



# St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of *Sassamansville*

June-July-August 2018  
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## The Epistle

Worship

Sundays  
9:00 am  
With  
Holy Communion

No Sunday School  
during summer  
months.



Invite a  
friend  
to  
church!



Our summer worship is at  
9 am  
from June 10 to September 2.



Thank you to everyone  
who gave of their time for  
our events, ministries,  
and fundraisers! We take  
a short break over  
summer and we look  
forward to all the new and  
wonderful events coming  
up in the fall! Please  
consider helping!



This year we are going to  
send ONE Epistle for the  
months of  
June / July / August.

It is a way to save paper,  
postage and time. We will  
have a big issue in  
September to share all the  
events and activities  
forthcoming.

Watch the summer bulletin  
for any new updates as  
well as our Webpage and  
Facebook page.

All articles for the  
September issue will be  
due by 10 am on  
Wednesday, August 15!

Remember that during the  
summer, your offering is very  
important to the church.....



Results are in: Our May blood drive  
collected 13 units of blood! Thank  
you to everyone who donated!

The next drive in Sunday, August 19  
at Shepherd of the Hills from 7 am to  
noon. Contact Marlene Duchak or  
Jodie Moyer to donate.

## Note from Pastor Matt



As we move into the month of June we are at the beginning of the time in the Church year known by various names: the season after Pentecost, Ordinary time, or formerly as Trinitytide. This half of the year lacks the two great feasts of the Church, Christmas and Easter, and those feasts and seasons associated with them, Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Pentecost. The season after Pentecost is no “time off” or vacation time, though (even though most of it occurs during summer in the Northern half of the globe). **This time is properly thought of as the “season of the Church.”** At Pentecost through the gift of God’s Holy Spirit the Church was born, and now during this long season after Pentecost we are focused on the work of the Church. Yes, the Church (the whole Church throughout the world) has work

to do. That work has been given to us by Jesus himself in the great commission, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20) The task of the Church is to make disciples, disciples of Jesus. Jesus knows this will not be easy work, which is why he promises to be with the Apostles (and us) “always even to the end of the age.”

**So while the world is thinking about vacations, the Church is at work.** Yes, the schedule for the congregation slows down during this “ordinary” time, but the activities of the Church (you and me) in the world are as important as ever. There may be fewer scheduled activities inside the church building, but the people of the Church are hard at work proclaiming Christ and his message of hope, peace, and forgiveness to a world in need of that message. So where is the assembly of believers known as St. Paul’ at work in the world during this “season of the Church?” With whom are we sharing this message of good news? Do you see places where we need to be at work and are not? Talk to your brothers and sisters within the congregation about it. Talk to your Pastor about it. **Come to worship on Sundays at 9 am to have fellowship with your sisters and brothers in Christ, and to be strengthened for the work Jesus has called his Church to do.** Because it is nearly impossible to do the work of the Church without gathering as Church.

In Baptism we are all made a part of the body of Christ, the Church, and brothers and sisters in Christ. Coming together to be nourished, strengthened, and empowered brings God’s Church into closer and deeper fellowship with each other and with God. It is a time to use and discover our “varieties of gifts” in the Holy Spirit. These diverse gifts that God gives to each of us are incomplete without the gifts of others in the Church. The Holy Spirit calls us all together. The Church is not just an assembly of individuals who claim Jesus as Lord, but the body of Christ, a body that is incomplete without all of its parts.

Summer can be a busy time and it is easy to put Church on the back-burner, **but remember the Church needs you in order to be complete.** Your presence at worship is not only a benefit to you but to your brothers and sisters in Christ, and together as Church the Holy Spirit calls us together to bless God and bless the world. I look forward to seeing you throughout this “season of the Church.”

In Christ,  
Pastor Matt

**This just in.....**there will be a Golf Outing Meeting on Sunday, June 17 following the 9 am Worship Service. Any questions.....see Gene Yerger! Please mark this on the inserted calendar!



