



Praise & Patter – October 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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The son of an English ship's captain had been confirmed on a Palm Sunday morning. That evening, the father and son sat in the captain's quarters and reviewed the events of the day. Wishing to underscore and deepen the conviction of his son's confirmation vows, the father said, "My boy, light this candle. Go out onto the deck, and return to me with the candle still burning." "But Father," the boy replied, "if I go up on the deck, the wind will surely blow out the flame." At the continued urging of his father, the son did as he was told. With much shielding and maneuvering, the boy succeeded in keeping the flame burning. With a sense of accomplishment, he returned the burning candle to his father. It was then that the father explained: "My son, your faith is like this candle. You were confirmed today. Your faith is small and frail right now. From here on out, you will be going into a big, tempting world. Without attending to your faith, the world can quickly snuff it out. And it will most certainly succeed if you don't make an effort to keep your faith alive and shining for all to see."

Life in this world is challenging. There are all kinds of things that compete for our attention. And, there are voices all around us trying to throw water on the flame of our faith. One of the reasons the church community gathers for worship and bible study is to strengthen our faith in the company of other Christian brothers and sisters. In a sense, what we are doing is "fanning the flames" or "tending the flames" of our faith so that we can "keep our faith alive and shining for all to see".

During the mandatory lock downs in the early days of COVID-19, we found ourselves physically separated and forced to find new ways to gather in community. One of my priorities during those days was to provide live virtual worship at the normal time as a way for us to continue our habit of meeting together. And, we continue to offer that option for those who do not feel comfortable gathering in person, those who are traveling, and those who live in other states.

While a majority of our faith community has returned to in person worship, there are some who have become comfortable staying home. It is kind of a mixed blessing. I am glad that we have the ability to offer virtual worship; however, I also feel that it is important for us to gather together in person with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Gathering together provides a place to share and walk with one another and to practice sharing the faith, so that we can be a light for the world.

I invite you to make a habit of gathering on a regular basis to support one another. When you are together on Sunday morning, during a weekly bible study, or at some other time during the week take time to deepen your conversation with fellow believer with questions like: How is your faith? What are your struggles? What do you need more help understanding? How can I pray for you? How can I walk alongside you or give your encouragement?

If we want to keep the flame of faith alive and burning strong in our lives, we need to provide fuel to burn (God's Word, prayer, confession and forgiveness, communion, etc.) and shielding to protect it. Let us endeavor to share our faith with each other and encourage one another. Then, we can go boldly out into the world to let our light shine through loving and serving others.

Jesus says: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16* *Pastor Lee*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP at 9:00 AM EACH SUNDAY!

In-Person – Masks are not required in our building. For those who wish to continue to wear masks, please do so. We want everyone to feel as comfortable and safe as possible. We understand that the comfort levels of each family may be different. Please keep this in mind as you enter the building and respect the decisions of others regarding masks and social distancing.

Live Stream – www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org

Facebook Live – www.facebook.com/stpaulsfunkstown

Conference Call – Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 581-113-3494#

Tithes and Offerings

Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you our tithes and offerings. With them we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please take them and use them for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply these gifts that they may be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

THANK YOU for your faithful & generous giving, which helps us to share the good news of Jesus. Please visit our website www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org and click GIVE to learn about electronic giving options. You can also mail your offerings to the church or drop them off during office hours, which are 9:00 AM to 12:00 pm

Offerings received in August \$26,689.48

Expenses August \$23,564.48

Principal paid on debt: \$2,046.20

Faith Formation

Bible Study is held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited! Please come as you are able (weekly attendance is wonderful but not required).

Prayer Ministry

Remember these brothers and sisters in Christ in your daily prayers:

October 3 Sarah Stahl; Richard Stallings, Betty Lou Stoup; Sarah Jane Sullivan; and Whitney & Rachel Sylvester

October 10 John & Barbara Timm, Barbara Tingle; Anne Toms; Leslie, Linda, Sarah and Emily Tritsch; Donna Trovinger, Lorraine Troxell, Helen Troxell; and David & Jean Unger, Erica Unger, Jim & Donna Unger

October 17 Gladys Unger; Clay, Susan, Alexis & Zachary Unger; Gerald, Nina, Jonathan & Andrew Volz; Barry & Judy Warrenfeltz; Suzanne Watson;

October 24 Beverly Welch; Linda Welch; Margaret White; and Bonnie Jean White

October 31 Tammy Whorten; Frank Wiley, Linda Willock; Robert, Krista, Joshua, & Samantha Wilson; Brenda Wing; Nancy Wishard

Newsletter News

The deadline to receive information for the November newsletter is NOON on October 19th. Your meeting this deadline ensures we can publish the November Newsletter by the end of October.

Noisy Offering will be on October 10. We will provide containers in the Narthex to receive your offering.

Night Out will be held on Tuesday October 19th at Cacique at 6:00 pm. Come and have a relaxing, casual dinner and fellowship with your fellow disciples. Remember, all men and women of the congregation (and your friends) are invited to participate.

Our Daily Bread booklet for September, October and November are available for pick up.

250th Anniversary Planning Meeting will take place on October 3, 2021 following worship in the Fellowship Hall. All interested persons are invited to participate.

Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual meeting of our congregation will take place on **Sunday, November 21st** immediately after worship. Agenda items for that meeting include reviewing and voting on the 2022 Faith Spending Plan and electing new council members. All voting members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The council is currently seeking congregation members who would be willing to serve on council. The primary commitment is to attend the monthly meeting, typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. If you would be willing to serve, or have any questions about what is involved in being on the council, please speak to outgoing council members (Travis Fouche, Peggy Hebb, Donna Schmidt and Becky Wolford) or any other member of the congregational council.

Signup Charts for 2021 Altar Flowers, Eternal Light and Communion Elements are posted on the bulletin board. Altar Flowers are \$60.00 for both vases or \$30.00 for one. Please indicate if you are purchasing one or both. The Eternal Light and Communion Elements are \$10.00 per week.

October Birthdays

4	Jim Duffey	15	Chris Davis	23	Brandon Shaw Penny Kline Paul Crampton, Jr.
5	Amanda Smith	16	Logan Nally		
6	Eric Schminkey	17	Dave Johnston Travis Fouche	25	Delroy Cline
7	Matthew Brumback Linda Tritsch	18	Larry Iseminger Greg Young	27	Zoe Haught
8	Madge Brown*	19	Dan Miller*	28	Marsha Dieterich
9	Jerry Richardson*	20	Barb Fishack*	29	Chris Purnell Whitney Sylvester Doris Richardson
11	Don Obitts	22	Debbie Reichard Sarah Tritsch	31	Betty Stoup Travis Fournier
13	Sierra Oberholzer				
14	Linda Spalding				*=80 years and over

October Anniversaries

1	Christopher & Laura Stoner	11	Eric & Stephanie Schminkey	24	Jim & Connie Hebb Delroy & Rose Cline
5	Barry & Donna Schmidt	14	Roger & Judy Bowers Rodger & Andrea Bowers	26	Jim & Margaret White
7	Larry & Jackie Nally	15	Todd & Tammy Whorten		

Up Coming Events

- October 3 – 250th Anniversary Planning Meeting after worship
- October 5, 12, 19, 26 Crossways Bible Study at 10:00 AM
- October 12 – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- October 19 – Newsletter Deadline and Night Out at Cacique at 6:00 pm

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys

October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh

Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org. For questions, please contact Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or call: 724-325-3166.

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 pm

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