so many years ago. Until then, we hold tight to the promise of hope given to us by the little child in the manger, who grew into the one who died and rose again, giving us hope for a day when all creation will live together in peace.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
OCTOBER	\$ 10,254.00	\$ 10,704.57	(\$ 450.57)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 102,931.26	\$ 103,097.40	(\$ 166.14)

THANK YOU!

- Mae Shimer writes: "A heartfelt thank you to the St. Paul's Stitchers group for the very nice coverlet that was given to me. . . . Again many thanks!" (The Stitchers gave her a beautiful Christmas tie quilt which they made.)
- Wayne and Nancy Sandt are very appreciative for the cards they've received and also for the visit during which they received communion.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

It time to think about our mid-week Advent services for 2016. This year's services will have the theme "**Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth ...**" and each week will take us on a journey to one of three significant locations in ancient Israel which were made special by God's plan. The weekly message will be delivered as a dramatic reading by three of the pastors from the Easton Cluster of Lutheran churches.

(Schedule: 6:00 pm soup supper; 7:00 pm service)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Place</u>
November 30	Jerusalem	St. Paul's (South Side)
December 7	Nazareth	Good Shepherd
December 14	Bethlehem	Arndt's

Offerings received during Advent will be given to support Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), an agency of the ELCA which places young adults into year-long transformative journeys of international service in companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world. Luke Csellak Swanson, a member at St. Andrew's and Pastor Laura's son, is currently serving a year in YAGM in Argentina. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins for the mid-week services.

MILESTONES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On November 20, Brandon Sponder received First Holy Communion. We welcome him to the Lord's table to share in the blessing of Jesus's sacrifice for all of us.

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DECORATING the CHURCH

On Saturday, December 3, at 10 AM, please join us to help decorate the church for Christmas. There is a job for everyone so come on out and lend a hand!

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING . . .

. . . and election of Church Council members will be held on Sunday, December 4, right after the Worship service. Plan to stay for the meeting. Copies of the 2017 budget are available on the table in the Gathering Area.

"MITTEN" TREE

We are collecting new and gently used children's and adult's mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks. These will be distributed at the Ingathering. Deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 6.

CHRISTMAS PEACE PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday, December 10, there will be a 10-mile trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The purpose of this rally is to reflect the non-violent life of Jesus and his truth of forgiving love. Walk to seek a more peaceful world. There is a sign-up sheet and more information on the table in the Gathering Area.

LIVE NATIVITY at ARNDT'S

On Saturday, December 10, beginning at 3 PM, there will be children's activities until 5 PM, then the kids will be fed a light supper. The Live Nativity is from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This will feature live animals, children and adults portraying the characters in the stable, the reading of the Christmas story, and the singing of carols—all adorned by candlelight. The Live Nativity will be held outside so please dress for the weather. Costumes will fit over coats. Refreshments will be available and visitors may bring canned food donations for a local food bank. If you can't stay for the whole time, feel free to come when you can.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant to decorate the church during this festive season, there are order forms on the table in the Gathering Area.

If you are unable to pick up a form, please call the church office and we will take your order and you can send a check. The plants are available in red, white, and pink for a cost of \$8.00 each. They can be picked up after the 10 PM service on Christmas Eve. If you don't want your plant, please indicate that when you order. Deadline is December 18.

CLUSTER STUDY

In recognition of 2017 as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Elizabeth Eaton is encouraging congregations to study Luther's Small Catechism. The Easton cluster of Lutheran churches felt that it would be fun to do this together, so we have set dates, times, and places, starting on January 17, to study this important part of our Lutheran faith. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. You are invited to attend any of the sessions. The places and topics are as follows:

(Schedule: 6:00 pm soup supper; 7:00 pm service)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jan. 17	Introduction and Overview	St. Andrew's
Jan. 24	The Ten Commandments	Good Shepherd
Jan. 31	The Apostle's Creed	St. John's (downtown)
Feb. 7	The Lord's Prayer	St. Paul's III
Feb. 14	Baptism	Arndt's
Feb. 21	Holy Communion	St. Paul's (South Side)
Feb. 28	Fastnacht Follies	Good Shepherd

2018 ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

In 2018 St. Paul's Third will celebrate its 150th Anniversary of founding. We need a committee to plan events, some of which will require months of advance planning, especially if we want special guests or want to make reservations for venues outside of the church. If you would like to be involved, see Pastor Chris.

