

**Saint Paul's Third Lutheran Church
Easton, Pennsylvania 18045**



The Herald

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**"Don't worry about tomorrow
God is already there!"**

Larry Perkins

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LABOR DAY



**LABOR DAY is the only
legal holiday in
September. It comes on
the first Monday, and is
celebrated in both the
United States and
Canada.**

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“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.” Luke 11:4

This September 11th marks the 15th anniversary of the events of that terrible day when it seems like our whole world changed. I remember those days as if they were just yesterday. I remember the fear, the distrust, the shock and horror, and the anger—lots of anger that sought a target for our rage and our desire for revenge. Five years ago, when I had just been with you for a couple of weeks as your Vicar, I looked at the lessons for the day, September 11, 2011, and I saw that they were all about forgiveness. I thought that God was playing a cruel joke on me. After ten years people were still angry, still outraged over what had happened. I wasn't even sure that I wanted to forgive. How could I preach a message of forgiveness to others? It's now 15 years later and I'm still asking the same question. To some people, the wounds are still as fresh now as they were in the days immediately following the attacks. And yet, Jesus calls us to forgive. He doesn't say forgive when it is easy or convenient or even when the ones who have wronged us show that they are repentant for what they have done. Jesus doesn't say just forgive when you feel ready to or when you've spent all your anger and rage and had your revenge. Jesus calls us to forgive in the midst of pain and suffering, in the midst of anger and rage, in the midst of things we still don't completely understand.

Our call as Christians includes the message from Jesus of unconditional love for all people and of forgiveness and mercy for all people. We have been shown that love, that forgiveness and mercy, as only Jesus could give, so that we can do the same for those around us, near and far. And we don't do it alone. If we had to, most of us would probably fail. But Jesus gives us the ability to forgive, the strength to forgive, the courage to forgive, because he first forgave us. Without his forgiveness, we wouldn't stand a chance. But with his forgiveness, we can forgive others, even when we think we can't.

There is so much division in our world right now. We need the forgiveness that only comes from Jesus, to forgive us for our own participation in these divisions, and to forgive others for the part that they play. Let us all seek that forgiveness and pass it on.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
JULY	\$ 14,690.72	\$ 12,497.05	\$ 2,193.67
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 74,301.02	\$ 71,303.10	\$ 2,997.92

THANK YOU!

- St. Paul's (South Side) Social Ministry writes:
"Your continued support of our food pantry is greatly appreciated."

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, September 11, our Worship Service will begin at 10 AM. There will be Coffee Hour following the service, so please check the bulletin board to sign up to bake and/or host.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

We are again participating in God's Work, Our Hands on Sunday, September 11. Our two projects this year are:

- Collection of items for the Center for Animal Health & Welfare (gently used towels, sheets, pillowcases, blankets, kitty litter, cat and dog food, laundry detergent, bleach, and office supplies). If you want to collect door-to-door in your neighborhood and would like to have flyers to distribute, please notify the church office. This will run through the month of September.
- Hymn Sing at Gracedale at 2 PM. We will Meet in the chapel there at 1:30 to assist with transporting the residents. Please consider joining us, since they always need help to find the page numbers of the hymns and love to meet new people. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Area soon.

CHURCH PICNIC

We are planning a picnic at Penn Pump Park on Sunday, September 18. Our worship service will begin at 10 AM, with the picnic following. It will be a covered dish meal with meats and beverages provided by the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday School is coming and it's **EXPLODING** with new fun! The adventure begins on Sunday, September 25, at 9 AM. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to experience Power Lab and discover Jesus' *miraculous power* through Sonic Singing, Bible Blasts, Science Experiments, Crafts, Game Weeks, and Snack Sundays. Bring a friend and prepare to have a **BLAST!**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year's confirmation class will meet on Sunday, September 25, at 6 PM. The class will then meet monthly on the third Sunday of each month at 6 PM.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte instruction is available for all youth and adults interested in serving in this important ministry within our worship service. A training session will be held on Sunday, October 2, at 11:15 AM. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area or see Margaret LaDuca for more information.

LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS GAME

Are you interested in going to an ice-hockey game to support our local team, the Lehigh Valley Phantoms? If so, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Cheryl Nielsen. We need at least 15 people in order to qualify for the group rate of \$22.00 per ticket. We plan to go on a Saturday or Sunday before Christmas, so any snowbirds can join us before they leave for warmer climates.

