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Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of our fall stewardship campaign called: “Live Simply” and I am in the midst of preparing to move to Topton. I have been blessed that so far, everything has fallen into place with the sale of my home, and the dates for closings and moving into the new home. However, the concept of Live Simply is very much on my mind. (That will happen whenever one begins to pack up their home). How much stuff do I need? What do I keep, what do I toss? I have definitely come to the conclusion that I can toss all size 10 clothing! Those days are way over! None the less, the sorting and choosing of what moves with me is a process.

As we continue to think about what it means to live simply, I hope each one of us begins to exam our priorities. Often times, we say something is very important to us, and yet, we do not act on those sayings. Many say ‘spending time with the family’ is important, but they work every waking hour of the week, trying to make all the money they can. In the process, they spend little time with family. Many say ‘faith; God and church’ are very important, yet they fail to take time to worship and grow in their faith.

I guess a question I have is how often do we let the demands of the world interfere with our own priorities? Do we own our calendars, or do our calendars own us? Do we own our things, or do our things and our desire for things run our life? In the 10th chapter of Luke, we read the story of Jesus coming to visit Mary and Martha in their home. Martha was busy working, preparing, and stayed busy right through part of Jesus visit. Mary on the other hand, sat and listened, sat and spent time with Jesus. After Martha came to Jesus with her complainants about Mary, Jesus states; “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

To me, to live simply is to remind ourselves (remind **myself**) that the most important thing in all of life is our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One who promises to supply all our needs. He is the one worthy of our love and praise and service. Everything flows from God’s grace.

As I recall this wonderful gift, I am indeed freed up to live simply, trusting that God is faithful all the time.

Growing with you in faith,

Pastor Laura

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



The choirs are back into weekly rehearsals and preparing special music which glorifies God. This year you will see some new faces among the choirs, and there is room for your face



as well! People often say that the chance to gather with fellow members' mid-week to rehearse is really a time to renew one's self and experience the holy presences of God.

During October we begin to draw to a close the church calendar year. Our lessons continue to come from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus is well on his way to Jerusalem, the place of his cross. As his time draws short, surely his teachings are of utmost importance. Be sure to come to worship and hear the words of our Lord.

You will notice that the back pew has been removed from one side of the church and a few new chairs have been placed there. Please keep this area free for those with wheelchairs, walkers etc. We hope this set up will allow couples to sit together as they worship.

Looking forward to seeing you in worship.

“When life gives you more than you can stand ... kneel.”
—Unknown

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On September 11, Sunday school kicked off with a great service project to benefit the Trexlertown Fire Company. During Sunday school, children helped make goodie bags for the fire company's first responders.

Bags included snacks such as granola bars, crackers, gum, mints and chocolate to help sustain the men and women while they are out on, or returning from calls. They also included a prayer card to help them remember God's care and love during what often are stressful times.

Through the donations of fellow church members we exceeded our goal of 100 bags! With extras of items like crackers and mints, we made additional "mini bags" which also went back to the fire company.

Members of the fire company came to church at the end of the morning via fire trucks to pick up our donations. Children were able to present them with cards and messages of thanks, while also checking out the vehicles.

Seeing the excitement of the children and the true gratitude of the firefighters made the morning very special. Thanks again to everyone who generously donated to make this event a success!

OPENINGS ON CHURCH COUNCIL

Are you looking for a way to have your input shared with the church, to get to know your fellow church members and to make a difference in the future of St. Paul's Lutheran Church? If so, there is a seat for you around the church council table. We are at an important time in our ministry at St. Paul's. While many churches seem to be declining, we are growing. Therefore, we need individuals to step up and help with the leadership of the church. The council meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. If you can share your time and gifts with the church council, it would be greatly appreciated. No experience necessary! To keep St. Paul's moving forward, we need your help. Please give this opportunity some prayerful thought.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH LUNCHEON

Make your luncheon reservations today! Our annual free celebration luncheon will be held Sunday, October 9th, immediately following worship. If you did not fill out a reservation card at church, please do so as soon as possible, or call the church office and make your reservation.

SMALL GROUP STUDY

ADULT CROSSINGS; GOD'S JOURNEY WITH US, will be our next small group study. The study will begin on Monday, October 10.



The Bible contains hundreds of stories; thousands of names. How does a person begin to understand and remember it all? This series gives a unique overview of what many scholars consider to be the eight core stories of the Bible. By looking at these stories, we gain a perspective on God's activity throughout

history and hear God's word addressed to people of old and to our life and world today. All are welcome to come to this class where we will cover the eight core stories of the Bible.

