



# St. Paul's News



## Pastor's Corner

One of the blessings of being a pastor is that I get to accompany people during significant passages in their lives, helping them experience the deeper meaning of those events by marking them with Scripture, prayer, the sacraments, and embodying the presence of Christ Jesus with them. In some ways, it's kind of like the way many of the characters marked significant events in their encounters with God by building altars or erecting memorial stones or cairns: Abraham when he first comes into Canaan [*Genesis 12.6-7*], Jacob in the place where he dreams of God's "stairway to heaven" [*Genesis 28.16-19*], Joshua when the people of Israel cross over the Jordan River into the land of God's promise [*Joshua 4*]. And lately, I've found myself "marking" a lot of "crossing over" experiences: the September baptisms of Addie Roeder and Owen Griffiths, the retirement of Pr Dave Deal after his 26 years of ministry at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham (and 17 years of ministry elsewhere), the upstate wedding of one of my youth from my former parish in Hawley years ago, the funerals or memorial services of several folks outside of our congregation, and the dying journeys of several of our own members.

It's a high privilege to be able to have this role in people's lives, and a task far bigger than my own skills or training really equip me for. And now that I'm 60 years old, I find myself keenly aware when the busyness of ministry quiets that I myself am a lot closer to some of those transitions than I ever imagined before. (My own dad dying at 62 is certainly a wake-up call in that regard...) But somehow, by the grace of God, those I serve and I get through those crossings and find God's presence and power and death-defying, gracious love at work among us and mark those transitions together not because of my own great capability, but through God's Spirit at work in our vulnerability and our incapacity and simple tools made holy, God's power consummated in our weakness...

But this ministry of accompaniment, of marking life's passages with the grace and the word of God, doesn't just belong to me as a pastor; it's something each of us has the opportunity to do on a regular basis. Just here in our congregation, I see folks helping to care for their grandchildren while their adult children work in paying jobs, others serving as parents to their grandchildren, and still others helping their children-become-parents navigate the strange new world of parenthood—all of them in the process rediscovering their worlds through their children's and grandchildren's eyes. Others among us are helping to monitor and care for their parents (or alas, children) as their bodies and minds are ravaged by age or disease. Still others are serving as adult mentors on sports teams, in Scout troops, and in community ministries. In each of these settings, we as Christians have the high calling and privilege of accompanying others along significant crossings in their life journeys and marking those oft-fearsome crossings with grace, mercy, compassion, wisdom, and the Word of God and prayer. We have the opportunity to embody God's life-changing and death-defying love and grace for others precisely when other certainties and capacities are falling short—to prove in the gift of ourselves that "nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord" [*Romans 8.39*].

And in an age when the institutional church is ever more challenged in its calling to do this "professionally"—a challenge made all the more obvious by the coronavirus pandemic—our "bringing this calling home" is even more critical than it's ever been before...

So as the autumn leaves begin to blaze in color and then fall to the ground, in this time of great transition, it's an even better time to ask and talk with each other about some basic questions: How do we share our faith in Christ with our children and our elders in their times of great vulnerability? How do we tell each other (or rediscover together) the classic stories of Scripture, or guide each other in the reading of Scripture and prayer? How do we accompany others as they make these great life transitions in a way that goes beyond card and gift showers? How do we blaze a trail before them and equip them for the new roads that lie ahead of them? And most of all, how might we, each of us with our own particular gifts, experiences, and bodies of knowledge, more fully embody God's life-changing and death-defying love and grace for others—not only those in our immediate families, but also our neighbors and communities? No matter what shapes or forms the institutional church may take in the years ahead, the ways we answer these questions in action will be the ways the proclamation of the Gospel continues for generations to come, and shape the ways in which we ourselves get through the life passages ahead of us...

Yours in Christ Jesus our risen Lord, *Pr. Dave*



## Worship in October: God's Grace Changes Everything!

Here at St Paul's, our worship services are joyful celebrations of God's grace in Word and Sacrament, filled with music and worship settings both traditional and contemporary. Here's what's happening in our worship life this month:



