



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

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## The Epistle

### Worship Times

Sundays  
10:15 am  
With  
Holy Communion

Sunday School  
9 am



Invite a  
friend  
to  
church!



We will be meeting on Sundays  
after worship once a month and  
focus on an overview  
of the entire bible.  
We will meet over lunch.  
ALL are welcome!

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| October 21  | March 10 |
| November 18 | April 7  |
| December 16 | May 5    |
| January 13  |          |
| February 10 |          |



All submissions to be  
included in the October  
issue of The Epistle are  
due by

**10 am on Monday,  
October 15.**

Please email things to  
Andrea at office@  
stpaulssassamansville.com



### TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27 from 5 -7 pm  
In our parking lot

Please join us to bring an event  
where costumed kids go from  
decorated vehicle to vehicle to get  
treats!

Decorate your vehicle, your trunk  
or bed of truck and use your  
imagination! Get crafty!  
Please come at 4 pm for setup.  
**We will be giving out prizes for  
best of show trunk!**

If you are participating, please  
Let Carol Adams know by October  
25 at 484-638-0847 or  
cadams0602@yahoo.com



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| <b>October 6</b>   | <b>Oktoberfest<br/>Pork and<br/>Sauerkraut Dinner</b> |
| <b>October 27</b>  | <b>Trunk or Treat<br/>5 to 7 pm</b>                   |
| <b>November 4</b>  | <b>Koreen Mace<br/>Concert</b>                        |
| <b>November 11</b> | <b>Fall Bazaar</b>                                    |

## Note from Pastor Matt

This month is another active month in the life of St. Paul's. On Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Oktoberfest. Again this year there will be a pork and sauerkraut dinner in the fellowship hall with live music and entertainment outside. Although this event like others is a fundraiser for the congregation it is also an opportunity to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to spend some time with the people of St. Paul's. Another opportunity to invite people to St. Paul's comes at the end of the month on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> when we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trunk or Treat. This gives families a safe environment to trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk.

Both of these events provide a good chance to get to know the community and what we are like. It is important that we as a community put ourselves out to the people of our area and let them know who we are and what we are about. The days when people joined a church because it was the expectation and the "thing to do" are over. Very few people will seek out St. Paul's (or any particular congregation) because they feel a need to join a church. That does not mean, however, that people do not need what the church has to offer.

Today, more than ever, people are in need of a community where they are known by others who care about them and their well-being. Of course we are more than that. We are a place of forgiveness and new beginnings. We are a people who together are trying to make sense of the world and life as we know it. We are a gathering not of perfect people, but flawed human beings seeking grace and mercy. The foundation of all these things is Jesus Christ. As the church we not only believe in *Him*, but we believe that *He* with his continued presence in our midst speaks to these concerns and more. That in all these things that weigh us down in today's world we find an antidote in *Him*.

This is why we bother with this thing called faith. Yes, we are concerned with eternity, but we often forget that eternity is not only a place in the future, eternity has to begin somewhere. Eternity like the future begins right now. The eternal life that Jesus brings to us changes things right now, not just someday. So as we set our vision upon eternity and the cares and concerns of today we look to Jesus. We look to him by gathering to worship him, encountering Him in Word and Sacrament. We look to him in our daily life by taking the time for prayer, reflection, and action.



On Sundays, we practice for life. Part of the changes we have made over the past year have been geared toward equipping families to practice faith together. That is why our Sunday school is for everyone, all ages. This is why we are giving new opportunities for children to participate in worship alongside parents, grandparents, and other caring adults. All the research into faith formation shows that families engaged in faith together on Sundays and throughout the week, leads to a faith that "sticks" with children into adulthood. That is why Jesus founded the Church, to make disciples of people of all nations and ages. Our primary pursuit is always this, to make disciples as He asked. To fulfill this mission at St. Paul's we are intentionally reaching out to families and households of every size and make up to help them pursue faith in Jesus together. So invite those around you to "come and see." Give them a chance to know us and what we are about. Most of all though, give them the chance to encounter Jesus who is our foundation.

