



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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### *Praise & Patter – September 2022*

Did you know that from the beginning Jesus expected clashes and collisions within His family? And, that his disciples would be torn apart by jealousy and competition and division? Not only did Jesus anticipate such conflicts, he observed them firsthand among the twelve disciples. Here are two examples, including Jesus' response:

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn't in our group." "Don't stop him!" Jesus said. "No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. *Mark 9:38-40*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." "What is your request?" he asked. They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." *Mark 10:35-37, 41-45*

The early Christian church was like any other family. They had occasions for division and disagreement. In his letter to the church in Rome, Paul admonished those who were quick to judge the table manners of their fellow Christians. To this community, Paul offered encouragement and directed them to "welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you..." *Romans 15:7*

Whenever two or more people are present there is a potential for conflict. The church is a group of people – each one bringing different ideas and experiences in life. As we work together to share the good news of Jesus, there will be times when we experience conflict as a result of our different ideas, expectations, goals, needs, or concerns. And, the best way to handle conflict is to engage in open conversation and provide a forum for questions and answers.

In Luther's explanation of the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor," he captures the importance of encouragement. In characteristic form, Luther turns the negative commandment "you shall not" into a positive "we are to." "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light" *Small Catechism*

Luther regards the practice of encouragement as one way in which the Gospel itself offers counsel. And, he commends the practice of "mutual conversation and consolation" by citing Matthew 18:20, "...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Luther envisions a community of friends, called together to listen to the Good News and challenged to share that Good News with one another and others in speech, comfort, and friendship.

Let us follow the wise counsel of Jesus, Paul, and Luther as we navigate the changes taking place in the life of this congregation. *Pastor Lee*

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP at 9:00 am EACH SUNDAY!**

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**Tithes and Offerings**

O Lord, you lift us up and bless us with the ministry of the church. We thank you for all pastors, elders, and teachers who nurture us spiritually. We thank you for the members of this congregation who use their spiritual gifts to bless others. We also thank you for the rich fellowship we enjoy with each other and corporately with you. Accept our tithes and offerings to you now, to support the ministry of this church in our community and worldwide. Amen.

THANK YOU for your faithful and generous giving, which helps us to share the good news of Jesus. Please visit our website [www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org](http://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.

July Receipts \$ 39,398.91 July Expenses \$ 55,779.14

**Noisy Offering** is collected on the second Sunday of each month. Our Noisy Offering for September will go to Disaster Relief.

**Second Mile** offering for September is go to Disaster Relief.

**Bible Study** starts on Tuesday, September 6 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:

- September 4 Vivian Hyde, Larry Iseminger, Eric, Teresa, Cameron, Chase and Lucas Jacobs, Harold James
- September 11 Nancy James, David and Patricia Johnston, Tim Johnston, Travis and Kelly Kable, Nicholas and Ethan Keller
- September 18 Wilbur and Barbara King Sr, Tammy King, Reatha Kline, Ravenna Kline, Richard A. and Faith Kline, Robert and Penny Kline, Lindsay Kline, Wesley Kline
- September 25 Brenna Lang, Stephanie Leonard, Gracie Leonard and Kali Myers, Lilah Myers, Karen, Rachel and Aaron Lighter, Susan Logan, Cindy Lucas,

**Newsletter News** deadline to receive information for the October newsletter is NOON on September 20, so we can publish it by the end of September.

**Night Out** will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at Los Amigos. 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** booklets for September, October and November are available for pick up.

**Bright Beginnings Childcare** celebrated their 5th preschool graduation, August 12th. We had five 2022 preschool graduates Daniel Kline, Olivia Southard, Novalie Swayne, Zane Drawbaugh and Emma Linthicum. All but one have been with us for 4 years. Next week is their last week at BBC and then they will be off to public or private school for Pre-K. We have enjoyed watching them learn and grow over the years. We wish them the best of luck!

## September Birthdays

1	Jackie Harbaugh*	13	Barb Tingle	24	Kiersten Hollinger
6	Hope Kable	14	Tori Brumback Jim Unger	26	Richard Stallings* Bryan Obitts
7	Barry Warrenfeltz Jim Hebb	16	Samantha Wilson Terry Miller	27	Jean Duffey
9	Brenda Oberholzer Brianna Oberholzer Bradley Prather	17	Barbara Timm*	28	Pam Crampton Robert Kline, II Keldra Morningstar
11	Wesley Kline Jack Maguire	19	Rachel Lighter	29	Lance Crampton
12	Ron McNamee*	20	Wilbur King, Sr.* Jean Daywalt	30	Gladys Unger*
		21	Pam Young Richard Nigh Courtney Maguire		*=80 years and over

## September Anniversaries

3	Bill & Judy Morningstar	17	Kyle & Amy Haught	26	Dave & Patty Johnston
7	Don & Lauren Horan	20	Scott & Gwen Barron	29	Rick & Janet Moats
11	Robert & Krista Wilson				

**Altar Guild** As our services have returned to almost what we used to know as normal it is now a good time to ask the Guild members if they are able to resume their duties in their months as in the past, if they would be interested in changing to a different month, need to step aside, or perhaps would be interested in joining the Guild. The Guild is responsible for preparing the Altar before and after communion, and caring for the paraments for each church season. If you are interested in joining the Guild, or making any changes please contact Karen Lighter, 301-991-9691 or 301-739-3583. All are welcome, it's not difficult, and doesn't take a lot of time.

## Up Coming Events

September 6, 13 20, 26	Bible Study
September 11	Noisy Offering
September 13	Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
September 20	Newsletter Deadline, Noon Night Out, 6:00 pm

## Church Office Hours

### Church Secretary

### Pastor

### Director of Music

### Council President

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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**To Current Resident or:**

***Join us on Sundays!***

**Worship at 9:00 AM**