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“In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom...” (Ezra 1:1 NRS)

If you want to read more about what King Cyrus proclaimed throughout all his empire, turn to the Old Testament prophet Ezra to read of the exiled Israelites return to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the Temple. What strikes me about this passage, though, isn't so much what King Cyrus did, but why he did it. “The Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia...” It was because of God that Cyrus acted, and Cyrus isn't afraid to admit it. He proclaims to the people that they should encourage the Israelites in their journey by giving them gifts of gold and silver and he gives back to the Israelites everything that had been removed from the Temple when they were first taken into exile. It's a remarkable thing to do for the man who controlled the whole of the Babylonian Empire.

There are countless other stories in the Bible where God influenced key individuals to do great deeds that had a huge effect on God's people and the world. But there are even more stories, not found in the Bible, where God inspired the lives of common, ordinary people to do everyday things that may have only touched a small number of people, or even just one individual. Just because these stories didn't make it into the Bible doesn't mean that they are any less important to those who were involved. In both cases, it was God who played the main role in touching the life of one person, and then it rippled out from there. God calls each of us, every day, to do great things, and to do everyday things, that make a difference in the world. Sometimes it's not noticeable what result these things have on those around us, or if they have any effect at all, but that doesn't make them any less important than what King Cyrus did thousands of years ago. If it's important enough for God to stir you to it, then listen to that voice of God and follow God's call.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
JUNE	\$ 6,445.60	\$ 10,539.18	\$ (4,093.58)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 60,135.24	\$ 68,111.28	\$ (7,976.04)

THANK YOU!

- Easton Area Neighborhood Center sent a letter thanking us for our “most generous donation of food supplies” for their food pantry.

MILESTONES

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, June 4, the following students reaffirmed their baptismal faith through confirmation:

William Bedoya
Vincent Guiducci

Bethany Dorsa (6/18)
Christian Sponder

May they continue to grow in God’s love and may God guide them in their lifelong faith journey.

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SERVICE for the HOMEBOUND

On Sunday, August 20, we are changing our normal 9:00 am service time in order to offer a special service at 2:00 pm. We are inviting our homebound members and their families to make special arrangements so that they can attend worship with us. Many of them 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. **We need volunteers for transportation!** A few of our homebound members would really like to attend the special service but need transportation. Anyone willing to help out on August 20, please see Pastor Chris. We would prefer two people for each homebound member, so partner up with a friend and do a good deed that will mean so much!

OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING

Give Me That Old Time Religion, I'll Fly Away, Precious Lord, Rock of Ages – Do any of these hymns stir something in your heart that remind you of a time long ago? We are planning a Revival service, of sorts, to bring back these favorite hymns. On Wednesday, August 23, at Arndt's Lutheran Church, the Easton Cluster of churches will be gathering for a joint worship service in the old-time revival style. There will be lots of singing, praying, and reading from scripture to warm our hearts and stir our souls. Weather-permitting, the service will be held outdoors under the pavilion. There will also be a meal before the service. Please bring a covered dish to share with your neighbors. I invite you to come out and enjoy a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship. Dinner is at 6:00 pm and the service is at 7:00 pm.

FALL SCHEDULE

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

2018 ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

In 2018 St. Paul's Third will celebrate its 150th Anniversary of founding. Planning has begun on some major events as well as other activities to mark this special occasion. But we need help! We have established the following work groups: Celebrations, Time Capsule, Monthly Collections, Videos of members, Pictorial Directory, Memorabilia, and Historical Displays. If you would like to help or have ideas for other ways to enhance our celebrations, please contact the church office.

UPDATING MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It's that time of year when some families are experiencing changes. Children are leaving for college; some are recently married. With those changes, there are often differences in address. There are families listed in our records who still show children living with their parents, even though they've moved. In order to keep our records up to date, if your children have established their own households, please notify the church office with their new address and phone number.

