

Saint Paul's Third Lutheran Church Easton, Pennsylvania 18045



The Herald

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“Just living is not enough”
said the butterfly “One
must have sunshine,
freedom, and a little
flower.” ~ Hans
Christian Anderson

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“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

Luke 21:6

It's easy to understand why the disciples and those who heard Jesus were so shocked at what he said. Looking at what remains of the Western Wall of the Temple and seeing the immensity of the stones, it's hard to imagine them ever being moved at all. Most of the stones weigh between two and eight tons, but some of the larger ones weigh even more. When you place your hand against the wall, you get a sense of permanence, a sense that this is something that has been here for thousands of years and will probably remain for thousands of years more. And to think that this great display of human architecture and engineering is just a small piece of a wall that was just a small piece of an even larger structure that would have rivaled any construction in the modern era. And yet, just as Jesus predicted, the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, with the only piece left of this ancient marvel being this one section of stone wall.

The things of this world don't last. That may sound sad or depressing, but it's a truth that points us to what Jesus wants us to know, that we aren't to focus all of our energy on the things of this world. We are to focus on the things that don't fade away, on the life that lasts for eternity, on the one who was, who is, and who is to come. Sometimes we get caught up in the things of this world even in the church and we lose sight of what's really important. Jesus calls us to remember that it's not the building or the programs or any of the human structures that we put into place that really matter. These things are tools, a means to an end to help us with what's really important: spreading the good news of God's great love for all people. When we remember that, we can look past the "huge stones" that distract us, and focus on the important work of sharing God's love in all we do.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
APRIL	\$ 9,144.55	\$ 10,573.85	(\$ 1,429.30)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 42,722.44	\$ 41,684.88	\$ 1,037.56

THANK YOU!

- ❖ Family Connections of Easton thanks us for the “generous donation of \$138.53 from the Second Sunday collection in March. We truly appreciate your assistance in helping us achieve our mission and continue to grow.”
- ❖ Bear Creek Camp (recipient of Second Sunday collection for April) writes “Thank you very much for the gift of \$137.00. . . . We are grateful for your support and for your partnership in the Gospel.”
- ❖ See full letter on facing page from a soldier in Kuwait.

LOOKING for ALL 2016 GRADUATES!

We want to recognize all our graduates! If you or someone in your family is graduating, please contact the church office with pertinent information (name of graduate, school/college, date, type of degree, future plans).

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning on Sunday, June 5, we will change to our summer schedule of worship at 9 AM. There will be coffee hour on that day, but coffee hour along with Sunday School is in recess until September.

RENEWAL of VOWS

On Sunday, June 12, during the regular morning worship service at 9 AM, we will have a special ceremony for all married couples to renew their vows to one another. Whether it's been a recent wedding, or more years than you can count, renewing our vows of love to one another is a wonderful way to rejoice in the gift of marriage and to celebrate the love that we share with our spouse. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet on the Information Table in the Narthex. We will also celebrate after the service with a reception of wedding cake and coffee for everyone in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this memorable event!

Dear St. Paul's,

I have been meaning to write to you sooner...and I finally have the time to sit down in some peace and quiet and write home! I cannot Thank You enough for your thoughtful care packages this past winter. They were appreciated more than you will ever know. I have never seen anything like the "pocket crosses" before. I want you to know that they were distributed to one of our platoons here and I know of several Soldiers whom they have definitely helped. I carry one myself in my jacket pocket and will continue to do so for the rest of the deployment...and will certainly keep it forever as a reminder of the thoughtfulness of Americans like yourselves.

I cannot tell you how much it means to me to receive care packages from the U.S. while deployed. Everything that I and other officers and leaders receive in the mail gets shared with our Soldiers. It is a great way to improve morale and it serves as a reminder to some that there is a nation of people back home that remembers them and appreciates their hard work. In this regard, we have it much easier than previous generations of Soldiers did. Thank you for helping me and my fellow officers keep our Soldiers' spirits up! It is people like yourself that help to remind us of the great country that we have to come home to.

Our deployment has been an interesting one. There have been some exciting times and some tedious times, but we have found ways to have some fun too during our nine months here. For the most part, we have been training and improving as a unit. Being in Kuwait and in this type of environment gives us the rare opportunity to train and work with partner nations...it has been a lot of fun!

