

BETHLEHEM/EASTON MISSION INGATHERING

The Ingathering for the Bethlehem/Easton Mission District will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Our congregation's designated item is 180 bars of soap and 180 washcloths. You can wrap each bar in a washcloth and fasten it with a rubber band or just donate the items and we will assemble them before December. There will be a basket to collect these items in the Gathering Area soon.

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.

SAFE HARBOR

Our local homeless shelter needs assistance! There is a list of items most needed on the table in the Gathering Area. Please remember that Safe Harbor also accepts new and gently-used seasonal clothing for men and women. Don't forget about shoes, sneakers, jackets, tote bags, purses, baseball caps. Some of the ladies appreciate perfumes, nail polish, and costume jewelry you no longer use.

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 for Safe Harbor and lap robes for Gracedale. We also prepare and deliver lunch to Safe Harbor.

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Last fall, Paula and I went to Europe for two weeks. We began with two days in Budapest. Then we cruised the Blue Danube for ten days, visiting Vienna, Salzburg, and other cities; and we ended with two days in Prague.

We really enjoyed this vacation; however, we found that such a whirlwind tour allowed us only to see the highlights of each location and to get a general impression of the area. To thoroughly understand the culture of a region would require a much longer and more intense experience.

I think the same thing is true of our spiritual journey through life. It's all too easy to become a "religious tourist," because that requires much less time and effort than a true spiritual encounter with God.

Occasionally reading a bit of scripture or some devotional material, or listening to a sermon by your favorite preacher on television, or attending worship only a few times a year limits you to being a religious tourist. There's nothing wrong with this in and of itself, but you will not likely have a "close encounter" with the living God. That takes real time and sweat, so to speak.

- It requires spending real time in scripture, allowing God's Spirit to speak to you.
- It requires worship on a regular basis, to be fed with the body and blood of Christ.
- It requires total immersion into the culture of Christ's Body, the people of God.

After spending that kind of time and effort, you might just see your life in a new way and find yourself transformed. This summer season, don't take a vacation from your spiritual journey. Don't allow yourself to become merely a religious tourist. Stay close to God, as you continue into the future God is creating just for you.

Pastor Paul

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
APRIL	\$ 15,294.45	\$ 8,133.22	\$ 7,161.23
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 38,535.16	\$ 34,953.50	\$ 3,581.66

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

- Pat Steckel wrote: "Thank you all so much for my mother (Lillian Bethman) and my birthday cards on April 11. It was much appreciated."
- From the Girl Scouts of Eastern PA: "GSEP volunteer Paula Lynch [leader of the senior GS troop that meets here] shared with us how wonderful and generous you have been with our local troops and service units. Please accept this token of our appreciation on behalf of all of us." (They sent pens, bookmarks, and a box of GS cookies which we took to Safe Harbor.)
- Micki Stout sent a note (referring to the Opening of the Time Capsule and Pot-Luck Lunch) saying: "WOW, what a kickoff—64 friends gathering together to share a meal. What a beautiful sight! The day could not have happened without the help of our food preparers and all who set up and cleaned up. I only come with a vision; YOU make it happen! Remember to mark your calendars for the upcoming events."
- Food for the Poor sent a letter thanking us for our gift of \$3,800.00 to build two houses. It stated: "Thank you for helping to answer prayers and letting your light shine, just like Christ commanded."

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship service remains at 10 AM—there is no change in time as in the past. Sunday School and Coffee Hour will begin again in September.

MARK the DATE—MONDAY, JUNE 18 . . .

. . . at 7 PM here at the church as part of our search our search for a new pastor. This is an opportunity for the congregation to express any concerns or ask questions of Bishop Zeiser and Pastor Huber about the call process.

150th ANNIVERSARY

June 16: Rummage Sale (see article on page 3);

July 15: After the worship service, there will be a picnic outdoors (weather permitting). Please bring your own picnic lunch followed by games of bingo, croquet, and bean bag toss.

