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JANUARY 2017

“And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.”
Matthew 2:12

What became of the wise men after they left Bethlehem, having seen the child Jesus? All Matthew tells us is that they returned to their own country by another road. Did they go out joyfully, telling everyone they saw about the new king? Did they spread the message of his birth in their own country? Did they tell and retell the story of how surprised Mary and Joseph were to see them? Did they laugh to themselves at the looks on their faces when they laid their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at the feet of Jesus? It was such a costly treasure, probably more than this poor couple had seen in their lives, a treasure that would support them while they made their way to the safety of Egypt to live there until the threat from Herod was over. Did the wise men know what a profound impact they would have? Did they realize that what they did would be told again and again throughout the whole world? Maybe all they knew was that they needed to worship this new king and offer what they could to honor him.

It's now January and, for most folks, Christmas is over. The baby Jesus has been put away with the rest of the Christmas decorations. But what about us? Like the wise men who visited Jesus, I wonder what our response is as we re-enter our ordinary, everyday lives. Do we go out joyfully, spreading the Good News that he is born, that God has come to us, Emmanuel? Do we tell each other the stories, over and over, of what it was like on Christmas morn? Do we take the story of the babe in the manger with us wherever we go and give thanks for this precious gift that has been given to us? Maybe our worship and our offering of gifts to the Christ child aren't something that will be written in a sacred book for generations to hear and believe as part of the incredible witness to God's visit to our earth. But maybe all we really need to know is what the wise men believed so many years ago—that we, too, need to worship this one who would become the Savior of the world. And the precious gift that we need to give him is our very selves: our hearts, and minds, and strength.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
NOVEMBER	\$ 10,465.31	\$ 12,316.81	(\$ 1,851.50)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$113, 396.57	\$ 115,414.21	(\$ 2,017.64)

THANK YOU!

- Habitat for Humanity (Lehigh Valley) sent a letter of thanks for our donation of \$161.42 "which will help us serve more families in our community." This was the Second Sunday offering for June.
- Rev. Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA Disaster Relief, thanks us for the \$114.00 gift to ELCA for Hurricane Matthew. This was the Second Sunday offering for October.
- Janet Marshall called to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, and especially the lovely Christmas gift delivered to her by our Sending Communion team.
- *Pastor Chris and family extend a heartfelt thank you for the generous monetary gift given to them on Christmas Eve, which expressed the kindness, caring, and support of our members.*
- *The staff (Nancy, Sallie, and Carole) also wish to thank everyone for their Christmas gifts! This kind gesture has made them feel truly appreciated for all their work.*

UN-DECORATING the CHURCH

On Saturday, January 7, at 10 AM, please join us to help take down the Christmas decorations. More hands make light work!

ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

In 2018, St. Paul's Third will celebrate its 150th anniversary of founding. We would like to get a committee together to plan events. Some of these will require a year or more of advance organizing and scheduling, especially if we want special guests or want to make reservations for venues outside of the church. If you would like to be involved in helping make our 150th anniversary a year-long special event, please come out for a planning meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7 PM.

CLUSTER STUDY of CATECHISM

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:

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Topic</i></u>	<u><i>Place</i></u>
Jan. 17	Introduction and Overview	St. Andrew's
Jan. 24	The Ten Commandments	Good Shepherd
Jan. 31	The Apostles' 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

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29 (snow date February 5), immediately following the worship service. Please plan to stay for this important meeting.

COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

HOLIDAY DINNER

The Holiday Dinner proved once again to be a huge success with about 75 people in attendance. A big thank you for all of Stephanie's hard work and also to those who showed up that morning to set up and help prepare the food. The assistance of everyone is always appreciated. Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2017!

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 "shortie" 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 country.

AMBASSADORS CLUB of ST. PAUL'S THIRD

The Ambassadors Club is an over-55 group which meets the third Monday of each month at 1 PM at the Chrin building on Green Pond Road. 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 the president, Angelo Trinchere, at 610-258-6916.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the 10 AM worship service for coffee, tea, and goodies. If you'd like to bake and/or serve as hostess, sign up on the sheet on the standing bulletin board in the Narthex.

JANUARY

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.stpaulsthird.org

DIRECTORY – Look for a new updated email directory soon.