I and all of us look forward to coming home and being back in Kansas soon! Thank you, again, for making our deployment easier. God Bless.

*Much Love and Thanks,
Andrew "LT" Frey*

HOMECOMING SERVICE on AUGUST 21

On August 21, we will be changing our normal 9:00 am service time in order to offer a special service at 2:00 pm. On this day we are inviting our homebound members and their families to make special arrangements so that they can attend worship with us.

Many of our homebound members continue to tell us how much they miss coming to church and how much they miss their church family. Let's take this special day to gather together with as many of our homebound members as possible so that we can renew old friendships or begin new ones.

UPDATING MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It's that time of year when a lot of families are experiencing changes. Children are graduating from high school or college. Some are getting married. And with those changes, there are often changes in address. We've noticed that some of the families listed in our directory still show children with the same address as their parents, even though they no longer live with them. We'd like to get current household information for all of our members so that we can continue to keep in touch with them through the monthly *Herald* and other mailings. If your children have established their own households, please let the church office know so that we can update our records with their new address and phone number.

PROJECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like the new projection equipment and the way the service is projected for everyone to follow along? Would you like to help in preparing slides and/or running the projector on Sunday mornings? It's not as hard as it might sound.

In fact, with a little training, anyone who has basic computer skills can learn how to do this new ministry for our worship service. If this is something you might be interested in, please sign up on the sheet at the Information Table. If you want more details, please see Pastor Chris. A training session will be held to teach you what you need to know to help sustain this new ministry within our worship service.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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 May, we collected \$107.00 for *ELCA World Hunger Appeal*. In **June we will be collecting for Habitat for Humanity and in July for Safe Harbor Easton**. Please continue to support these important programs.

SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 18

We are planning an off-site worship service and church picnic. Details to come!

COLLECTION for CHRISTMAS in JULY

Meals on Wheels is collecting items for their Christmas in July event. Each year, they assemble Christmas gift bags for all the recipients of Meals on Wheels and distribute them in December. Some of the requested necessities are: men's crew socks, women's socks (anklets and/or knee socks), body wash, and shaving cream. Monetary gifts are also appreciated. There will be a container for donations in the Narthex throughout the month of July.

2016 INGATHERING

The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Ingathering will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Our designated item is diapers, size 4-5. We need to collect at least 25 dozen.

There is a collection basket in the Gathering Area.

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.

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, etc. They are also presently requesting 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 small 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!

The Stitchers are in need of clean, used mattress pads or soft blankets to be used as filler for the tie-quilts. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the secretary's office.

JUNE/JULY

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

Bill Ritchie always keeps our web page current. If you have information you want added to the page, email him at billritchie@rcn.com. The *Herald* is also available on-line at www.stpaulsthird.org

**The *HERALD* DEADLINE for
the *AUGUST* issue is JULY 18.**

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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.

KIDNEY NEEDED!

Please pray for Easton resident, Gene Sostarecz, who is in need of a kidney transplant. Gene is a parishioner of St. Jane Frances de Chantal church. He is a father, husband, and former Palmer, Bath, and Liberty assistant baseball coach who has selflessly given of himself despite living with the serious complications of juvenile diabetes. Please consider giving the gift of life and becoming a Living Kidney Donor. Contact Lehigh Valley Health Network, 1-855-674-8767, option #5 (living donor)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held during the week of June 20-24 from 9 AM to 12 noon at Arndt's Lutheran Church. This year's theme is ***The Road to the Cross***. All children ages 3 (by Jan. 1, 2016) and up are welcome. Details and registration information will follow.

LOST and FOUND

Don't forget to check the box on the far table in the Narthex for anything you may be missing. You never know what items that you have not been able to locate might turn up there!

COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

HOAGIES, HOAGIES, HOAGIES!

The Hoagie Sale is an ongoing fundraiser. Tickets for hoagies from Noto's Deli can be purchased from Shirley Stillo for \$5 each. Summer presents a great opportunity to use these for picnics, quick meals, take along on road trips, etc. Please continue to support this fundraiser.

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.