2018 ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Yes, I know that 2018 seems like a long way away, but it will be here before you know it, and in 2018 St. Paul's Third will celebrate its 150th Anniversary of founding. We would like to get a committee together to start planning events for our anniversary year. I know it seems like it's far in the future, but some events will require a year or more of advance planning, especially if we want special guests or want to make reservations for events outside of the church. If you would like to be involved in helping to make our anniversary year 12 months of special events, please see Pastor Chris.

MILESTONES

DEATH

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Rosa A. Stout at her death on August 6. Pastor Chris officiated at the funeral service held at the church on August 9. Donations to the Memorial Fund are being accepted in Rosa's name.

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UPDATING MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We've noticed that some of the families listed in our records 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.

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.

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? With a little training, anyone who has basic computer skills can learn how. If this is something you might be interested in, please sign up on the sheet on the Information Table. If you want more details, please see Pastor Chris or Stephanie. A training session will be held to teach you what you need to know.

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 / WEB PAGE

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

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

DIRECTORY – There is a new (partial) listing of the email addresses on file on the Information Table in the Narthex. If your name and current email address are there, please indicate with a check mark that it is correct, OR correct it, OR add your name to the list if it is not there, OR call or email the church office.

**The *HERALD* DEADLINE for the
OCTOBER issue is September 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.

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 **August**, we collected \$140.75 for the **Boys & Girls Club of Easton** to help them purchase school supplies for less fortunate children. Please continue to support these important programs.

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 have exceeded our quota with over 40 dozen so far. There is always a need for diapers, so the collection will continue.

We also accept donations of new or gently used blankets, twin sheets, towels, comforters, socks, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and children's toys and puzzles. These are then sorted and given to appropriate service agencies in our district. Please put your donations near the diaper collection 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 basket on the table in the Gathering Area.

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!

Some of the ladies also help to set up and serve at funeral luncheons held in Fellowship Hall upon request. This is also a wonderful ministry for the women of St. Paul's III.

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, Room 501 Bethlehem, PA 18020	<i>Birthdays:</i> Jack: March 11, 1927 Kathleen: Jan. 16, 1926
Lillian Bethman 610-252-2787	Weston Senior Living at Sullivan Trail 2222 Sullivan Trail, Room 211 Easton, PA 18040	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 11, 1916 (100th birthday)
Grete Hollesen 610-837-6257	14 Woodsbluff Court North Bath, PA 18014-8203	<i>Birthday:</i> July 11
Lee Litzenberger	357 N. Nulton Street Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> July 5, 1930
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., Room 234 Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 7, 1920
Janet Marshall 484-896-8497	Gracedale – SE 2, Room 1 2 Gracedale Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</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>Birthday:</i> Dec. 16
Reuben Spurrier 610-248-5631	2351 Fourth St., Avona Heights West Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i>
Elverna Turner	Gracedale – Tower 10, Room C-1 2 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Sept. 3, 1931

Schedule of People Serving for

SEPTEMBER 4 9 AM – PENTECOST 16

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Laura & Jim Dorsa, Vincent Guiducci, Bev Brodhead
Lay Reader	Margaret LaDuca
Communion Assts.	Stephanie Druckenmiller, Margaret LaDuca, Daryle Davidson
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeters	Jim & Kitty Van Horn
Counting Team # 4 A	

SEPTEMBER 11 10 AM – PENTECOST 17

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Rich Weiser, Ann Young, Carol English, Barbara Miller
Lay Reader	Joan Shultz
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Georgi Weiser, Tom Young
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeter	Sandy Matyger
Counting Team # 1 B	

SEPTEMBER 18 10 AM – SERVICE and PICNIC at PENN PUMP PARK

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch, Bev Brodhead
Lay Reader	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Stephanie Druckenmiller
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Counting Team # 2 B	

SEPTEMBER 25 10 AM – PENTECOST 19

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Vincent Guiducci, Betty Buckley, Joy Sales, Sallie Smull
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Bev Brodhead, Margaret LaDuca, Daryle Davidson
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeter	Ron Pflugler
Counting Team # 3 B	

*Schedule of People
Serving for*

OCTOBER 2 10 AM – PENTECOST 20

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Renee Golaszewski, Shirley Stillo, Harold & Betsy Ziegler
Lay Reader	Al Arthur
Communion Assts.	Al & Barbara Arthur, Tom Young
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeter	Ann Young
Counting Team # 4 B	

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

9/1/62	Marty & Pat Reagle
9/1/94	William & Lynn Werner
9/12/87	Mark & Melody Henley
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 (35)
9/27/80	Henry & Debbie Greenleaf
9/27/87	Eric & Tracy Steible

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

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	Carol 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
<i>(Seeking someone)</i>	Altar Care Supplies	
Stephanie Druckenmiller	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-837-2457