| <b>Date</b><br><b>Monies MUST be attached to form to have that date sponsored.</b> | <b>Flowers</b><br><b>\$22 for one vase</b><br><b>\$44 for two vases</b><br><b>\$7 delivery charge</b> | <b>Bulletins</b><br><b>\$12 per week</b> |
|--|---|--|
| Month of October   | OPEN  | OPEN                                     |
| Month of November  | OPEN  | OPEN                                     |



## October Birthdays

- 2—Nicolas Billetta
- 4—Kane Prutzman
- 6—Jean Roshong
- 9—Ed Littlefield, Jr.
- 14—Nicole Moore
- 19—Greg Detwiler, Richard Matz
- 23—Arlene Kulp
- 25—Lisa Brensinger
- 26—Ayden Mathias
- 27—Barbara Metzler, Monica Mathias
- 29—Elsie Bechtel
- 30—Terry O'Connor
- 31—Jenny Long, Rachel Smith

Happy Anniversary  
to  
these October celebrations!



- 2—Pastor Matt and Denise Finney
- 11—Dale and Roxanne Engle
- 23—Greg and Audrea Littlefield
- 25—Robert and Andrea Kershaw

### Mission Statement

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

### Montco-Berks Golden Age Club

**Thursday, October 4**  
Bus Trip to Museum of the American  
Revolution  
in Philadelphia



**Thursday, November 8**  
Holiday Dinner at Noon  
Calvary UCC

Remember in your prayers:

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

|                               |                 |                    |                  |            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|
| Betty Gilbert                 | Mary Moyer      | Arlene Hess        | Esther Renninger | Robin Koch |
| Cleora Shellaway              | Helen Johnson   | Marie Stauffer     | Ruthy Heydt      | Elizabeth  |
| Mary Ann Levan                | Gloria Stricker | Audrea Littlefield |                  | Kim Frain  |
| Eugene Heydt                  | Shirley Heydt   | John and Miki Mroz |                  | Bea Lukens |
| Richard Keppler               | Kane Prutzman   | Susan Prutzman     | Larry Gallagher  |            |
| Maxwell Francis Girard (baby) |                 |                    |                  |            |

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.....

*Helen Mercer, Harold Renninger, Rosemary Hojecki,  
 Steven and Cheryl Stricker, Mill Barry, John and Thelma  
 Simmons, John Hilbert, Brenda Eschbach, Dexter Merkel,  
 Joseph Karl Renninger, Virginia Hoffman*



**Our Ministry Volunteers**

| Date               | October 7                                  | October 14                            | October 21  | October 28                            |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | <b>Geoff Littlefield</b>                   | <b>Doris Moyer</b>                    | <b>Donna Long</b>   | <b>Ruthy Heydt</b>                    |
| <b>Reader</b>      | <b>Geoff Littlefield</b>                   | <b>3 and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SC</b>  | <b>Marlene Duchak</b>   | <b>Merilyn McLaughlin</b>             |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | <b>Debbie Spencer<br/>Diane McGlinchey</b> | <b>Donna Long<br/>Joan Davis</b>      | <b>Carol Adams<br/>Madison, Brooke and<br/>Leah Eisenhard</b> | <b>Barb Marlow<br/>Jodie Moyer</b>    |
| <b>Counters</b>    | <b>Allen and Ruthy<br/>Heydt</b>           | <b>Donna Long<br/>Sue Prutzman</b>    | <b>Eugene and Shirley<br/>Heydt</b>                           | <b>LeRoy and Jean<br/>Roshong</b>     |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | <b>Donna Long<br/>Joan Davis</b>           | <b>Donna Long<br/>Joan Davis</b>      | <b>Donna Long<br/>Joan Davis</b>                              | <b>Donna Long<br/>Joan Davis</b>      |
| <b>Council</b>     | <b>Gene Yerger<br/>Lili Sanderlin</b>      | <b>Gene Yerger<br/>Lili Sanderlin</b> | <b>Gene Yerger<br/>Lili Sanderlin</b>                         | <b>Gene Yerger<br/>Lili Sanderlin</b> |

From Andrea in Church Office.....