Date	Flowers \$22 for one vase \$44 for two vases \$7 delivery charge	Bulletins \$12 per week
June-----17th and 24th open		
July-----all dates open		
August-----all dates open		

Happy Anniversary  
to



June 3—Kevin and Valerie Gery  
 June 4—Allen and Ruthy Heydt  
 June 13—Peter and Marlene Duchak  
 June 16—Kenneth and Monica Mathias  
 June 23—Terry and Jodie Moyer  
 June 24—Gerald and Donna Long  
 June 24—Dale and Debbie Spencer  
 June 29—Bruce and Kathy Hoffman

July 14—Tom Sminkey and Kimberly Heydt

August 4—Joe and Diane McGlinchey  
 August 9—John and Vicki Patten  
 August 13—Parrish and Brenda Stauffer  
 August 18—William and Rachel Smith  
 August 25—Paul and Wilda Mathias  
 August 26—Edmond and Barbara Littlefield

REMEMBER.....

Over summer.....

- Drink plenty of water
- Apply sunscreen
- Apply products for ticks and mosquitos
- Eat lots of veggies and fruit
- Have fun and make memories
- Take a day trip
- Enjoy the sunrises and sunsets
- Enjoy your gardens and share your harvest with others
- Thank God every day for your blessings
- And most of all.....be kind.
- Everyone needs kindness.

**Mission Statement**

“To know Christ and make Christ known  
 Spread the Gospel by word and action”



## Remember in your prayers:

### **Our Church members, family and friends.....**

Betty Gilbert	Mary Moyer	Elijah Amato
Arlene Hess	Esther Renninger	Robin Koch
Cleora Shellaway	Helen Johnson	Marie Stauffer
Christopher	Elizabeth	Debbie Burr
Nancy Smith	Mary Ann Levan	Gloria Stricker
Allen Sanderlin	Jerry Higham	Channel Marie
Fred McKinney	Theresa Sgarlata	Mary Jane Kehs
Ed Rutter	Audrea Littlefield	Fred Miller
Edward Rutter	Barbara Whitcomb	Kathy Hoffman
Ruthy Heydt	Eugene Heydt	Shirley Heydt
John and Miki Mroz	LeRoy Roshong	Todd Barton and family



### **The young men and women serving in our armed forces....**

Noah Ziegler, Peter Duchak, Matthew McHugh, Eric Littlefield

### **For the families and friends who mourn loss of their loved ones.....**

Helen Mercer, Harold Renninger, Rosemary Hojecki, Steven and Cheryl Stricker, Mill Barry, John and Thelma Simmons, John Hilbert

*Keep this paper with your devotional items to reference daily.*

### **Organ Fund in memory of John Simmons**

*Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roshong*

### **Shares of Faith in memory of John Simmons**

6 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Terry O'Connor*  
5 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stonerook*  
10 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stoudt*  
5 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook*  
4 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herb*



### **Organ Fund in memory of John Hilbert**

*Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roshong*

### **Organ Fund (20 keys) in memory of Stella Catherine Stauffer Sell**

*Rodney Sell*

### **Shares of Faith in memory of John and Thelma Simmons**

8 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herb*  
5 shares by *Mrs. Kathryn Ertman*  
10 shares by *Mr. Gary Rhoads*

### **Shares of Faith in memory of John Hilbert**

7 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stonerook*  
5 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook*

### **Shares of Faith in memory of Thelma Simmons**

8 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stonerook*  
5 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook*  
2 shares by *Mr. Joe Andrews*  
10 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purcell*  
6 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Terry O'Connor*  
5 shares by *P. Lindsay*  
20 shares by *Mr. and Mrs. Steve Adams*

### **Organ Fund in memory of Thelma Simmons**

*Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roshong*  
*Barbara Littlefield*  
*Geoff Littlefield*  
*Helen Johnson*

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**Next issue will be for the month of September!**

Mark on your calendars!

Vacation Bible



Bible lesson,

lunch!

School  
Saturday, June 23  
10 am to 1 pm  
craft, games and

Contact Carol Adams [cadams0602@yahoo.com](mailto:cadams0602@yahoo.com) if you have questions!