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**September 2017**

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**Activities/Events starting back up in September:**

- St. Paul Ringers (handbells) will resume practices on Wed., Sept 6, 5:20pm. Helen Hall, director.
- Thursday Bible Studies will resume on Thurs., Sept 7 in the Study. 11:30am Lunch (bring a bag lunch), Noon Bible Study (bring your Bible if you have one. If you need a Bible we will provide one). Dr. Steven Shaner, teacher.
- Community Men's Prayer Breakfast will resume on Sat., Sept 9, 8am at the Strasburg Presbyterian Church (Holliday Street). This gathering takes place the 2nd Saturday each month at a different community church.
- Sunday School will begin meeting on Sun, Sept 10: 8:30am Adult class in the Lounge (Pastor Nabers, teacher); Children in grades K - 5 will gather at 9:40am (after the Children's Sermon at the beginning of our 9:30am worship service)
- Children's Choir (age 3 - grade 5) practices & singing: Practices resume on Sept 24 at 10:30am. (Paulette Barringer and Helen Hall, leaders)

*Everyone is encouraged to join one of these groups OR start a group of your own!!*

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***“God’s Work. Our Hands”***

*A National Day of Service by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

**Saturday, Sept 9, 9AM** ✦ St. Paul Mission Quilters are looking for ladies *and* gentlemen who can cut material squares, batting, iron material in preparation for cutting, tie quilt layers together using crochet thread, and sew. Even if unable to participate in any of these activities, your company will always be welcome!

If you are planning to come and are able to bring an ironing board, iron, cutting mattes and/or cutting blades, please do so. This is not a requirement. If you are not able to join us but would like to help out by lending an ironing board/iron or cutting boards, please feel free to contact me. Gwen Abruzere: (540) 465-4786; gabruzer@shentel.net

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**Sunday, September 10** ✦ ‘Fill the Wagon’ - Collecting food items for Luke’s Backpacks  
12 noon - 3:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church Parking Lot (156 W. Washington Street, Strasburg). See Sunday bulletins and Prayer Warriors for details.

## **LOOKING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration at St. Paul** **Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017 – 3:00pm**

The Mount Olivet Choir (Arlington, Virginia)  
with Organist and Director, Dr. Steven Keister Shaner  
will present a concert of choral and organ music celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the  
Reformation.

Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration.

This event is being sponsored by the Central Valley Conference and open to visitors.

The offering will go to the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program to support and honor Jacob Dunlop. Jacob, a member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Bergton, will be volunteering for the next year with YAGM in Paraguay.

Following the concert a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Seed money for the reception is being provided by an Action Team Grant from Thrivent, but you are invited to bring a finger food to share.

*A number of other activities to celebrate the 500th anniversary will be announced in the October newsletter.*

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### ***OPPORTUNITIES for INVOLVEMENT for ALL YOUTH !***

*MS/HS Youth: Brunch Club - Sun., Sept 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month): Please come at 9:30am help prepare the brunch food. Bring a dish to share, and/or help in the preparations. Free-Will donations will benefit Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter (an agency we work closely with due to our involvement with the Local Relief Fund).*

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade: Children's Choir practices will resume September 24, 10:30am, then sing at worship on Oct 8.*

*If you have questions contact Paulette Barringer: (540-3337545;  
grammypab@gmail.com )*

*All Youth: Join us Sundays at 9:30am for Worship Service: Volunteer as an acolyte, crucifer, greeter, or tray holder.*

*Grades K - 5: Sunday School classes will resume September 10 - during worship service (approx. 9:40am)*

*All Youth: Bring items for Compassion Cupboard: Mixed Beans, Pork & Beans & Soup*

## **SOMETHING TO PRAYFULLY CONSIDER**

**The Annual Congregational meeting for St. Paul will be held on Sunday, November 19** following worship, with a covered dish meal. In addition to reports, updates and the consideration of the 2018 budget there will be the election of Congregational Council members. **There will be up to four council positions to fill at this election. To obtain more information or to be considered for nomination, please talk to a current member of Council during the month of September.**

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## **WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

Members of St. Paul,  
SVLM acknowledges your kind donation of \$1,239.00 to SVLM's Luke's Backpack Ministry. Your thoughtful support of Luke's Backpack allows SVLM to continue this program and grow it to meet the needs of our community. Your generous contribution will help us provide weekend meals to countless children throughout Shenandoah County,  
Thank you.  
Yours in Christ, Susan Fleming

*FYI: 2016-2016 School year, we packed 8215 bags for a total of 49,290 meals.*

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***Members of St. Paul have graciously given to –***  
***and received thank you notes for the following contributions:***

TO:  
*Lutheran Disaster Response (United States flooding) - \$200.00*  
*ELCA World Hunger (Malaria work) - \$50.00*  
*Church World Service Blankets & Tools Program - \$416.00. A note from CWS reads: "Your generous gift will help enable CWS to provide much needed assistance to those who struggle from the effects of natural disaster, hunger, or extreme poverty. We are proud to partner with you as we come together to bring help and hope to some of the world's most vulnerable population"*

*Thank you for giving so freely to those less fortunate !!*

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**Annual Ice Cream Social** (held Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>) **was a success!**

This event was co-sponsored by our Social Ministry Committee & *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*. A free-will offering during this event totaled \$548.00!  
This money will be used to purchase a Fair Linen for our altar, and make a donation to a local agency who reaches out to help members of our community who are in need.

