



## OLD ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GAZETTE

2035 Old Conover-Startown Rd. Newton, NC 28658

September 2021

### **Pastor's Corner**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 28:19*

These words would be Jesus' final command in the Gospel of Matthew and a clear directive for us, his followers. We are on a mission together and we have important work to do.

Historically, our hope has been that we, as a church, would be so attractive to the world around us that folks would be curious and intrigued and would come to us and want to share in all our faithful endeavors. For much of the early and middle of the 20th century, this formula actually and oddly kinda worked. As the population grew and society evolved from the victory of 2 world wars people gravitated toward churches in large numbers and churches became community spaces for fellowship, faith development and worship. The church's work in discipleship seemed to happen so naturally - and even effortlessly.

As we've now marched well into the 21st century, our world is now quite different. We communicate very differently. We engage with one another differently. We are busier than ever and we have so many potential distractions. We hold different expectations and yet, as a church, we hope that our historic growth and magnetism would simply carry forward into our very different time now.

But as the world changes, so must the work of the church. Jesus' instruction to us is first that we might "go." This requires action. GOing to the nations (among the people of all places) now requires that we must be prepared to minister to and inspire new disciples from beyond the walls of our church. In effect, we must find ways now to take the church to where the people are found - in all their busyness and using means of communication and outreach that now meet people in how they interact in our new times.

This will require a renewed focus on outreach and a lot of risk taking. Hoping folks will simply come to us takes little effort, but now seems to also hold very little return. We must be people who live out worship and discipleship among our family, neighbors, coworkers and friends. We must become invitational and take risks. In short, we must be willing to go - and trust that God will give us the words to say and actions to spread to welcome and inspire a new growth in disciples across the body of Christ.

Who have you invited to church recently? Have you invited someone to simply come, or better yet invited them to come with you? Have you been willing to wonder with loved ones about where God is at work in their lives and their situations? Have you been sensitive to other's moments of curiosity or faithful questioning?

Old St. Paul's - it's time for us to consider how we put action into our outreach. Jesus didn't suggest our work would be to wait and hope folks would come to us. Rather our calling now is clearly to boldly GO and be the church into the world - for the sake of the world and the growth of the body of Christ with newly minted disciples among us!

In Christ,  
Pastor Andrew

## OLD ST. PAUL'S (OSP) LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - 06/13/2021

In attendance were: Mark Sigmon, Ken Kiser, Lisa Black, Lanny Hartsoe, Robin Sigmon, Jody Laffon, Terrell Setzer, Tony Setzer, Joni Bentley, Amy Sigmon, Beth Wilson and Josh Winchester and Christy Stowe

Visitors: Angela Kanipe and Pastor Andrew Miller

Mark Sigmon called the meeting and Lisa Black led the devotion.

The minutes for May 16, 2021 meeting had been approved by Council.

Wayne Geise, the Lay Pastor who preached on June 6th sent Mark a text thanking whomever paid for his lunch at Harbor Inn after church.

Reverend Robert Allen preached on June 13th. He sent Mark a text regarding his positive experience at OSP. He will also preach next Sunday, June 20th.

Mark went over what we would be discussing with the visitors who were joining us later on in the meeting.

Mark proposed that the Historic Church's ministry starts back up every other Sunday from 2pm -4pm. Christy Stowe made a motion and Joni Bentley 2nd the motion. A list will need to be put together for who will volunteer each Sunday when it is open.

Sunday School:

The children's Sunday School will begin at 9am starting July 4th.

Christy Stowe is developing a program for the high school age group once a month.

Vacation Bible School for all ages will be Saturday, July 24th from 3pm-7pm

Christy asked for volunteers to help with the program.

A comment was made that Patsy orders book using office supplies account.

Randy's Sunday School class started two weeks ago.

Volunteers are singing the Nation Anthem at the Crawdad's game Sunday, August 22nd. Christy is needing a head count by July 1st.

Lanny said that there is a list of names in the church directory of people who worked the Historic Church.

Deacons:

73 attended church this Sunday

Lisa Black and Beth Wilson ask for volunteers to usher in July.

Jody Laffon received a letter from the Alter Guild saying that communion is \$50.00 a month. Joni Bentley made a motion to have communion on July 4th and Jody 2nd.

Mark asked Lisa and Beth to make a list to be approved by Council at next meeting to pay benevolence.

Angela Kanipe addressed the council requesting permission to use the facilities for Classical Conversation home school organization. Discussion centered around classrooms needed and cleaning, compensation, etc. Angela will get back with us on more information for next council meeting.

Trustees:

Terrell stated that he is having issues with the roofers to call back.

Lanny said the roofers who were going to put the roof on, did not have enough workers to complete the job.