- ✠ **Sundays in October:** During October, we're using a "**chorale service**" liturgy that sets traditional canticles to familiar hymn tunes—a liturgical style Martin Luther himself was fond of using.
- ✠ On **October 31** (when most of the world is celebrating Halloween), we'll be celebrating **the Reformation of the Church** with festive Holy Communion, the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses on the church door, plenty of red paraments and garments, and rejoicing in the amazing, life-changing grace of God that even after a half millennium still changes everything.
- ✠ And then on **November 7**, we'll celebrate **the Feast of All Saints** with a festive service of Holy Communion using the grand liturgy of LBW Setting 2. As we remember our brothers and sisters who've died over this past year, we'll be singing "This is the Feast of Victory!" with gusto and chanting the Kyrie and Proper Prefaces joyfully, rejoicing in the beauty of the Lord's holiness. We'll light the Paschal Candle in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection shared with them, and light votive candles in their individual remembrance. (Be sure to "call in" the names of your recently deceased loved ones to Alicia at the church office [215.536.5789] by Oct. 24 to have them listed in the bulletin and named in the service.)
  - o By the way, November 7 marks **the end of Daylight Savings Time**— so before you go to bed November 6, **make sure to make your clocks "fall back" one hour** (if they don't already do so automatically) so you can enjoy the extra hour of sleep before joining us for worship Sunday morning!
- ✠ With the Delta variant of the coronavirus still raging in our region, **we're continuing our adapted worship protocols to keep our most vulnerable members and visitors safe.** So in consideration for our most vulnerable members, and since we're singing and using responsive litanies in our worship (activities that project viral particles much further than mere soft speech):
  - \* We're strongly encouraging everyone to observe **safe distancing**, the wearing of **face masks** (we have plenty of the disposable surgical face masks available for your use, and they're much easier to breathe through and sing through than the cloth masks), and **limited physical contact.**
  - \* We're **keeping our exterior and interior doors open** to increase airflow and ventilation through the space for increased safety.
  - \* We're distributing Holy Communion by "**stations**" rather than gathering everyone around the altar rail—but we're **not receiving the wine by intinction** (dipping the wafer into the wine), and we're sticking with wafers for the time being rather than loaves of bread;
  - \* And **we're continuing to "livestream" our services online**, so our more distant and/or infirm members can continue to share with us in worship, fellowship, and service. Go to [www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown) to join us online.
- ✠ We have a few **flowers in need of sponsors:** Flowers (\$47.50): 10/24, 31. Please see Linda Hertzog if you're interested in sponsoring. Thank you for your sponsorships!



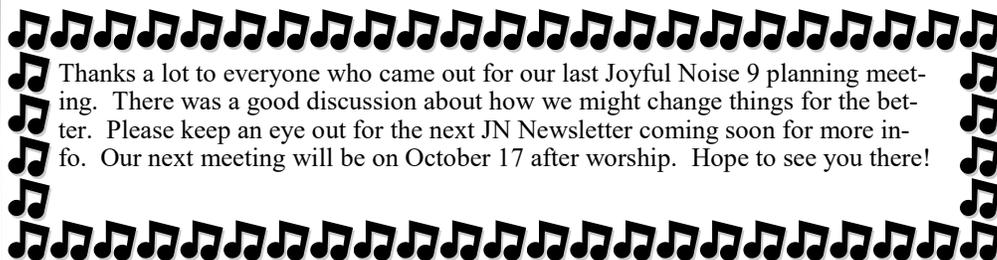


### Baptismal Anniversaries!

We rejoice to celebrate people's biological birthdays all the time, and rightly. But as wonderful as receiving the gift of life in this world is, receiving the gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus in our Baptism is even more wonderful (and best of all, it never grows old!). Why shouldn't we celebrate the anniversary of our new birth in Christ even more gladly?

#### Happy Baptismal Birthday!

*Charyl Ball, Norman Diehl, Jr., Gianna Ficalora, David Gibson, Allyson Hassler, Thomas Roeder, Jr., Lidie Shaw, Patricia Stever*



Thanks a lot to everyone who came out for our last Joyful Noise 9 planning meeting. There was a good discussion about how we might change things for the better. Please keep an eye out for the next JN Newsletter coming soon for more info. Our next meeting will be on October 17 after worship. Hope to see you there!

**Supporting our Ministry in 2022:** Thank you for your faithfulness in 2021 to pull together to keep our ministry alive! This is our adoptive family where we reach out to one another and find support. Among those who made a pledge in 2020, we are keeping up and even slightly ahead of giving. As for payments on pledges for the Lots of Love campaign for the parking renovations, we have 2/3 fulfilled already! Those attending church in person or by live stream find the same inspiring preaching and stirring music as pre-pandemic. So now please consider your pledge for 2022: help us keep our worship alive, our church home in sound shape, and our ability to reach out vibrant. In the newsletter you will find the Simply Giving form that allows you an easy way to keep current with your pledge. Or continue to mail or drop off your envelope to the office. A letter will shortly arrive with a pledge card and Simply Giving form. Please plan to return the pledge card (and Simply Giving form, if you choose to use that) by October 31, All Saints Eve and the 504th anniversary of Martin Luther's proposal to debate paying indulgences (and other issues). God Bless Us All!

