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TREASURER'S REPORT

Fog is one of a pilot's worst nightmares. You can fly hundreds of miles in a clear blue sky, with very little turbulence, and no traffic delays . . . only to have your entire trip ruined by fog at your destination. No matter how well equipped your aircraft may be, no matter how proficient you are at instrument flying, you simply can't land if you can't see the runway!

The most dangerous aspect of fog is how deceptive it can be. We're all familiar with the "pea soup" kind of fog in which you can barely see your hand in front of your face. Obviously, no sane pilot would attempt to land in such conditions! However, more frequently the fog is "patchy," meaning that one location may be totally clear, while another location only half a mile away is fogged in. In that kind of condition, the pilot can usually see patches of ground—and maybe even part of the runway—from above the fog layer.

On a day like that, a pilot can be tempted to try a landing, figuring that he will be able to find the runway at some point on the way down. The problem is that the visibility when descending through a fog layer is totally different from the visibility looking down from above. More than one pilot has crashed because of this difference. The good news about fog, however, is that a light breeze or a small change in temperature can cause the fog to dissipate rather quickly and allow for a safe landing.

I mention all this because a "fog-clearing moment" like that relates to our efforts to connect spiritually with God and others. Much of the time we go through our life in a fog of things to do, places to be, and people to please. In such conditions it is impossible to see our destination: the way of God's future.

Sometimes, like in a patchy fog, we catch a glimpse of something here or there that we feel as a nudge from God's Spirit. But these can be deceptive and require prayerful discernment. However, once in a while, if we are patient, if we take time to be quiet and listen, if we pay attention to where we are and whom we are with—we can experience a fog-clearing moment when God's presence in our life and in others around us becomes clear.

This summer promise yourself that you will take some time to connect with God and with others in your life. Such connections are more invigorating and refreshing than any vacation you might plan. And you may even be blessed with one of those fog-clearing moments!

Pastor Paul

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
JUNE	\$ 6,691.20	\$ 8,567.07	(\$ 1,875.87)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 51,332.69	\$ 53,015.62	(\$ 1,682.93)

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

- Nazareth Plate Glass Company: "Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you. We appreciate your business and the confidence you have placed in us." (They replaced glass in the showcase that exhibits the 150th Anniversary memorabilia.)
- Our neighbor Ray Walters: "Thanks for the chimes at 12 and 6 each day. They are soothing."
- Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley: "Thank you for your donation of \$168.00. Your generous support furthers our mission in making the world a place where everyone has a decent place to live." (This was our Second Sunday recipient for March.)
- St. Paul's (SS) Social Ministry: "Thank you for your recent monetary and food donations to our pantry. Your continued support is greatly appreciated."

FALL SCHEDULE

Our **Worship Service** continues at 10 AM. Beginning Sunday, September 9, **Sunday School** starts at 8:45 AM. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome. **Coffee Hour** will follow the worship service. The new sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Anyone who would like to bake and/or serve as hostess, please See Sallie Smull or Betty Buckley for more information.

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.

MILESTONES

GRADUATES

- ❖ RJ GUFFY (grandson of Barbara Miller) graduated from Easton Area High School in June. He plans to attend Moravian College where he will play football and lacrosse.
- ❖ MORGAN COLVER (granddaughter of Carol English) also graduated from Easton Area High School. She will attend Northampton Community College, majoring in criminal justice.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy and prayers Kim Weimert and family on the death of her mother Rose Wunderly on June 25. Pastor Paul officiated at private graveside services.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers to Barbara Pflugler and the family of her sister Judy Perry who died on July 4. There was a Memorial Service at the George Bensing Funeral Home, Bath, on July 28 with Pastor Chris Druckenmiller officiating.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Marketplace 29 A.D."

The end of June was very busy when we ombined with Arndt's and Hope Lutheran churches to present a joint Vacation Bible School. Seventy-nine children were brought back to the year 29 A.D. to the time Jesus began his ministry. Each "tribe" traveled together to experience the busy marketplace with daily stories, music, crafts, games and snacks.

The mission project of the week brought in over \$220 to donate to families in Puerto Rico who were devastated by Hurricane Maria nine months ago. These donations will assist with the rebuilding of and replacing roofs on homes and buildings.

Over 35 youth and adults helped out with preparations, setting-up or working with the children throughout the week! We were blessed with so many hands pitching in to make this experience meaningful! Thank you to everyone who donated money for bread, bought t-shirts, and helped buy craft supplies. Thank you to all who spent the week with us and watched it all come together. It was a memorable week for all involved!

COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

RUMMAGE SALE

Total amount received from the Rummage Sale held in June was almost \$700.00! This includes profits from the Bake Sale and food items sold. A GIGANTIC THANK YOU to all who donated, assisted at the sale, and helped with set-up and clean-up. It was truly a team effort! These proceeds were donated to the Crime Victim's Council of the Lehigh Valley.

PRAAYER 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.

150th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

August: collection of 150 24-count boxes of Crayola crayons to give to the students at Paxinosa Elementary School

September 22: Oldies Dance. Dig out your poodle skirts and dancing shoes! It will be held in Fellowship Hall from 7 to 10 PM. Refreshments will be served and there is NO admission fee. Watch for details in the weekly bulletins and in September's *Herald*.

October 14: visit from Bishop Zeiser of NEPA Synod followed by a scrumptious brunch;

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.

I have a daughter who lives in Chicago, a sister who lives in Las Vegas, and a niece who lives, with my four little grand-nieces and nephew, in Greece. We all miss them, and never feel that we see them as much as we'd like. Of course, there are phone calls, emails, and video chats, but it's not the same as seeing and interacting with them in person.

Many of you are probably in the same situation—it's a fact of life in this day of moving out, and moving up, and moving on. Families aren't together in the way that they used to be. Lots of holiday dinners are with friends and neighbors, because family is too far away.

But if we could, if it were practical, wouldn't we see our family every chance we could get? We need the contact, the support, and the encouragement and love they give us. We work hard to keep in touch and keep those relationships strong, even at a distance.

Have you thought about your church family? Do you work as hard at that relationship? We have the opportunity to have a family at St. Paul's Third—supportive, encouraging, loving—with the others we see, and with God. Do you take advantage of it? Do you make an effort to keep in touch? It's so much easier than with our families in Chicago, or Las Vegas, or wherever yours is. This church family is right here, all the time.

If I knew I could see my kids every Sunday at 10 AM, you can be sure I'd be there; and the interaction would keep me going until the next time I saw them. You have a family you can see every Sunday at ten (a Father for sure, and lots of sisters and brothers) and the togetherness will keep you going through your week.

Come to the family reunion.

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.stpaulstthird.org

DIRECTORY – There is an updated email directory in the church office, should you need information.

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

Cut out the following information and keep it in your wallet!

**St. Paul's III Lutheran Church
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Hospital Codes:

<i>Easton:</i>	L35
<i>St. Luke's (Bethlehem, <u>not Anderson</u>):</i>	316
<i>Lehigh Valley Health Network (including Muhlenberg):</i>	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

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 June we collected \$157.00 for the Summer Nights Program at the Easton Area Community Center and in July we collected \$162.00 for Safe Harbor. **In August, the recipient will be the Boys and Girls Club of Easton.** Please continue to support these worthwhile programs.

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 donate the items and we will assemble them. There are containers to collect these items in the Gathering Area. We have 103 packets so far!

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.

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.

Schedule of People Sewing in

AUGUST 5

10 AM – PENTECOST 11

Acolyte	Bella Guiducci
Ushers	Shirley Stillo, Lisa Meixsell
Reader	Jeff Stout
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Jeff & Micki Stout
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeter	Joy Sales
Counting Team # 1 A	

AUGUST 12

10 AM – PENTECOST 12

Acolyte	Sarah Frey
Ushers	John Gosch, Ann Young, Betty Buckley, Sallie Smull
Lay Reader	Cheryl Nielsen
Communion Assts.	Bev Brodhead, Tom Young, Cheryl Nielsen
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Greeter	Joyce Gosch
Counting Team # 2 A	

AUGUST 19

10 AM – PENTECOST 13

Acolyte	Margaret LaDuca
Ushers	Vincent Guiducci, Lisa Meixsell
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Daryle Davidson, Georgi Weiser
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeters	Ed & Sue Becker
Counting Team # 3 A	

AUGUST 26 10 AM – PENTECOST 14

Acolyte Leah Brodhead.
Ushers Jim & Laura Dorsa
Lay Reader Joan Shultz
Communion Assts. Harold & Betsy Ziegler, Joan Shultz
Prayer Partner Bev Brodhead
Greeter Catherine Nicholson
Counting Team # 4 A

*Schedule of People
Serving in*

SEPTEMBER 2 10 AM – PENTECOST 15

Acolyte Nancy Frey
Ushers Barbara Miller, Carol English
Lay Reader Jeff Stout
Communion Assts. Karen Fretz, Bev Brodhead, Vincent
Guiducci
Prayer Partner Margaret LaDuca
Greeter Sandy Matyger
Counting Team # 1 B