Pastor Andrew Miller visited with council as a possible interim pastor. Discussed expectations and responsibilities of the job. Terrell Setzer made a motion to have Pastor Miller be OSP interim Pastor for 3 months to start the beginning of July, 40 hr. work week, \$1,000.00 per week with no benefits. Jody 2nd the motion and council voted unanimously to offer him the position.

Elders:

The Constitution will be published for the congregation to review for 30 days.

The adults who will be driving and chaperoning the mission trip are Randy Sigmon, Dusty Wentz and Debbie Wentz.

It was discussed that the Youth trip will be July 25-27 with 6-8 youth.

The youth have a service project for 1-2 day in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Treasurer Report:

Robin explained there is a credit in the Radio Ministry

The 1st stimulus loan from People's Bank has been forgiven.

The General Funds has \$65,479.

There has been \$2,100 deposited into Friends of Old St Paul's for the Faith of Our Fathers Still Live book and \$1,000.00 left to deposit.

Financial Secretary Report:

The April 2021 report is missing the Rental Account amount.

Joni Bentley will check on issue.

To upgrade the Church Management for online giving is \$29.99.

Josh Winchester spoke with Sign Systems to get pricing on the lettering for the corner sign in front of the church. Regular lettering is \$1,600.00 + tax and the italics lettering is \$2,300.00 + tax. Waiting on another quote before moving forward with project.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be July 11th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Sigmon, Recording Secretary

**Action Items:**

1. Mark Sigmon to get a list together of volunteers to help with the Historic church when opened.
2. Christy will get a head count for the Crawdad's game.
3. Lisa and Beth to make a list to be approved by Council at next meeting to pay benevolence.
4. Joni Bentley to check the issue on why the Rental Account is missing April 2021 amount.
5. Josh Winchester to get another quote for lettering on the sign.

## OLD ST. PAUL'S (OSP) LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - 07/11/2021

In attendance were: Mark Sigmon, Pastor Andrew Miller, Ken Kiser, Lisa Black, Lanny Hartsoe, Jody Laffon, Terrell Setzer, Tony Setzer, Joni Bentley, Amy Sigmon, Beth Wilson, Josh Winchester and Christy Stowe

Absent: Robin Sigmon

Mark Sigmon called the meeting.

Congregational meeting Sunday, July 18, 2021 before church service to vote on new heat pump or fix existing heat pump. Joni Bentley made a motion for a new heat pump and Terrell 2nd the motion. Council approved. Lanny Hartsoe to follow up with Pringle & Son.

Xtreme Roofing to put on new roof for sanctuary and Sunday School Building. Terrell made a motion to go with Xtreme Roofing and Jody Laffon 2nd the motion. Council approved.

Mark Sigmon told council that the Classical Conversation home school organization went with First Presbyterian Church building in Newton for their school.

Joni Bentley read a letter for a memorial donation.

Pastor Andrew Miller led the Council in 3 team building exercises.

Pastor Andrew closed meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting will be August 8th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Sigmon, Recording Secretary

### **Action Items:**

1. Lanny Hartsoe to follow up with Pringle & Son for the new heat pump.

## **OLD ST. PAUL'S (OSP) LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 07/18/2021**

Mark Sigmon called the meeting to order.

Council made a motion to replace the HVAC for Sunday School building. Patrick Moss 2nd the motion. Congregation approved motion.

Meeting was adjourned to go into the Sunday Service.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Sigmon, Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary Report							
Bank Account	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21
General Fund Account							
							YEAR TO DATE
General	\$ 12,496.00	\$ 10,704.00	\$ 31,856.71	\$ 15,989.15	\$ 13,750.50	\$ 11,037.00	\$ 12,588.00
ECCCM	\$ 120.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 195.00
Radio	\$ 45.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 750.00
Initial Offering	\$ 139.00						\$ 139.00
Endowment Income	\$ 3,047.14	\$ 110.00	\$ 335.00				\$ 3,309.98
Online Giving Processing Fees					(\$5.90)	(\$1.46)	(\$3.65)
Renovation Account	\$ 80.00		\$ 160.00	\$ 80.00			\$ 560.00
Rental Account	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Building Account	\$ 210.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 965.00
Cemetery Account	\$ 10.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 610.00		\$ 720.00
Cemetery Plots	\$ 2,500.00				\$ 1,500.00		\$ 4,000.00
Sunday School Account			\$ 90.00		\$ 141.75	\$ 161.00	\$ 533.83
Memorial Account	\$ 120.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 477.00	\$ 16,197.00
<b>TOTAL IN-COME</b>	<b>\$ 19,767.14</b>	<b>\$ 12,659.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,896.71</b>	<b>\$ 17,754.15</b>	<b>\$ 18,366.35</b>	<b>\$ 27,401.54</b>	<b>\$ 18,697.41</b>

Circle #4 will meet on Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Dear Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church Family,  
Words cannot convey our deepest and sincerest appreciation for your congregations' kindness, uplifting words and show of support at the passing of our beloved mother, Lisa Testerman.