Month of July: collection of 150 individually-wrapped rolls of toilet paper to fill cloth bags made by Stitchers to donate to Meals on Wheels Christmas in July campaign. There will be a container in the Narthex for your donations. (See article below.)

August: collection of 150 back-to-school supplies; **September:** Oldies Dance; **October 14:** visit from Bishop Zeiser of NEPA Synod followed by brunch; **November:** Ladies Tea; **December:** children's Christmas party and a family Christmas get-together. If you have any ideas, or want to be involved in any of these projects, please see Joyce Gosch, Chairperson.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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, ELCA, and our world. In May we collected \$154.00 for **Bear Creek Camp. The recipient in June will be the Summer Nights Program at the Easton Area Community Center and in July we will collect for Safe Harbor.** Please continue to support these worthwhile programs.

"CHRISTMAS in JULY"

Every year we participate in this event sponsored by Meals on Wheels of Northampton County. This year we are collecting individually-wrapped rolls of toilet paper to be placed in cloth bags made by the Stitchers. These bags will adhere to a walker or can be used in other ways by the recipients of Meals on Wheels. There will be a box in the Narthex throughout the month of July. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

FROM the MUSIC DIRECTOR'S BENCH

I recently sat through an all-day seminar about the opioid crisis in Pennsylvania. We talked about how, and why, drugs affect our brains. It turns out the opioids do, on an exponentially larger scale, what we can do on our own. Our brains produce dopamine, the “feel good” chemical, all by themselves. When we eat a brownie, when we realize it’s finally Friday, when we get kissed, we get that dopamine boost, without the need for outside drugs. We are happier, calmer, and get more enjoyment out of our days. You probably already knew that your choices and your attitude affected your mood, but it’s not just psychological, it’s a physical effect.

I’d like to propose St. Paul’s III as a good source of dopamine stimulation. Think of all the pleasure you can derive from coming to church. You’re greeted by friends and smiles; you see the glory of the sanctuary and experience its calming effect; I hope you hear and sing beautiful and uplifting music; and of course there are all those sweets at coffee hour. (Food, we were told at our training, raises your dopamine levels 150%!)

But best of all, there’s the spiritual connection, the communion with God. If that isn’t a mood elevator, what would be? So, if you need another incentive to come to church and be active, here it is—it will change your brain chemistry and make you feel happier.

Now, if you had found a great new restaurant, a new Yankee Candle fragrance, or a new movie that made you feel great and boosted your mood, you’d tell your friends, right? So bring them to church next week.

Share the high.

RUMMAGE SALE

There will be a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 16, from 8 AM til 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall. We will accept children’s and baby clothing only but no TV’s, computers, large furniture, or mattresses. You may **drop off items** on: Sunday, June 10, after our worship service; Monday and Tuesday, June 11 & 12 between 9 AM and 2 PM; Thursday and Friday, June 14 & 15, from 5 PM to 7 PM. Please call the church office to make sure someone is here to let you in for Monday and Tuesday drop-offs. There will also be a Bake Sale so anyone who loves to bake, please sign up. We need volunteers to help set-up, work at the sale, and clean up afterwards. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Donna Loveland at 610-905-8983.

IRON PIGS GAME

The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District is sponsoring a game on Friday, July 13, at 7:05 PM at Coca Cola Park. Tickets are \$11.00 each and are loaded with \$2.00 good for food or use in the Majestic Store. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Deadline is Friday, June 29. For details, see Cheryl Nielsen.

MILESTONES

GRADUATES

- ❖ **ANNA LADUCA** (daughter of Margaret and Carm LaDuca) graduates from Easton Area High School on June 11. Anna plans to attend Moravian College and major in nursing.
- ❖ **GREGORY SALES** (grandson of Joy Sales) also graduates from Easton Area High School. He will attend Moravian College and major in criminal justice.
- ❖ **MITCHELL YOUNG** (grandson of Tom and Ann Young; son of Phillip and Kelly Young) graduates from Montoursville High School on June 8. He plans to attend Franklin & Marshall College with interests in theater and physics.

