

“St. Paul Courier” *The monthly newsletter of*

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Pastor Robert Wise is St Paul’s Vice-Pastor. He will be available for pastoral care/emergencies (863-430-1703) until an Interim Pastor is assigned to St Paul.

St Paul Worship Services -- Sundays at 9:30am
In-person *and* on Facebook Live

We will continue to bring Sunday worship services to you via Facebook live. A link for those worship services will be included in a Prayer Warriors email the following week.

If you have questions contact the church office (465-3232).

**If you need a mask they are available at St Paul on Sunday mornings, or at the annex during the week.*

Church Secretary days/hours (beginning Sept 7): *Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri (off Wed), 9am-3:30pm.*

St Paul recognized during worship services in August

Aug 2: We presented our 2020 high school graduates, Chris Shelton and Peyton Stickles, with Lutheran Study Bibles.

Aug 9: We recognized our 2020 St Paul scholarship recipients: Marissa Doman, Holly Henschel, Missy Miller, Marissa Sager, Chris Shelton, Sam Shelton, Alana Smith and Kendra Smith.

Aug 23: Our rising 3rd graders were given (age appropriate) ‘Spark’ Bibles.

Weekly Bible Studies resume Sept 10 * Thursdays, Noon – 1pm in the fellowship hall.

** Face coverings and social distancing while inside the church building. NO lunch/food, please.*

Bring your Bible (if you don’t have a Bible one will be provided for you).

Dr. Steve Keister Shaner will be the facilitator for these Bible studies.

In light of the present circumstances, we are going to postpone in-person **Sunday School for grades K-5.** Our plan is to follow Shenandoah County Public Schools as to when to resume in-person instruction. However, **we do have the Sunday School leaflets for students** who would like them.

* If you are interested in receiving the leaflets for September and October, please contact Carol and she will mail them out to you. The leaflets will be labeled by date, as they correspond to the scripture lessons for each Sunday. This can be a good family activity for Sunday mornings!

SVLM is seeking a volunteer to be Coordinator of the Luke’s Backpack program. This volunteer will work with the Site Coordinators at each packing site. Hours vary and some travel is required. For more information contact Rebekah (Ex Director): 540-335-7521; svlmdirector1@gmail.com.

Pastor Rick Goeres is retiring. His last Sunday at First Lutheran Church is August 30. If you’d like to send a card to him, his address is: 147 Dover Circle, Norfolk, VA 23505

If you would like to supply altar flowers

(2 arrangements) for a Sunday or 2, please

Contact Carol in the office know.

The Sundays still available are:

September 13 October 11

November 22 and 29

Walgreens will hold a Flu Shot Clinic**Wednesday, Sept 16, 5pm – 6pm.****St Paul Lutheran Church Annex – back porch.**

ELCA World Hunger

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

To learn more: www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger

* *St Paul collects donations to ELCA World Hunger on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Make your donation check payable to ELCA World Hunger. Hunger envelopes are available on the 2nd Sunday each month, as you enter the church building.*

Weekly contributions: *You can mail them to the annex (193 W Washington St, Strasburg, VA 22657), or drop them off at the annex using the mail slot to the right of the front door.*

Thank you for your continued support as our staff works to keep programs going during this everchanging time - and plan for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021, and get information out to you in a timely manner.

Avery Ann Kupeski, daughter of Matt & Crystal Kupeski, received God's gift of Grace in the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Friday, Aug 7.

Avery is the granddaughter of Mark & Jill Kupeski.

Words of appreciation....

My daughter Kalee, her husband Joe and I thank you ALL for your continued prayers for Shepherd (born 15 weeks premature). We feel so blessed to have so many people who continually praying and show their love and support. Kalee and Joe are very appreciative for the monetary gifts that helped them get through an extended time of added expenses while Shepherd was in the NICU (Winchester and Inova) for those 122 days.

Shepherd came home on Aug 12 – four months after his birth on April 12 (Easter day). He'll continue to be on oxygen for a while but at least Kalee, Joe and little Shepherd are now *a family together*.

