



OLD ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GAZETTE

2035 Old Conover-Startown Rd. Newton, NC 28658

August 2021

Pastor's Corner

As my daughters are growing up (all too quickly!), one of the areas of which I've been focusing with them is that of personal responsibility. While this is a reality we all know quite well as adults, we too can remember when we were younger and how our parents taught us, over time, to be responsible for all our actions, words, deeds and the like. It

wasn't always easy, and at times we likely dropped the ball. To be fair, sometimes we still do today.

Along with the responsibility of adulthood comes a similar reality - that of accountability. This too was taught and shown to us in our youth by our parents. Our parents were accountable to us to help us have what we needed and to insure our safety and well being. In like manner, we too were accountable to our parents for making sure to do our chores and homework and even helping around the house in other ways. As we talk about responsibility and accountability among parents and children, it makes sense to consider these elements in our relationship with our God and with our family in Christ. Isn't it quite impressive all that God has given for which to be responsible? All our possessions. All our talents and abilities. All our friends and family. Especially to our church and our faith! We are indeed quite blessed. And we live in an accountable relationship with God - such that we care for all these gifts with thanksgiving and gratitude. Even though we sometimes (even sometimes often) fail to be the best we can be for God, our God too loves us and even grants us His love in forgiveness.

But here's a big related question of faith: Are we also, as fellow believers, responsible for one another's faith and walk with Christ? At first we may assume that that's really something for God's department. But consider the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit unites and instills faith in each of us and does so through God's word and through one another. God blessed us to not be alone, and for the walk of faith we share in God's presence, encouragement, peace and empowerment.

By the work of the Holy Spirit, we are indeed responsible and accountable to one another in faith. So what of this? Does this compel us to do or be unto one another anything special?

Indeed it does. While there are many reasons we come to church, our united presence uplifts the faith-forming work of the Holy Spirit. To miss church isn't only to miss something for ourselves and our expressing of our thanksgiving, but it too has an affect on all our church family. God created us to be in relationship with one another. As we are united more fully, we are indeed more empowered in our faith and better able to uplift and encourage one another. Your being at church and in worship really matters - as much to everyone else in our church as to God.

We therefore are invested in one another's growing faith; through the Spirit responsible and accountable to one another. Our being the church isn't just an individual action or a weekly gathering, it's our together expression of divine thanksgiving and communal empowerment. How awesome to consider and how important you are to every one of us at Old St. Paul's!

In Christ,
Pastor Andrew

Young at Heart

Mark your calendars! Our West Jefferson trip has been rescheduled for September. Please be aware that this trip and future trips will be contingent on the status of the spread of COVID-19. If traveling on the bus, wearing a mask is highly recommended, especially, if you have not been vaccinated. Please check your bulletins, monthly newsletters and Tuesday's Epistle for additional trip information.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – West Jefferson, NC - Visit Ashe County Cheese, and then travel to Tony and Sue Ann Setzer's home located on the New River for a cookout. Tony and Sue Ann will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and baked beans. We will sign up for side dishes. Details will follow at a later date. Bus trip, or drive your own car.

Please remember that sign-up is required for each trip. The people of Old St. Paul's may sign-up on a "first come" basis. Friends of OSP may sign up two (2) weeks prior to the West Jefferson trip. Sharon will maintain the sign-up sheets and the waiting list.

Please contact Sharon Marlowe or Judy Leatherman if you have any questions.

Trip Coordinators,
Sharon and Judy



The congregation will be singing the national anthem for the Hickory Crawdads on Sunday, August 22 at 3:00.

Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner

It's almost that time again. This year the Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner will be held on August 7, 2021. We are planning to offer inside dining, as well as again having the Sigmon Stringers provide evening entertainment. We will be providing carry out plates as well along with possibly a Drive-Through option that we did last year. As usual we will need plenty of volunteers to make this a successful event. Volunteers will be needed throughout the week to get everything ready, since most everything is made and not purchased pre-made. We will also be providing flyers for you to distribute, as well as tickets to pre-sale in the next few weeks. If you are willing to offer up some time to help please see or call Kevin Black (828-244-2747) for more information. Thanks in advance for your help!!



Circle #4 members will meet on Tuesday, August 3rd at 6:30 pm at the church. Our Bible Study will continue on page 149 in "A Study of the Ten Commandments". Please mark your calendars now as we try to get back to normal after Covid. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

Circle #2 will meet on Sunday, August 1st at 4:00p.m.

The youth will be taking their mission trip August 8th, 9th and 10th to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please update the phone number for Judith Pope in your directory. Her Phone number is **828-308-3853**.



Altar Flowers

1 Vase \$16.50, 2 Vases \$33.00

Make checks out to WELCA or give cash

Please pay Patsy Black

August 2021			September 2021		
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August 1	Nellie Pope	2	September 5	Winchester	2
August 8	Margaret Setzer	2	September 12	Circle #2	2
August 15	Patsy Black	2	September 19	Barbara Hamby	2
August 22	Judy Leatherman	2	September 26	Denise Scronce	2
August 29	Susan Setzer	2			

Radio Broadcast

Co-Sponsor \$40.00, Full Sponsor \$80.00

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August 1			September 5		
August 8			September 12	Robin Sigmon	C
August 15	Eugene and Gloria Lentz	F	September 19		
August 22			September 26		
August 29	Joni Laffon	C			



2	Judith Pope
5	Glenna Hartsoe
7	Clara Bowman
8	Ada Church Tony Setzer
11	Amber Bollinger
15	Lisa Drum Beau Sigmon
17	Holly Price-Hunt Leia Oglesby
21	Rebecca Ferrell
26	Cadyn Laffon Anna Sigmon
31	Becky Mahurin Laire Overton

Serving in August:

Sharon Marlowe
Jan Mitchem
Debbie Wentz-Pitts

July Attendance	
4th	81
11th	94
18th	80
25th	103

UPCOMING WORSHIP LECTIONARY TEXTS

**10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 1st**
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesian 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

**11th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 8th**
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25— 5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

**12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 15th**
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

**13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 22nd**
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 29th**
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23