From the MUSIC DIRECTOR'S BENCH

Lately, I've had a lot of positive comments about the bell choir and their recent performances on Easter and again in June.

If you heard them, you know why. Our Joyful Ringers are just that—joyful ringers! They have fun doing what they do, and they enjoy learning new music and techniques. When we began, we had a group of people, most of whom did not read music and who could not even play the simplest compositions for handbells. So we began with easy arrangements we made up, ringing only one or two bells at a time.

The bell choir now plays “real” bell music, with four or more bells ringing at any given time. If you watch, as well as listen, you've seen that they have learned lots of new techniques—striking bells with mallets, striking bells against the tables, making the bells echo, or playing both chimes and handbells at the same time. What a great example they are of members of the church working together to reach a common goal. It's also a wonderful illustration of what we can do with our talents, however meager they seem to us, working together with God's help.

So if you told me about how great the bells sounded, thanks, but be sure to tell the ringers themselves. They deserve all the credit and encouragement.

And please think about joining us. We are at a point where we can't move on to the next level without more hands and bells. We'd love to have you come and participate, and we'll start you off with the easy parts until you get the hang of it. We have fellowship, we have fun, we have music, and we often have cake . . . who can resist that combination?

STEWARDSHIP

VACATION

If you are planning an August get-away, remember the church continues to function in your absence. Don't take a vacation from your financial support for all the ministries at St. Paul's III. Maybe now would be a good time to consider joining Thrivent's Simply Giving program. An amount determined by you is automatically deducted monthly from your bank account. See Sarah Frey for more information. If you do travel, please let us know so that we can include you in the Sunday prayers.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The week of June 26th was an exciting and successful week for Vacation Bible School. Once again we joined ministry with Arndt's Lutheran Church while leading approximately 35 young people and at least 25 youth and adult volunteers through stories of the Old Testament. All involved enjoyed the singing, crafts, games, stories and snacks while learning valuable lessons through God's Word. New relationships were formed and old friendships renewed. We thank the congregation for their most generous donations and prayers that made the week possible. We are already looking forward to next year!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This September we begin a new confirmation program year. If you have a child entering seventh grade, or an older child who has not yet completed their confirmation, call the church office to be included in the planning.

AUGUST

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 SEPTEMBER
issue of the *Herald* is AUGUST 16.**

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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 are creating 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 June, we collected \$95.00 for the Third Street Alliance and in **July we collected \$122.00 for Safe Harbor**. In August our recipient will be the Boys and Girls Club of Easton. Please continue to support these programs.

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. As of mid-July, we already are about 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.

Projectionist – run the projector on Sunday mornings during the 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.

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
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	Gracedale – SE 1, Rm 15 2 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Dec. 16
Reuben Spurrier	Manor Care Health Care 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

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

2	Ron Pflugler	21	Drew Bronico
3	Isabella Guiducci	22	Adam Van Horn
4	Jordan Druckenmiller	25	Kay Young
	Georgi Weiser	26	Renee Golaszewski
5	Dustin Taff	27	Tracy Steible
7	Laura Dorsa	28	Ann Young
11	Todd Frey		Sarah Frey
	Amy Mowry	29	Margaret Ronn
16	Josie Potter	30	Mike Smallets
20	Marion Babp	31	Ethan Roberts
			Margaret Tice

ANNIVERSARIES

8/10/2007	Dave and Gina Leposa (10)
8/11/1973	Ron and Barbara Pflugler
8/12/1973	Al and Barbara Arthur
8/20/1994	George and Jammie Lang
8/24/1957	Gerald and Gloria Krenik (60)
8/26/1972	Michael and Susan Smallets (45)
8/26/1979	Howard and Daryle Ann Davidson
8/28/1982	Tom and Mindy Lees (35)
8/30/1958	Jack and Kathleen Bennett

*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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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
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
Karen Fretz	Altar Care Supplies	610-258-5736
Stephanie Druckenmiller	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-837-2457