



Worship Times

10:15 am

FaithWorks

9 am



Invite a
friend
to
church!



St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of Sassamansville

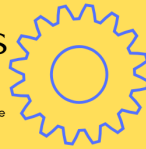
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RALLY DAY IS COMING

FaithWorks

Learning...Sharing...Serving
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church
of Sassamansville



Join us on Sunday, September 8
as we begin our normal worship
and FaithWorks hours!
**Come join us and help us have
a large attendance!**



All submissions to be
included in the **OCTOBER**
issue of The Epistle are
due by
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
17**

Please email things to
Andrea at [office@
stpaulssassamansville.com](mailto:office@stpaulssassamansville.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8 (Sunday)
Rally Day

September 21 (Saturday)
Golf Outing

September 29 (Sunday)
Harvest Home

October 18 (Friday)
Oktoberfest

October
Trunk or Treat (TBA)

Harvest Home

This will be celebrated on
Sunday, September 29.



Non- perishable
items will be collected on
the table in the narthex
during the month of
September all items will be
distributed to the
Boyertown Multi-Service
Pantry.

Note from Pastor Matt

“And now we return to our regular programming,” on Sunday September 8 we return to our “regular” Sunday schedule at St. Paul’s. Our worship service begins at 10:15 AM preceded by our time for faith formation at 9 AM. We have been making some changes over the past few years to this 9 o’clock hour. Folks of all ages meet together in the fellowship hall. There we learn some of the key stories from the Bible; we sing; we pray; we share; we eat. In short, we practice our faith. That is what this time together is all about, forming and shaping us in the Christian faith. We practice following Jesus in our lives.



This year we have some new aspects to that time together. The first you will notice is the name, FaithWorks. I believe this name best expresses what we are pursuing during this time. It is about forming us in our faith. In that sense it is a faith “works,” like a factory where raw materials are formed and shaped into something new. It is also about faith and works as we talk about it in scripture. This year we will be adding some new service projects to our time together to help us better put our faith into practice. Finally, I hope the new name conveys that faith indeed “works” in our lives. That a well formed, solid faith enables us to face the challenges of life with a strong foundation and helps us to make better sense of the world around us.



You will also notice a motto associated with the new name. It is “learning...sharing...serving”. I hope this also shines a light on what we are doing with this time. We learn about our faith by hearing and responding to the stories from the Bible. As we read the Bible we discuss it with each other, learning more about what this story has to say about life. We also take time to share with the people around us about our week with our Faith5 time. Faith5 is part of our Bible curriculum consisting of five simple steps for a daily household faith practice. The steps are: share, read, talk, pray, and bless. Share is sharing our “highs and lows” for the day. Read is to read a Bible verse or passage. Talk is to talk with each other about the day and the bible verse. Pray is to pray for each other’s “highs and lows”. Finally, to bless is for each person to offer a short blessing to another person gathered. Each week we hand out Faith5 sheets to take home with the verse of the week, prayer starters, and a blessing for the week. We try to practice Faith5 each night in our home, and we have found that it is an important way to build up our faith and build up our family.

There is a tendency, especially in this country, to think of one’s faith as an aspect of a person’s individual life. Faith becomes a private thing, practiced individually. For most of human history, however, faith has been something that makes you part of a community. Any faith, but especially the Christian faith is meant to be practiced with others. It is something that binds us to each other, not an individual, self-improvement project. By joining all ages together for faith formation we are emphasizing this aspect of faith. We are practicing building up the community of faith at St. Paul’s. By intentionally focusing on the communal aspect of faith, it serves a constant reminder to each of us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. It shows us that the community of faith is the place where we are known and loved; that in this community we experience God’s love for us through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is something we all need to know and experience. This year we are also adding a FaithWorks group page on our Facebook page. If you join the group you will have access to the weekly Faith5 sheet, plus I will be posting other short devotions, reminders, and other items of interest throughout the week. I encourage everyone to come and join us for FaithWorks because faith is for everyone!



Attention parents of students in the 7th grade and above: Confirmation instruction resumes this fall. Please e-mail or call Pr. Matt for details on our Confirmation program. Thanks.