*Monthly Special:*  
**United Lutheran Seminary**  
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[www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/](http://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/)

Throughout October we will be supporting the United Lutheran Seminary through our loose change. The Seminary's Mission and Vision Statement's are as follows:

***Unifying, Learning, Serving: United Lutheran Seminary is a welcoming and diverse learning community equipping people to proclaim the living Gospel for a changing church and world.***

***Our vision is to be an innovative and vibrant seminary centered in the gospel of Jesus Christ, forming faithful servant leaders bold in public witness and action in welcoming learning environments that are Lutheran in focus, ecumenical in practice, and led by grace.***

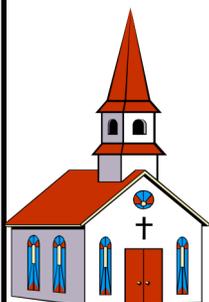
***"United Lutheran Seminary is a Reconciling in Christ Seminary"***

If you feel so led to give please drop your spare change into the tithing plate or mail a check with Monthly Special indicated in the memo line.  
 Thank you!

### Bulletin and Flower Sponsors Needed

Two more dates are available in 2021 for flower sponsorships: October 24 and 31st. All bulletins for 2021 have now been sponsored; thank you! Thank you!

**Linda has also begun seeking out sponsors for 2022!** If you would like to sponsor flowers (\$47.50, can be split between two families) or bulletins (\$20.00), please contact Linda.



### Hurricane Ida Relief: Lutheran Disaster Response

**Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern PA** is mobilizing disaster recovery teams to help families devastated by recent Bucks County flooding and tornadoes. Your gift today means that Lutheran Disaster Response can connect survivors to resources they need to recover. You can make a financial donation at [www.lutherancongregational-services.org](http://www.lutherancongregational-services.org). If you'd like to volunteer to help with cleanup and rebuilding, contact Julia Menzo at [jmenzo@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jmenzo@libertylutheran.org).



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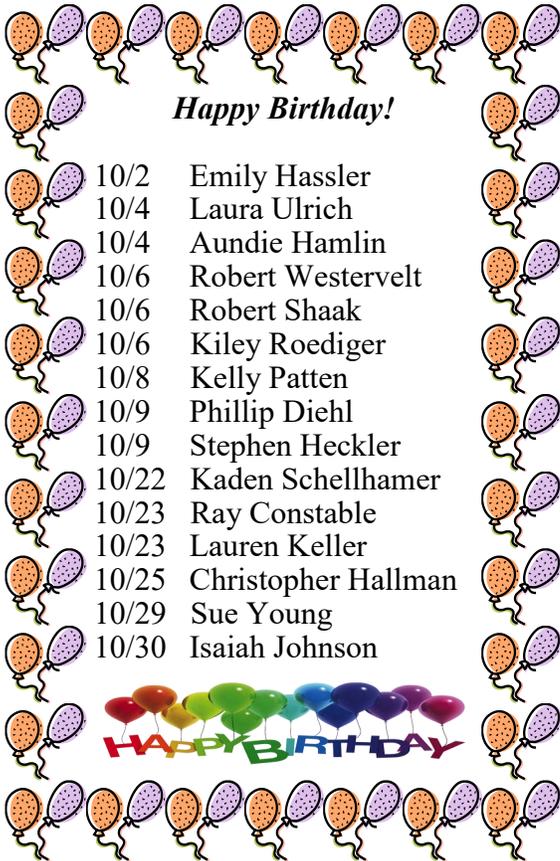
1. Save your Redner's receipts and place in the envelope on the Narthex Bulletin Board. This is a simple way to financially help St. Paul's.
2. Save your aluminum tabs from Soda Cans, Soup Cans, etc. and give to Todd Silvius for the Ronald McDonald House.
3. If you have e-mail; sign up for the Electronic version of the newsletter by e-mailing us at [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com).

We are looking for a **new congregational coordinator** for our Food Pantry efforts here at St Paul. Many thanks to Denise Shaeffer for her fine work over the years! If you're interested, please contact Pr Dave.