We will cherish your kindness along with her memory.

With gratitude,  
The Eric Testerman Family



Do you know what to do...

These are things that could happen during our service or gatherings here. No one wishes for them to happen and we all hope that none would. But today, things like this do happen. You should ask yourself, "Do you know what to do when they do happen"?

The Safety and Security Team have policies, plans, guidelines, and procedures setup for each of these. Please take time to look around your present location and find all of the exits. Just like an airplane, the best might not be in front of you. Know the evacuation routes and shelter places around.

One of the most important steps you can take is to try to remain calm. Here are a few extra steps to remember for each type of incident above.

In bad weather, get to the safe place away from exterior walls, doors, and windows. Follow the directions from the emergency responders.

For fires, know the evacuation routes from the building. It might not be the same way to entered. Please go to the gathering locations so that everyone can be accounted for. This lowers the time spend on looking for you that can be spent on fighting the fire.

During medical emergencies, know where the first aid bags and ADE is located. Even if you do not know how to use them, some might but just doesn't know where they are.

During an active shooter, remember to flee, hid, or fight. If you can flee safely, do it! If you can't, hid in a secure room without the lights on and make no noise! If you can't do any thing else, then be ready to fight. IT is your life!!

In all incidents, Please listen and follow all first responders direction.!

Please, Don't try to leave in your vehicle so the first responders can get to the scene!

Please, Give plenty of room for the emergency responders to work and don't interrupt them while they do their jobs!

**REMEMBER, STAY CALM, FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS, and be safe!**

### ATTENTION!!! YOUNG AT HEART

Due to the increasing spread of the new Delta variant of the Covid virus, we have decided to cancel this year's West Jefferson trip scheduled for September 21, 2021.

Instead, we will have a **“Senior’s Cookout and Gossip Session” on Tuesday, October 19 at the Old St. Paul’s picnic shelter.** We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and Tony Setzer will be our Grill Master. We can enjoy fresh air, cooler temperatures, fellowship, and stay safe. We request that participants sign up to bring a side dish.

**Saturday, November 13, 2021** – “The Real Christmas Story”, NarroWay Productions Dinner Theater, Fort Mill, SC. Lunch at 12 Noon, and show at 1pm. Tickets are \$36 each, and are non-refundable. Deadline for sign up and payment is October 10. Please note that this trip is also contingent on the status of the spread of the virus. NarroWay has informed me that we can extend our deposit into the 2022 season, if we cancel this year.

Please contact Sharon Marlowe or Judy Leatherman for sign-up, and, if you have any questions.

Trip Coordinators, Sharon and Judy

#### Altar Flowers

1 Vase \$16.50, 2 Vases \$33.00

Make checks out to WELCA or give cash

Please pay Patsy Black

September 2021		#	October 2021		
September 5	Winchester	2	October 3	Rebecca Ferrell	2
September 12	Circle #2	2	October 10	Lisa Black Susan Lunsford	1 1
September 19	Barbara Hamby	2	October 17	Gwen Crosby	2
September 26	Denise Scronce	2	October 24	Eugene and Gloria Lentz	2
			October 31	Denise Scronce	2

#### Radio Broadcast

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

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September 2021			October 2021		
September 5			October 3	Bob and Barbara Hamby	F
September 12			October 10		
September 19	Lanny and Glenna Hartsoe	F	October 17		
September 26			October 24		
			October 31	Robin Sigmon	F



2	Jan Mitchem
3	Chad Bohemier
5	Terry Wilson
7	Geraldine Witherspoon
13	Scott Gibson
14	Denise Scronce
15	Riley Grogan
16	Hayley Bowman Rev. William Smith
20	Evelyn Canipe
21	Dianna Mantak
24	Susan Sigmon
25	Carl Marlowe
26	Gary Hicks Carolyn Sosebee
27	Trish Scronce
30	Brielle Holmes

**Serving in September:**

Gwen Crosby  
 Judy Leatherman  
 Gloria Lentz  
 Janie Travis

<b>August Attendance</b>	
1st	83
8th	85
15th	62
22nd	80
29th	69

**UPCOMING WORSHIP LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 5th**  
 Isaiah 35:4-7a  
 Psalm 146  
 James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17  
 Mark 7:24-37

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 12th**  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm 116:1-9  
 James 3:1-12  
 Mark 8:27-38

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 19th**  
 Jeremiah 11:18-20  
 Psalm 54  
 James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a  
 Mark 9:30-37

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 26th**  
 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
 Psalm 19:7-14  
 James 5:13-20  
 Mark 9:38-50