Remember in your prayers:

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

Mary Moyer	Arlene Hess	Jana LePage
Esther Renninger	Cleora Shellaway	Fay Trayler
Helen Johnson	Marie Stauffer	Mary Ann Levan
Gloria Stricker	Audrea Littlefield	Marion Eshbach
John and Miki Mroz	Dennis Stricker	Lillian Sweinhart
Kathy Hoffman		



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 the loss of their loved ones.....

Joseph Karl Renninger, Virginia Hoffman, Betty Gilbert, Arthur Smith Jr., Frank Fulmer, Dale Schrump, Emma Heydt, Karen Moser, Charlotte Bletz, Dennis Cleaver

Keep this paper with your devotional items to reference daily.

Date	Flowers	Bulletins
Monies MUST be attached to form to have that date sponsored or paid online through tithe.ly Forms on bulletin board in narthex.	\$25 for one vase \$50 for two vases \$7 delivery charge	\$12 per week
September	ALL OPEN	1, 8, 15, 22
October	ALL OPEN	ALL OPEN
November	ALL OPEN	ALL OPEN

Birthdays in September

1-Brianna Heydt
6-Roxanne Christy
11-Joseph Adams, Sarah McCormick
13-Jim Campbell
18-Michael Crouch, Kim Ibach
21-Robert Schmitt
22-Steve Sanderlin
30-Terry Moyer

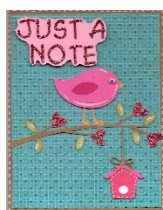
Anniversaries in September

4-Cory and Lynette Hoffman
26-Leroy and Jean Roshong
28-Wayne and Tina Losinno
29-Andrew and Mary Mathias



Our Ministry Volunteers

	September 1 9:00 am	September 8 10:15 am begins	September 15 10:15 am	September 22 10:15 am
Acolyte	Sue Prutzman	Doris Moyer	Ruthy Heydt	Geoff Littlefield
Reader	Carol Adams	Doris Moyer	Confirmation Class	Jodie Moyer
Ushers	LeRoy and Jean Roshong	Allen and Ruthy Heydt	Jodie Moyer Diane McGlinchey	Marlene Duchak Gene Yerger
Counters	Eugene and Shirley Heydt	LeRoy and Jean Roshong	Jodie Moyer Marlene Duchak	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield
Altar Guild	Jodie Moyer	Jodie Moyer	Jodie Moyer	Jodie Moyer
Council	Joan Davis Barb Marlow	Joan Davis Barb Marlow	Joan Davis Barb Marlow	Joan Davis Barb Marlow
	September 29 10:15 am			
Acolyte	Donna Long			
Reader	Geoff Littlefield			
Ushers	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield			
Counters	Willard Koch Gerald Koch			
Altar Guild	Jodie Moyer			
Council	Joan Davis Barb Marlow			



St. Paul's recently donated \$250 to the Salvation Army and \$250 to the Red Cross to support those affected by the recent flooding.

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



St. Paul's Lutheran Church 7th Annual Golf Outing

Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville, PA
Saturday, September 21, 2019



Cash Prizes for Golf:

First Place: \$400.00 per team

Second Place: \$200.00 per team

Third Place: \$100.00 per team

Time: 1:00 P.M. Shotgun Start with Scramble Format

Registration and Lunch: 11:30 A.M.- 12:45 P.M.

Price: \$80.00 per golfer

Early Bird Special: Register by June 14, 2019 Receive
three free Grand Prize Raffle Tickets (\$10.00) value)

Over \$1,000.00 in Raffle Prizes (Grand Prize Raffle tickets are \$5.00
each and three for \$10.00) and Door Prizes.
Every golfer will win something!

Includes: Golf, Lunch, Beverages, Special Contests and Dinner

Contact: Gene T. Yerger 610 721-9375
gyerger@comcast.net

SAINT PAUL'S OKTOBERFEST

- Sausage, Sauerkraut, and More
- Live Music
- Dinner Proceeds Benefit Boyertown Area Multi-service
- Bake Sale by Falkner Swamp Nursery School
- Basket Raffle
- Kids 5 and Under Eat Free

FRIDAY, OCT. 18, 2019

5 PM - 9 PM

ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

Support your local community with great food, drinks, and live music.

Admission is \$12, includes meal and 2 drink tickets (Beer or Birch Beer).

Tickets and more information at:
stpaulssassamansville.com