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, school/college, date, type of degree, future plans).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Once again we will be joining with Arndt's for an exciting and educational Vacation Bible School! The program will be held at **Arndt's on June 25-29 from 9 AM to noon**. Our theme is "**Marketplace, 29 A.D.**"

This experience of reliving Bible-time events, occupations, and relationships will acquaint children *and adults* with their Christian heritage through stories, songs, games, and crafts. *Many youth and adult leaders and guides are needed to make this a meaningful week.* There are registration forms and sign-up sheets in the Narthex on the information table or you can call the church office. If you have any questions, please see Margaret LaDuca or Pattie Corcoran.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: TWELVE WOMEN of the BIBLE

Beginning on Tuesday, July 3, at 7 PM, there will be a 12-week DVD Women's Bible Study focusing on one biblical woman each week. Discover new insights to

God's gracious love that will leave you challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued. Apply biblical lessons to modern day struggles and successes. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. The class will run through Sept. 25.

Come when you can; each week stands alone. The cost of the study guide is \$11.00. See Margaret LaDuca for more information.

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.

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 ADDRESS

Office: sp3office@rcn.com

WEB PAGE

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 an updated email directory in the church office, should you need information.

DEADLINE for the AUGUST issue of the *Herald* is JULY 15.

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

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.

JUNE

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Reagle	20	James Neff
10	Daryle Davidson		Stacy (Sutton) Mensch
	Sallie Smull	24	Pattie Corcoran
11	Tyler Aldinger	26	Gene Stocker
	Justin Fretz		Micki Stout
14	Margaret LaDuca	27	Susan Smallets
18	Rich Aldinger		Kay Sutton
	Vincent Guiducci IV		Joyce Vinson
	Mindy Lees	29	Sue Becker
	30		Mark Henley

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2	David Reagle	23	Tom Brodhead Jr.
8	Tanya Adams	25	Margie Shelly
	Todd Aldinger	26	Edith Roberts
	Stefanie Dean		Gunner Meixsell
9	Doris Halpin	27	Marty Reagle
	Harold Ziegler	28	Bryan Reagle
11	Joyce Gosch		Autumn Van Horn
13	Andrew DeRogatis	30	Nancy Frey
15	Heather Sponder	31	Brandon Mowry

ANNIVERSARIES

6/12/1965	Pete and Cheryl Warg
6/12/1999	Chris and Heather Sponder
6/14/1968	Jim and Barbara Miller (50)
6/21/1986	Joel and Donna Compton
6/28/1970	John and Edith Roberts

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ANNIVERSARIES

7/3/1976	Edwin and Brenda Van Horn
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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St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church

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Church Council and Officers

Vincent Guiducci	President / Property Co-Chair	610-248-9956
Bev Brodhead	Vice-President / Asst. Financial Secretary / Christian Education Chair / Worship & Music	610-721-8050
Margaret LaDuca	Secretary / Worship & Music Chair	610-252-4369
Ed Becker	Scouts Chair	610-253-4470
Betty Buckley	Social Ministry / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-252-8896
Pattie Corcoran	Asst. Secretary / Office Assistant	610-533-7842
Daryle Davidson	Mutual Ministry Chair	610-905-5991
Joe DeRogatis	Property / Property Co-Chair	610-559-0927
John Gosch	Financial Strength Chair	610-428-4610
Vincent Guiducci IV	Youth Representative	
Carol Jiorle	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-258-6720
Mike Smallets	Stewardship Chair / Financial Strength	610-972-0605
Micki Stout	Call Committee Chair / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-703-2281
Brenda Van Horn	Worship & Music	610-252-4017

Committee Lay Chairs and Volunteer Staff

Sarah Frey	Treasurer / Financial Strength	610-905-7474
Cheryl Nielsen	Financial Secretary / Social Ministry Chair	610-554-0505
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