St. Paul's Church Council has approved the request of Boy Scout Troop 007 to establish a **Cub Pack**. Currently there is a need for leadership such as a Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster and Den leaders. Boys Scout Troop 007 has flourished and continues to be a strong scouting unit. A Cub Pack would ensure the

troops future and get children involved in the Scouting Organization. If you are interested in a leadership role, please let me know. Also, if you have a child, ages 5 -10, who may be interested in joining the Cub Pack or know of friends or family members that might be interested, please contact me. Donna Wyatt, Charter Organization Representative, St. Paul's Lutheran Church [helpkids1997@yahoo.com](mailto:helpkids1997@yahoo.com) or 267-261-8377.



**Happy Birthday!**

- 10/2 Emily Hassler
- 10/4 Laura Ulrich
- 10/4 Aundie Hamlin
- 10/6 Robert Westervelt
- 10/6 Robert Shaak
- 10/6 Kiley Roediger
- 10/8 Kelly Patten
- 10/9 Phillip Diehl
- 10/9 Stephen Heckler
- 10/22 Kaden Schellhamer
- 10/23 Ray Constable
- 10/23 Lauren Keller
- 10/25 Christopher Hallman
- 10/29 Sue Young
- 10/30 Isaiah Johnson



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**Like Us on Facebook (and Otherwise Online)!**

Did you know that St Paul's maintains an active church website, as well as several Facebook pages? Check out our online presence at the following sites:

- Our church website: [www.stpaulsqtown.org](http://www.stpaulsqtown.org)
- Our email address: [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com)
- Our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown)



- Our Joyful Noise Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/joyfulnoiseatstpauls](http://www.facebook.com/joyfulnoiseatstpauls)
- For daily Morning and Evening Prayer: <https://dailyoffice.wordpress.com/>

**Simply Giving** is a **SAFE, SECURE** and easy way to tithe to the church on a regular basis. You may give via our website a one time tithe OR sign up using a paper form through the church office. Using a paper form you may specify an amount deducted weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly on a date of your choosing. If this is something that interests you, please contact the church office for more information at 215-536-5789 or e-mail Alicia at [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com) with any questions or to request an application. Thank you for your continued financial gifts which enable the church to continue to spread the gospel, worship, learn together, and share God's love in Joyful Service!





## Confirmation Classes Are Back!

**Confirmation** ministry is about preparing to embrace for yourself your Baptismal calling and the journey of Christian discipleship. In the Lutheran tradition, this takes shape through study of the Bible and Martin Luther's Small Catechism, as well as some introduction to Lutheran church history, worship, spirituality, and discipleship. Generally, students take part in confirmation classes somewhere between the ages of 12-16— but we've had adults sit in on our classes who've found them very helpful.

For the time being, we're holding our **confirmation classes via Zoom each Sunday from 6:00-7:00 PM**. It's an easy schedule to remember, and easier for students and parents alike to work with.

To participate via Zoom, go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 370 014 7169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. If you're using your phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 370 014 7169, then 119805 and you're in.



**BC Grandfamilies Support Group: Oct 1, 15; Nov. 5, 19 6:30 PM—8:39 PM**  
**Lenape Valley Church 321 W. Butler Ave., New Britain, PA (turn onto Lite Road for parking)**

Run by grandparents for grandparents and other relatives raising the children of loved ones. Build support, discuss topics related to challenges, celebrate successes, broaden knowledge, educate others through lived experience and resources offered, we serve beyond Bucks County.

\*Dinner/Refreshments Provided for All; Childcare offered for children who are potty-trained through age 12  
 Registration Required: Wed. Prior to Friday meeting. [BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com](mailto:BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com)



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection October 30 at Strayer Middle School

Bucks County is planning to hold a local **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** on **October 30, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** at Strayer Middle School in Quakertown (1200 Ronald Reagan Drive). Registration is required for this event— go to [buckshhw.eventbrite.com](https://buckshhw.eventbrite.com) to register.

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers, and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It's also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.