**The *HERALD* DEADLINE for the
FEBUARY issue is January 15.**

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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

2016 INGATHERING

A special thank you to the people and friends of SP3 as we have again surpassed our goal for the Ingathering collection. We collected 48 dozen diapers (we were assigned 25)! Kudos to all—you are a very generous group. As we have shared our blessings with others, may we continue to do God's work.

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 **December**, we collected \$173.00 for **ProJeCt's Literacy Program**. In **January** our recipient is **12 Baskets Full** (the food pantry at St. Paul's South Side). Please continue to support these important programs.

For the year 2016, our Second Sunday offerings have totalled \$1,929.17! This is quite a large amount of money that we have donated to 12 worthwhile organizations. If you have any suggestions of other worthy groups to be recipients, please see Cheryl Nielsen.

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.

SAFE HARBOR

Our local homeless shelter is always in need of hygiene products, cleaning products, etc. Please check the list on the table in the Gathering Area or go to their Wish List at safeharboreaston.org to see what the current needs are.

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 working on a new signature quilt for our 150th anniversary in 2018 to replace the one currently hanging on the wall in the Narthex. If you haven't signed your signature square, please contact Marion Babp.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BOOKCASE/BOOKRACK

Our collection of Christian fiction and non-fiction literature has over-filled our bookshelves once again! Many readers donate their favorite books for others to read. The bookcase is located in the Narthex. We accept donations of books but ***only*** Christian-based literature. Take time to browse through the selection. If you find something you like, feel free to borrow it and return it when you are through. We have expanded the library by adding another smaller book-case which contains several children's books along with adult non-fiction.

Christ in Our Home, a daily devotional booklet which is taken to our homebound members by the visitation teams when they take communion, is very popular with our members and can be found in the bookrack near the front door. There is also other reading material for all interests.

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LOST and FOUND

Don't forget to check the box on the far table in the Narthex for anything you may be missing.

Schedule of People Serving for

JANUARY 8 **10 AM – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Acolytes	Sarah Frey, Pattie Corcoran, <i>Crossbearer:</i> Ned Corcoran
Ushers	Jim & Laura Dorsa, Joy Sales, Betty
Buckley	
Lay Reader	Cheryl Nielsen
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Georgi Weiser, Cheryl Nielsen
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeters	John & Joyce Gosch
Counting Team # 2 B	

JANUARY 15 **10 AM – EPIPHANY 2**

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Vincent Guiducci, Barbara Miller, Carol English, Renee Golaszewski
Lay Reader	Carol Jiorle
Communion Assts.	Karen Fretz, Micki Stout, Stephanie Druckenmiller
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeters	Jim & Kitty Van Horn
Counting Team # 3 B	

JANUARY 22 **10 AM – EPIPHANY 3**

Acolyte	Nancy Frey
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch, Rich & Georgi Weiser
Lay Reader	Jeff Stout
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Bev Brodhead, Vincent
Guiducci	
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Greeter	Sallie Smull
Counting Team # 4 B	

JANUARY 29 10 AM – EPIPHANY 4

Acolyte	Bethany Druckenmiller
Ushers	Shirley Stillo, Bev Brodhead, Joy Sales, Margaret LaDuca
Lay Reader	Al Arthur
Communion Assts.	Al & Barbara Arthur, Daryle Davidson
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeter	Ron Pflugler
Counting Team # 1 A	

*Schedule of People
Serving for*

**FEBRUARY 5 10 AM – EPIPHANY 5 /
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

Acolyte	Bella Guiducci
Ushers	Jim Dorsa to oversee Boy Scouts
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Harold & Betsy Ziegler
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Counting Team # 2 A	

The list of our Homebound Members is listed below.

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 2222 Sullivan Trail, Rm. 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
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

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

2	Neil Frey	19	Kathy Grier
3	Bethany Dorsa		Katie Miller
4	Kim Lacy	20	Hazel Dorsa Araujo
6	Brett Stout		Barbara Arthur
12	Robert Mowry		Decima Assise
	George Short III		Russell Neff
	Tom Young	22	John Gosch
16	Kathleen Bennett		Doris Hall
	Camryn Ealer	23	John Gamlin
17	Aleana Brodhead	28	Alyson La Duca
	Matthew Siedt	30	Ann Adams
18	Andrew Adams		Edwin Van Horn Sr.
	Harry Lomping	31	Arlo Babb
	Peggy Bickel		

NO ANNIVERSARIES

(that we know)

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

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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
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