I just wanted to express how much I love working here at St. Paul's! I will be here a year already the beginning of October.....the year went fast! I wanted to thank everyone for helping me get started here and guiding me through the year of learning a new office. I enjoy working with all of you and you have been nothing but kind, understanding and beyond helpful. I appreciate each and every one of you. You are a wonderful congregation and I am honored to be your Church Secretary. Blessings to all!



## ST PAUL'S FLEA MARKET TABLES

OK, everyone it is time to go through all that stuff that you don't know what to do with! Put it in a box or two and donate it to the church's flea market tables at the Fall Bazaar. Put all your items on the stage in the Fellowship Hall and the Women of the Church will take it from there.



All proceeds from these tables are donated to the church. Remember that one person's junk is another person's treasure.

Please, clean items only.

Hope to see you all at the bazaar. You might be able to find your own treasures.

Thank you in advance for your efforts!

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### **A Concert is coming.....**

Koreen Mace and the Boyertown Area Choral Association will be performing a concert there at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 4 at 4 pm.

The concert is entitled **"Diary of a Housewife / To God Be the Glory"**.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

A "Love Offering" will be taken and donated to the Mace family. Please mark your calendar and join us for a memorable Sunday afternoon! Bring some friends!

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Fall Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Come on out and join the fun that's happening right here at St. Paul's! Start your day by roaming the halls, rooms and fellowship hall for your favorite treasures and/or crafts. You will also find home-made baked goods, apple dumplings, vegetable soup and much more to purchase! (Enclosed you will find an order form.) So, stay for lunch and spend some time with your family and friends.



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Matthew Finney  
Lili Sanderlin, Music Director  
Andrea Kershaw, Secretary  
Becky Higham, Sexton

- Remember to inform the church office of any changes in name, address, phone or email so that we can stay in touch.

### BASKETS AND BAKED GOODS NEEDED



#### Oktoberfest and Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner---October 6

Yes, one of our big fundraisers is right around the corner. We are in need of filled baskets for this event.

So, please if you can get your family or pull together with another family and come up with a theme and fill a basket to be raffled off it would be greatly appreciated. If baskets could be at church by Sunday, September 30 that would be great. We will get them ready and have them on display for all to see. We have had so much fun and success with this fundraiser in the past and we hope that this year will be better than ever. If you have any questions, please see or call Diane McGlinchey at 610-369-0373.

If your talent is not filling baskets maybe it is baking. If you have a special baked good(s) please make it and bring it to church by 12:00 noon on Saturday, Oct. 6. Thank you in advance for supporting St. Paul's.



# October 2018

| October 2018 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2018 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 7            | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4             | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 14           | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 28           | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    | 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

| SUNDAY                                  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                       | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------------|--|
| Sep 30                                  | Oct 1   | 2                        | 3         | 4  | 5                            | 6  |
|   |   |                          |           | Golden Age (Bus Trip to Phila.)<br>7:00pm Karate | 8:00 am Bake for OktoberFest | 9:00am Tai Chi<br>4:00pm OktoberFest / Pork and Sauerkraut                           |
| 7                                       | 8   | 9                        | 10        | 11   | 12                           | 13   |
| 9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am Worship |   | 7:30pm Worship and Music |           | 7:00pm Karate                                    |                              | 9:00am Tai Chi<br>10:00am Men of the Church (Country Chef's Kitchen, Perkiomenville) |
| 14                                      | 15  | 16                       | 17        | 18   | 19                           | 20   |
| 9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am Worship | 6:30pm Congregation Council                             |                          |           | 7:00pm Karate                                    |                              | Boyertown Halloween Parade<br>9:00am Tai Chi   |
| 21                                      | 22  | 23                       | 24        | 25   | 26                           | 27   |
| 9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am Worship | 3:30 pm FS Nursery School Trunk or Treat in parking lot |                          |           | 7:00pm Karate                                    |                              | 9:00am Tai Chi<br>5:00pm Trunk or Treat in parking lot                               |
| 28                                      | 29  | 30                       | 31        | Nov 1  | 2                            | 3  |
| 9:00am Sunday School<br>10:15am Worship |   |                          |           |  |                              |  |