You can bring up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products to this collection event. Keep in mind that hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label, such as "Danger", "Warning", or "Caution". Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: "poisonous", "hazardous", "combustible", "flammable", "corrosive", "volatile", "caustic", "irritant", "explosive", "toxic", "use with adequate ventilation", or "avoid inhaling". Such items include pesticides, weed killers, flammables, lead/acid batteries, household batteries (rechargeables and lithium), CFL light bulbs, caustics, propane tanks (20 lbs. or less), and the like. **DO NOT BRING** latex paint (it's not toxic, it's water-based— remove the lid to allow to air dry or mix with kitty litter until no longer a liquid, and then discard the mass in a plastic trash bag), appliances (with or without Freon), electronics, asbestos, biological waste, explosives, gas cylinders (greater than 20 lbs.), regular alkaline household batteries, PCBs, pressurized CFCs (greater than 1 lb.), radioactive waste, or tires. For more information, contact the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215.345.3400, or go to [www.buckscounty.org/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.org/recycling).

### Join Us During Social Distancing on Zoom!

- ✦ If you'd like to participate in most of our activities taking place over **Zoom**, go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID **370 014 7169**, and if it asks for a password, use **119805** and you should be in.
- ✦ If you're **using your phone**, these dial-in numbers will work to access Zoom: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 370 014 7169, then 119805 and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you— something that's precious right now!)
- ✦ You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.
- ✦ Even though our **Sunday morning Fellowship Hour** is beings held in person again after worship, Patty Schumacher's making sure you can still join in, even if you can't join us in person! To do so, follow the instructions above for Zoom, but use meeting ID **839 381 0896** and passcode **90e8Dm**.
- ✦ And if you want to check out the latest announcements, you can find "**This Week at St Paul's**" on **Google Docs** at   
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FaceTime

### Supporting Our Ministries



**Thanks for continuing to support our ministries here at St Paul's!** While we haven't been able to gather fully in person during the pandemic, our staff continues to work hard, our bills, salaries, and repairs still need to be paid, and we continue to reach out to our community to make disciples and touch people's lives with the love of Christ. Your tithes and offerings are still much needed during this time; and with our current 2021 finances in a \$11,000 deficit right now, your offerings are especially needed.

**You can financially support our ministries in several ways:** [1] If you're already signed up for **Simply Giving**, you're already taken care of; [2] You can **mail your offerings** to the church; and now [3] You can go to our church website ([www.stpaulsqtown.org](http://www.stpaulsqtown.org)) and make your contributions online, even using a credit or debit card. Whatever way you choose, your contributions help us continue to serve our congregation and community and build upon the good things God's doing through us.

### COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

Sift dry ingredients together **three times** (this is important):  
 3 cups flour (2 c. whole wheat, 1 c. white if possible)  
 1¼ tsp. baking powder  
 1¼ tsp. salt

Stir in 4 tsp. [olive] oil. Set aside.

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:  
 ¾ cup + 2 Tbsp. very hot water (180+° F)  
 3 Tbsp. honey  
 3 Tbsp. molasses



Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Don't knead the dough.

Divide dough into four balls and flatten each ball into a ¼-in.

thick disk. With a knife, score a cross onto the top of each loaf (or score it like a pizza might be cut).

Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350° F for 10 mins. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with [olive] oil. Then bake them for an additional 5 minutes. Then pull them out and let them cool. After sharing the bread in Holy Communion, after the service is over, reverently eat the rest of the loaf together.

**On Going Business:**

1. **Vanguard Account Balances:** As of August 31, 2021, balance is \$134,473.36; July 31, 2021, balance was \$132,817.06. Bob indicated that cash is sufficient for current bills.
2. **Income statement:** As of August 31, 2021, expenses exceeded income by (\$11,883.30); July 31<sup>st</sup>, expenses exceeded income by (\$10,460.23) year to date.
3. **Stewardship:** Sara will encourage and promote stewardship heavily as the new pledge season using announcements in church, newsletter, bulletin and mailed letters, also promoting estate planning, thanking and encouraging people to complete their pledge for the parking to renovations ("Lots of Love" Campaign), and anticipating new campaign in the future to offset the painting project. Note that over \$12,000 has been given to date on the \$15,000 Lots of Love Campaign, which was scheduled to run through 2022. Bob noted that more than half of receipts are now coming through Simply Giving.
4. **Cemetery:** Account totals as of August 31, 2021, \$94,866.50; July 31, 2021, \$94,983.00.

**Upcoming Social Ministry Plans:** October/November -- Operation Christmas Child, pick up shoe boxes for toys and personal items to be shipped to needy children worldwide; November -- Mitten Tree to support our Scout Troop 007; December -- Ever popular Cookie Sale made by those who know how to reach our hearts and tummies (proceeds to be decided); January -- Collection for Code Blue shelter, to include men's gloves and ready-to-eat snacks and fast food gift cards. **All welcome to join Social Ministry**, second Tuesday of the month, 10 am, Fellowship Hall (next meeting October 12).

