



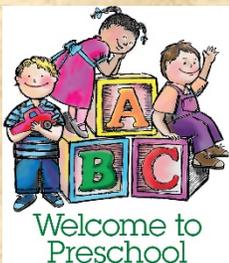
FaithWorks

9 am

Worship



Be  
kind,  
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# St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of Sassamansville

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## The Epistle

Join us for our  
Craft Show / Fall Bazaar!



We are making plans for hosting our Annual Craft Show and Bazaar on Saturday, November 13 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Crafters are much needed and tables are by donation.

If interested, please contact Donna Long at [Longdll514@aol.com](mailto:Longdll514@aol.com) and get the word out to any crafters you know! More details will follow in the coming weeks!

Mark your calendar for this event!

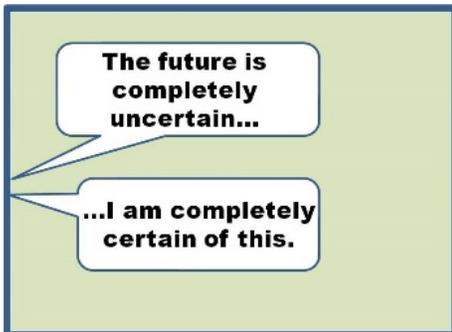
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## Note from Pastor Matt

In the fall, activities at church start to pick up in frequency. The biggest addition is the return of Christian Education. This fall also stands in contrast to last fall when many of the usual things did not happen because of the pandemic. While in July it looked like the pandemic was coming to an end, now looking to September it seems that we are not quite done. Although things here are not as severe as they are in other parts of the nation and the world, cases and hospitalizations have gone back up. This means we are dealing with yet another season of uncertainty when it comes to our activities at church.

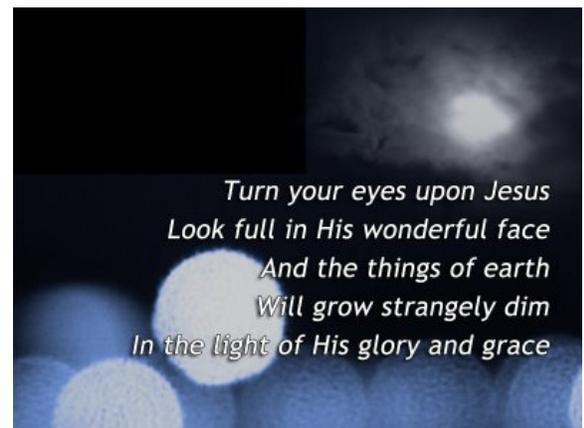


At this point in time, we will carry on with all the things we have planned, but we do so knowing that the situation can change. Our Christian Education program kicks off on Sunday September 12 with our FaithWorks Sunday School. This year's theme is *The Songs of Israel*, which pairs passages from the Psalms with the parables of Jesus. Join us for another fun year of faith formation. On Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> our Golf Outing returns. We still have space available for teams of four, see our website for more details or to register and pay online. On Sunday afternoon October 24 we will have our Trunk or Treat event in our new smooth parking lot!

Finally on Saturday November 13 the Fall Bazaar comes back. Stay tuned for more details on all these events.

Like many things in life, this pandemic does not come with a distinct ending. It continues to ebb and flow, and it will likely be some time before we can put it behind us completely. As a reminder, do what you can to protect yourself and your neighbors, get vaccinated (or a booster if needed), wear a mask when you need to, and get tested if you are feeling sick. Even though this drags on, things have improved. We are returning to normal but with two steps forward and one step back. That makes the pandemic like most things in life. We rarely move or change in a straight trajectory. There are usually curves or bumps in the road. We often get delayed or sidetracked by unexpected events. That is how life is. We as Christians do not travel this bumpy road alone. Through all the uncertainties of this life Jesus goes with us. As we move through life, we can keep our attention on him knowing his promise that he has won for us of the life of the world to come. Some days of this journey will be harder than other days. Jesus does not promise us easy travels (often he promises the opposite, "pick up your cross" he said), but he does promise a safe arrival to our ultimate destination.

So, in these uncertain days (aren't they all?), keep the faith. Look to our Lord who took on flesh for our sake. Trust in his promise and know that no bump or twist in the road is the end of the journey. Yes, there will be days that we are tired. Yes, there will be days when we are frustrated. Yes, there will be days where we do not know what direction to take. We, however, are not lost. The journey is not over. The Lord will lead us through.





## Remember In Your Prayers

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

Walter Dittman, John and Miki Mroz, Cleora Shellaway, Marie Stauffer, Grace Stauffer, Lillian Sweinhart, Kathy Hoffman, Willard Koch, Marlene Duchak, Mary Ann Levan, Jana LePage, Michael Billetta, Marion Eschbach, Ruth Miller, Eleanor Ruth, Joan Roth, Sylvia, Brian Fontaine, Harry Henning III, Clifton Shaw, Mike Moyer, Linda McCue, Michael McLaughlin, Deb DeTurck, Alita Mathews, Beth Harpel, Barbara Marlow, Jeri Stoerrle

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

Noah Ziegler, Matthew McHugh, Eric Littlefield, Adam Wolford

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

Arlene Hess, Glenn Moyer, Bill McCue, Pastor Luther Johnson, Thomas Weiss, Shirley Nester, Arthur Yerger

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### UPCOMING EVENTS.....

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
**FAITHWORKS CHRISTIAN ED**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
**GOLF OUTING---SEE WEBSITE TO  
REGISTER AND PAY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
**CRAFT SHOW / BAZAAR**