Schedule of People Serving for

JUNE 5 9 AM – PENTECOST 3

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Betty Buckley, Sallie Smull, Carol Jiorle, Vincent Guiducci
Lay Reader	Carol Jiorle
Communion Assts.	Al & Barbara Arthur, Margaret LaDuca
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeter	Shirley Stillo
Counting Team # 3 B	

JUNE 12 9 AM – PENTECOST 4

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Harold & Betsy Ziegler, Georgi & Rich Weiser
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Bev Brodhead, Cheryl Nielsen, Jeff Stout
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeter	Joy Sales
Counting Team # 4 B	

JUNE 19 9 AM – PENTECOST 5

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Shirley Stillo, Vincent Guiducci, Carol Jiorle, Daryle Davidson
Lay Reader	Joan Shultz
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Stephanie Druckenmiller, Margaret LaDuca
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeters	Margaret & Bob Ronn
Counting Team # 1 A	

JUNE 26**9 AM – PENTECOST 6**

Acolyte	Bethany Druckenmiller
Ushers	Ann Young, Betty Buckley, Sallie Smull, Joy Sales
Lay Reader	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Communion Assts.	Daryle Davidson, Tom Young, Stephanie Druckenmiller
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeter	Ron Pflugler
Counting Team # 2 A	

Schedule of People Serving for

JULY 3**9 AM – PENTECOST 7**

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch, Vincent Guiducci, Rich Weiser
Lay Reader	Jordan Druckenmiller
Communion Assts.	Bev Brodhead, Jeff Stout, Georgi Weiser
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Greeters	Ed & Sue Becker
Counting Team # 3 A	

JULY 10**9 AM – PENTECOST 8**

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Jim & Laura Dorsa, Sallie Smull, Betty Buckley
Lay Reader	Carol Jiorle
Communion Assts. Brodhead	Margaret LaDuca, Micki Stout, Bev
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeter	Ann Young
Counting Team # 4 A	

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Reagle	20	James Neff
3	Al Arthur		Stacy Sutton
	Bethany Druckenmiller	23	Ed Milkovitz
9	Charles Brown	24	Pattie Corcoran
10	Daryle Davidson	25	Nancy Sandt
	Sallie Smull	26	Faith Blocker
11	Tyler Aldinger		Dan Short
	Justin Fretz		Gene Stocker
13	Matthew Guirales		Micki Stout
14	Linda Demchak	27	Susan Smallets
	Margaret LaDuca		Kay Sutton
	Bret Milkovitz		Joyce Vinson
18	Rich Aldinger	28	Bob Moran
	Vincent Guiducci IV	29	Sue Becker
	Mindy Lees		Gina Leposa
	30	Mark Henley	

ANNIVERSARIES

6/8/1963	George and Mary Ann Short
6/12/1965	Pete and Cheryl Warg
6/12/1999	Chris and Heather Sponder
6/14/1968	Jim and Barbara Miller
6/21/1986	Joel and Donna Compton (30)
6/28/1970	John and Edith Roberts

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

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

2	David Reagle	15	Heather Sponder
	Janet Frankenfield	17	Morgan Neel
3	Ahlanei Fly	18	Joan Fisher
5	Lee Litzenberger	21	George Lang Jr.
8	Tanya Adams	23	Tom Brodhead Jr.
	Todd Aldinger		Maiya Lang
	Stefanie Dean	25	Marge Shelly
9	Richard Drescher	26	Edith Roberts
	Doris Halpin	27	Marty Reagle
	Harold Ziegler	28	Bryan Reagle
11	Joyce Gosch		Autumn Van Horn
	Grete Hollesen	30	Nancy Frey
13	Andrew DeRogatis	31	Brandon Mowry
14	Maxx Steible		

ANNIVERSARIES

7/3/1976	Edwin and Brenda Van Horn (40)
7/9/1950	Robert and Doris Halpin
7/11/1992	Margaret and Carm LaDuca
7/17/1965	Tom and Ann Young

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Church Staff

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

Church Council and Officers

Daryle Davidson	Acting President / Stewardship	610-905-5991
Micki Stout	Secretary / Community Growth & Fellowship / Mutual Ministry	610-252-1584
Ed Becker	Scouts Chair	610-253-4470
Betty Buckley	Social Ministry / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-252-8896
Vincent Guiducci	Property Co-Chair	610-248-9956
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
Bev Brodhead	Asst. Financial Secretary	610-258-9935
Pattie Corcoran	Office Assistant	610-559-0485
Joe DeRogatis	Property	610-559-0927
Catherine Nicholson	Altar Care Supplies	610-258-8308
Stephanie Druckenmiller	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-837-2457