*Thanks to everyone who made homemade ice cream, and to those who attended and made contributions!*

**FROM PARISH NURSE – JEANNIE COFFMAN**

Dear Friends,

I can't believe it is September! The summer has sped by. Once again it is the time of the year where we talk about the Flu season and how to stay healthy. Remember the flu is a respiratory virus, that effects large numbers of people. It can be deadly and the senior population is more likely to have complications. Therefore, the best thing to do is to prevent the flu. How to prevent the flu is by getting the flu shot. The flu shot does not protect against every virus but is made to protect against the top three viruses that were prevalent last year.

This year I have worked with the Rite Aid Pharmacies, and have set up five opportunities for you to receive your flu shot. I will have a sign-up sheet available to help get numbers so that the pharmacy knows approximately how many shots to bring. Listed below are the dates and times where these clinics will take place. There will also be an opportunity to get your Blood Pressure checked as well. Please be sure to bring your insurance card. Seniors you will only need your Medicare card.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Sun, Sept 24	St. Luke Brethren Church	on Back Road	12n to 2p
Thurs, Sept 28*	Reformation Lutheran Church	in New Market	10a to 12p
Wed, Oct 4	St. Peter Lutheran Church	in Toms Brook	10:30a to 2:30p
Wed, Oct 4*	St. Paul Lutheran Church	in Strasburg	4p to 6p
Mon, Oct 9*	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	in Jerome	10:30a to 12:30p

*\*Each of these locations has a meal and fellowship.*

Cookies and something to drink as well as fellowship are at the other locations.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Jeannie

*I came so that they could have life – indeed so that they could live life to the fullest. John10:10  
CEB (Common English Bible)*

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Clayton Painter - 1  | Donna Davis - 10      | Jeff Boyer - 21       |
| Dick Berry - 2       | Bill Nabers - 10      | Greg Flynn - 21       |
| Kevin Smith - 2      | Ruth Renner - 10      | Dayne Schlentner - 21 |
| Lillah Carlisle - 3  | Joshua Price - 12     | Brian Doman - 22      |
| Alexis Doman - 3     | Mary Price - 12       | Brandy Skarupa - 22   |
| Madison Orndorff - 3 | Stacie Rinker - 13    | Erica Painter - 23    |
| Craig Pangle - 3     | Bridgette Wilson - 13 | Jackie Bourque - 24   |
| Kamryn Pangle - 3    | Dee Keister - 14      | John Lumpkin - 25     |
| Roger Miller - 4     | Morgan Kibler - 14    | Jackie Sager - 25     |
| Wendy Pieper - 5     | Trevor Brill - 15     | Sherand Smith - 25    |
| Kathy Shelton - 6    | Jenna Frenz - 15      | Zachary Flynn - 26    |
| Nick Racey - 7       | Judy Grubb - 16       | Evelyn Keller - 26    |
| Linda Cook - 8       | Linda Williams - 16   | Rayna Mrizek - 26     |
| Amanda Ritenour - 9  | Sean Daly - 17        | Dick Smoot - 28       |
| Mike Smith - 9       | Marissa Doman - 19    | Pam Chimento - 29     |
|                      | Helen Hall - 19       | Alex Diehl - 30       |
|                      |                       | Hattie Golliday - 30  |
|                      |                       | Reia Williams - 30    |

*If your name and birth date is not listed, please contact the church office:  
(465-3232; stpaulstrasburg@gmail.com)*

## A Note From Pastor Nabers

I wanted to put before you the three key points to the ‘teaching moment’ that I led before worship on August 13th. They were related to the events in Charlottesville that weekend. These three points all involve our ongoing participation.

- 1) Pray for the people involved in the events at Charlottesville. This is the easiest of these three to begin. Lifting up the victims, perpetrators and all affected has already begun. The hard part is follow-through. I would remind us all that prayer for Christians is more than a recitation of words. It is a pledge to open our hearts and lives for the sake of others in need. It is also asking God to use us to be the visible means of God’s love and concern. Let us remain vigilant in all those aspects.
- 2) We need to remember that prejudice and racism are sinful activities. They are not harmless thoughts or actions. Racism is a denial of God’s creation and redemption as presented in both Old and New Testaments. Such thoughts and actions reflect a broken relationship with God and others. We need to speak out against this evil while at the same time acknowledging our own struggle with these issues. To fail to do both is to bring us in conflict with what we profess in worship. “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
- 3) A call to repentance and renewal. As I mentioned we need repentance but not just for racism and prejudice but for all of the mean spirited and hateful actions, inactivity, words and thoughts toward others. How we treat ‘others’ especially the poor strangers, immigrants, etc, is a reflection of how we relate to God. When we act this way, or fail to oppose racial jokes, comments and actions; it creates a space for the hatred and bigotry that has been fed on by the fear and hate mongers. We saw that openly with the Nazis, the KKK and White “Nationalists” in the march at Charlottesville. I have noted and spoken to the rising uncivil and venomous approach to others in all forms of communication that have marked our nation, state and yes, the community of Strasburg in recent years. The urgency is now ratcheted up. This needs to change and the change begins with us. The Church must lead the way and we begin here.

Like many of you I was greatly saddened and outraged by having Nazis, KKK and bigots march openly through the streets of Charlottesville. The gloves and hoods are now off. We need to respond not with violence but with our faithful lives and actions.

Pastor

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**Strasburg Compassion Cupboard**  
**is requesting the following items**  
**during September:**

Mixed Beans \* Pork & Beans \* Soup

Bring these items to church. A drop box is in the Narthex.