During this busy season, take time to give thanks for our staff!

As we prepare for the holiday season ahead, let's take a moment to give thanks for the many blessings we receive throughout the year. We here at St. Paul's III can be thankful for the warmth and friendships developed through our various programs and ministries.

We are blessed with a wonderful and talented support staff: Nancy Broadbent, Sallie Smull, and Carole Bell. They each give of their own special gifts throughout the year to help further our congregation's ministries. If you would like to express your appreciation and thanks by donating toward their gift, please use the envelopes on the table in the Gathering Area, or simply mark the "other" line on your regular offering envelope as Staff Gift. You may put the envelope in the collection plate or mail it to the church office (Attn: Cheryl) by December 18.

Your gift will express how much we appreciate their work and say "Thanks for a job well done."

STEWARDSHIP

2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please pick up your new church envelopes. They are on the table in the Gathering Area and are arranged in ALPHABETICAL order. Consider taking those of a friend or neighbor to deliver.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

All Annual Reports are due in the church office no later than Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

REMINDER: All contributions for 2016 must be received in the church office by December 28 so they can be credited to the proper year.

COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

ELECTION DAY FOOD SALES

The proceeds from the food sales total approximately \$1,300, which will go toward building two houses for Food for the Poor. Thanks to all who helped with every aspect from setting up, cooking, selling, and cleaning up. We couldn't have done it without you!

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!

The Hoagie Sale is an ongoing fundraiser. We are now selling tickets for 6-inch hoagies from WaWa, which can be purchased from Stephanie Druckenmiller for \$5 each. There is a large selection from which to choose and they can be used at any WaWa in the United States.

The final report on hoagie sales from Noto's Deli is: as of the end of November, 51 hoagies were sold this year for a profit of \$102.00. Please continue to support this fundraiser.

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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 / WEB PAGE

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

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.stpaulsthir.org

DIRECTORY – Look for a new updated email directory soon.

**The *HERALD* DEADLINE for the
JANUARY issue is December 14.**

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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

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 basket on the table in the Gathering Area.

SECOND SUNDAY

Please 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 **November**, we collected \$268.00 for **VALOR (Veterans Assisted Living Out Reach) Clinic Foundation**, which has a branch in Brodheads ville that helps veterans with housing, employment, and medical needs. In **December** our recipient is **ProJeCt's Literacy Program**. Please continue to support these important programs.

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

ST. PAUL'S STITCHERS

This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall. A knowledge of sewing is not required. We make tie-quilts which are donated to Safe Harbor and lap robes for Gracedale. We also prepare and deliver a lunch for Safe Harbor. Please join us for some fellowship and fun.

Presently, the group is designing and preparing to sew a new signature quilt for our 150th anniversary in 2018 to replace the one currently hanging on the wall in the Narthex. If you'd like to be a part of this, please contact Marion Babb.