Blessings to you all. *carol smith*

We will continue to make the following available on the back porch of the Annex:

- *St Paul Courier*
- Prayer List: Please write names on this list. These names will be included on Prayer Warriors email each Monday. You can also email or call the annex office (465-3232) with prayer requests.
- Weekly Bulletins: Each Thursday afternoon the upcoming Sunday bulletin will be available and will stay there until the following Wednesday afternoon.
- "Christ In Our Home" devotionals
- Altar Guild schedule through December 2020

Assisting Ministers for September:

6: Justin McElwain
13: Joan Farrell
20 & 27: Randy Painter
Oct 4: Debbie Winkfield

Altar Guild for September (*copies of the 2020 schedule are on the annex back porch*):

6: Gloria Stickley & Ina Rae Crisman
13 & 20: Ida Smith & Leslie Doman
27 & Oct 4: Donna Smith & Bethany Neel

The church office will be closed Monday, Sept 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

Opportunities to help in our community

- 1) **Strasburg Compassion Cupboard:** *No Glass Containers, please.* Canned items requested during September: pork & beans and soup. Monetary donation payable to "Strasburg Compassion Cupboard".
- 2) **Luke's Backpacks:** Donate single serving food and snack items. Monetary donations payable to "SVLM".
 - *For above 2 items: Bring to church on Sundays (drop boxes available as you enter the building), or to the Annex during office hours (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 9am-3:30pm) or leave them on the back porch of the annex. Monetary donations can be dropped through the Annex mailslot. If you have questions contact Carol in the Annex office (465-3232). Thank you!*
- 3) **Blessing Box:** Please **NO** canned or dried beans, **NO** tomato/spaghetti sauces, and **NO** lentils -- *We have a good supply of these items at this time.* ☺ Canned items needed: meats, vegetables and fruits. Also snacks, cereals, peanut butter, breakfast bars, baby items (i.e. diapers, baby food, etc.) and personal hygiene items.
 - *Bring these items to the Annex. If after hours please leave the items on the back porch. Carol will get them when she returns the next business day.*
- 4) **Strasburg Local Relief Fund** – assisting residents of the Strasburg area.
 - *If you want to give a donation make your check payable to either "Strasburg Local Relief Fund" (not a 501c3 organization), or "Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter" – earmarked the check - 'Strasburg Local Relief Fund'. Please mail it to the annex office or drop it through the Annex mail slot.*
- 5) **Community Meals:** Wednesdays at 5:30pm - drive-thru/pick-up meals in the St Paul parking lot. Drive into St Paul's parking lot using the Washington Street entrance. A free-will offering (if you are able) is appreciated.
 - *Donates toward the cost of the meals: to "St Paul Lutheran Church", earmarked 'Community Meals'. (FYI: the average cost of these meals -prepared by Rutz Catering- is \$6/person plus a \$25 delivery fee.*

Birthdays in September

Clayton Painter - 1
Dick Berry - 2
Kevin Smith - 2
Lillah Carlisle - 3
Alexis Doman - 3
Madison Orndorff - 3
Craig Pangle - 3
Kamryn Pangle - 3
Roger Miller - 4
Wendy Pieper - 5
Kathy Shelton - 6
Nick Racey - 7
Linda Cook - 8
Amanda Kern - 9
Mike Smith - 9
Donna Davis - 10
Ruth Renner - 10

Joshua Price - 12
Mary Beth Price - 12
Stacie Rinker - 13
Bridgette Wilson - 13
Addison Hay - 14
Dee Keister - 14
Morgan Kibler - 14
Trevor Brill - 15
Jenna Frenz - 15
Judy Grubb - 16
Linda Williams - 16
Sean Daly - 17
Marissa Doman - 19
Helen Hall - 19
Jeff Boyer - 21

Greg Flynn - 21
Dayne Schlentner - 21
Brian Doman - 22
Brandy Skarupa - 22
Erica Painter - 23
Jackie Bourque - 24
John Lumpkin - 25
Jackie Sager - 25
Sherand Smith - 25
Zachary Flynn - 26
Rayna Mrizek - 26
Pam Chimento - 29
Alex Diehl - 30
Hattie Golliday - 30
Reia Williams - 30