***Calling all potential ministry volunteers!*** *As in-person indoor worship begins again we are in need of a variety of ministry helpers. There are many ways to get involved. Bulletin collators pick up the bulletins at their convenience on the weekend, fold them at home, and return them Sunday morning. Crucifers/Acolytes carry the cross and light the candles. Communion Assistants help distribute communion. Ushers direct people to their seats and answer questions/guide visitors. Readers read scripture during the service. Altar guild prepares the altar before service on Sundays and cleans up the altar after worship. Nursery volunteers help both parents and children during the service. If one of these ministry opportunities interests you; please reach out to the church office for more information. Thank you!*

**Thursday Morning Bible Study News**

Come join us each week for our **Thursday Morning Bible Study** from **10:00-12:00 NN** via Zoom or Free Conference call. We're digging into the Scripture readings for the upcoming week to discover the treasures that await us come Sunday. You don't have to be a biblical "expert" to get a lot out of this study— invite your friends and join us on zoom!

To participate in Thursday Morning Bible Study or any of our other **activities taking place over Zoom**, go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 370 014 7169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. If you're using your phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 3700147169#, then 119805# and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you— something that's really precious right now!) You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]:** Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.



## Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference News

To say our Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Lutheran Conference has been in transition is a massive understatement— but some good things are happening as well. Here's an update on what's happening with our wider church family:

- ✦ Many of the congregations in our conference are experiencing **pastoral transitions**. Two pastoral positions in our conference have now been filled— St John's, Ridge Valley called Pr Lauren Heywood Bruno as their new pastor beginning Aug. 30, and St Paul's, Telford called Pr Bill Coleman as their pastor (he began his call Sept. 5). But Pr Dave Deal of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Durham is officially retiring September 26 after 26 years of ministry in Durham; and the Lutheran congregations in Quakertown, Trumbauersville, Pleasant Valley, Keller's Church, Ferndale, Richlandtown, Durham, and Almont (Sellersville) are all in various stages of the search and call process.
- ✦ As Pr Dave noted in his August 2021 "Pastor's Corner", most of our Lutheran (and UCC) congregations in our Upper Bucks region aren't large enough anymore to sustain fully supported ("full-time") pastoral staffing on their own. (This includes all but three of the "in transition" congregations listed above, as well as us— and some of those congregations that currently can afford fully supported pastoral staffing will likely be unable to do so within five years.) To better understand what that reality has meant for our congregations in daily ministry and what possibilities for innovative, collaborative ministry may exist for such congregations, our conference is hosting a "**Listening Post**" **Gathering of representatives of small/transitional/"part-time call" congregations on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM** at St Andrew's Lutheran in [South] Perkasio to reflect on the challenges and possibilities of ministry for the smaller congregations in our conference. The discussion will be facilitated by Prs Erika Wesch (our conference dean) and Bryan Penman (from our synod's Congregational Vitality Team), as well as a representative from a newly-formed synod task force exploring small-church challenges. I'm going to attend this meeting, and I'm hoping at least one or two laypeople from St Paul's will also attend.
- ✦ Our annual **Upper Bucks Conference Learning Event** has been rescheduled to **Jan. 8, 2022** (site TBD) and will further reflect on **inter-congregational collaboration**. (This event will also feature some pre-conference video "homework"...) )
- ✦ And our **Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference Assembly** is tentatively scheduled for **March 6, 2022**.

## AHUB Upper Bucks Code Blue News

The **Upper Bucks Code Blue** sheltering ministry of Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks (AHUB) provides emergency shelter for homeless people when nighttime temperatures and/or wind chills reach dangerous levels— in our case, 26 degrees or below— from Nov. 15 through Apr. 15. Last winter, we provided such shelter for 22 different guests over 68 nights; and we anticipate that this winter, we'll be sheltering even more of our neighbors in need at the Masonic Lodge building in downtown Quakertown. We've worked hard to adapt our sheltering space and safety protocols to make it COVID-19 safe for guests and volunteers alike, with plenty of personal protective equipment and sanitization supplies. But this ministry requires volunteers sharing their time, organizational skills, relational skills, and of course, food and supplies to make this shelter available for folks in need. If you're interested in helping with the ministry of AHUB, please see Pr Dave.



# Sharing God's love in joyful service!

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*Each Member of the Congregation, Ministers*