We
find
so many
ways to say
it, but the old
familiar words are
somehow always best.
So from every member of
the staff we pray that you
will have a very blessed and
Christ-centered Christmas season
and that God's richest and choicest
blessings fall on you and yours both
now, as we pause with the world
to remember the birth of our
Lord, and throughout
every day in

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Christmas Greetings

Schedule of People Serving for:

DECEMBER 4 10 AM – SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Acolyte	Nancy Frey
Ushers	Jim & Laura Dorsa, Sallie Smull, Betty Buckley
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Al & Barbara Arthur, Daryle Davidson
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeter	Ron Pflugler
Advent Wreath	William Bedoya & Family
Counting Team # 1 A	

DECEMBER 11 10 AM – THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Acolyte	Bella Guiducci
Ushers	Ann Young, Joy Sales, Barbara Miller, Carol English
Lay Reader	Al Arthur
Communion Assts.	Tom Young, Margaret LaDuca, Karen Fretz
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeter	Sallie Smull
Advent Wreath	Vincent Guiducci IV & Family
Counting Team # 2 A	

DECEMBER 18 10 AM – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Acolyte	Sarah Frey
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch, Vincent Guiducci III, Betty Buckley
Lay Reader	Jeff Stout
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Stephanie Druckenmiller, Georgi Weiser
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Greeter	Ann Young
Advent Wreath	Christian Sponder & Family
Counting Team # 3 A	

There will be sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Area for positions at both services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Christmas can be a very lonely time for shut-ins and people who are hospitalized. Let's give them some Christmastime encouragement with a Christmas card "shower." The list of our Homebound Members is listed below.

Doris Adams 610-252-0405	2024 Ealer Avenue Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthdays:</i> May 17, 1928
Decima Assise	The Easton Home 1022 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthdays:</i> Jan. 20, 1934
Walter Auch 610-746-1274 256-497-4244 (cell)	Moravian Hall Square 175 W. North Street Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthdays:</i> Oct. 19, 1920
Jack & Kathleen Bennett 484-635-1768	Country Meadows 4011 Green Pond Road Bldg. 5, 2 nd fl, Room 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>Birthdays:</i> Apr. 11, 1916 (100th birthday)
Grete Hollesen 610-837-6257	14 Woodsbluff Court North Bath, PA 18014-8203	<i>Birthdays:</i> July 11
Jo Madson 610-253-8011	1857 Ferry Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthdays:</i> Feb. 17, 1928
Ruth Marcavia 610-248-9348	Old Orchard Manor Care 4100 Freemansburg Ave., Room 234 Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthdays:</i> Apr. 7, 1920
Janet Marshall 484-896-8497	Gracedale – SE 2, Room 1 2 Gracedale Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthdays:</i> Apr. 26, 1930
Nancy & Wayne Sandt 610-252-2435	2728 Nazareth Road Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthdays:</i> Nancy: June 25, 1937 Wayne: Nov. 8, 1936
Mae Shimer 610-588-7731	1016 Miller Road Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthdays:</i> Dec. 16
Reuben Spurrier 610-248-5631	2351 Fourth St., Avona Heights West Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthdays:</i>
Elverna Turner	Gracedale – Tower 10, Room C-1 2 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthdays:</i> Sept. 3, 1931

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BIRTHDAYS

2	Ann Rodenbach	16	Brandi Lynn Bare
4	Emily Moscaritolo		Mae Shimer
8	Joy Sales		David Sutton
9	James Dorsa Sr.	17	Carm LaDuca
	Debbie Frey	20	Owen Potter
	Michael LaDuca	23	Carol Stocker
11	Kelly Coleman	27	Bev Brodhead
12	Bill Young		Cannon Harris
13	Ed Van Horn Jr.	28	Madilyn Adams
15	Jacob Allen	30	Pauline Calandra

ANNIVERSARIES

12/8/51	Arlo and Marion Babp (65)
12/18/04	Ian and Josie Potter
12/27/58	Bob and Margaret Ronn
12/27/85	Ray and Marge Shelly

*We apologize if we missed your birthday or anniversary.
Please notify the office with any additions and/or corrections.*

St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church

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Pastor's e-mail: cdrucken1@gmail.com

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
Margaret LaDuca	Worship & Music Chair	610-252-4369
Ron Pflugler	Property Co-Chair	610-837-1831
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
Joe DeRogatis	Property	610-559-0927
Karen Fretz	Altar Care Supplies	610-258-5736
Stephanie Druckenmiller	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-837-2457