This course is 11 sessions. Participants who are able are asked to pay \$14.00 for the work book that goes along with the class. You will get to keep your workbook. If you cannot afford a book, please do not let that stop you from attending the class.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The endowment committee gave a gift of \$1000 to the Trexlertown Fire Company for all their service and in honor of their 100th anniversary.

We are in need of 2 people to fill vacancies on our committee. If you like to give away money, this is the committee for you! Please let Tom Kellogg or Pastor Laura know of your interest.

CAN YOU CROCHET, KNIT OR LOOM?



As you probably know, our prayer shawl group has been making hats and mittens for inner city schools. We made a delivery last winter, and have started working on items for this winter. If you can crochet, knit, or loom, consider joining us after church on Sunday, **October 23**, to work on these items. Bring a crochet hook size G or H, knitting needles size 5 or 7, or a small round loom. If you can't make it on the 23rd and would like to help out, please see Steph or Peggy for a pattern. For more info, talk to us at church, email, or call: stepbillwagaman@rcn.com / 610-395-0355 (Steph); or peggyekern@gmail.com / 610-481-9086 (Peg).

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE FOR WORLD HUNGER

Election Day is Tuesday November 8th. I think most of us will be glad the campaigning is over as of that date. Four years ago, we held a bake sale on Election Day, and it went over extremely well. In fact, we sold out by noon, and yet people still made donations to the world hunger bucket. So, we are looking for some folks to bake cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and other items that we can sell, and we are looking for help to 'man the stand'. A sign-up sheet to work the tables will be in the narthex.

PRAYER CHAIN



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at [610 351-6040](tel:6103516040) or cell # [610 573 7117](tel:6105737117). She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer, a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.

OUR WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Our September 7 meeting was attended by 9 women. After reading our Purpose Statement, we discussed upcoming events.

- September 24 is the Fall Fun Event at Union Schnecksville from 8:30 – 4 p.m. Service of Worship, Prayer, Bible Study, assembling school kits, Sing-A-Long, Lunch, Nature Walk, Outdoor Games (weather permitting), Bubbles/Coloring, Movie w/popcorn are planned for the day. There is no registration fee.

After the event there will be a meeting for people interested in attending the Triennial in July 2017.

- October 8th, Fall Cluster Meeting at St. Timothy, Allentown. Topic is Emergency Preparedness with Roger Conrad.
 - Sharon Bortz, as Cluster Coordinator, is planning this meeting. Registration starts at 8:45 and \$2.00 registration goes to St. Timothy. Meeting goes until noon.
- December 7th, Ingathering at St. John's, Emmaus, beginning at 10:30.
 - Judy Walker and Patty Spenser will be attending a planning meeting on September 14 at St. John's Emmaus.
- March 25, 2017, Spring Day of Renewal. Topic and place TBD.
- April 2017, Spring Cluster Meeting. More information regarding this meeting after the board meeting beginning of November 2016.
- May 20, 2017, Convention – place TBD.
- July 13-16 2017, Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.
 - 5 definite attendees; 2 possible, and Edie Mauthe will join our group.
- September 23, 2017 – Fall Fun Event, Hope Lutheran, Tatamy.

Thankoffering Sunday is scheduled for November 13. Ladies were reminded to fill their jars and bring them to church.

After all business was discussed, there was a Bible Study. *Jonah, and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.* When Jonah became an

instrument of God's mercy. We read the entire book of Jonah first to better understand the study. From the Bible Study: In the end, *it doesn't matter whether Jonah gets God's point; the question is, do we?*

Next meeting is scheduled for October 12th at 9:30 a.m. Please come join us.

Submitted by Sharon Bortz

I SHALL NOT *NEED*

Despite the traditional wording ("The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want"), Psalm 23 declares that God provides everything we *need* — not everything we desire.

"He makes me lie down ..." Sometimes our busyness is useful; other times it's how we feel in control or superior to others. God knows we need to rest and sometimes must make us do so!

"He leads me beside still waters ..." Although we often prefer noisy distractions, God knows we need quiet to hear him and have our souls restored.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Rather than a boast ("Ha! See how God spreads a banquet in my honor while others look on!"), this is a reminder that God wants us to dine with our enemies. We might not be able to stand those people, but God pursues reconciliation.

In the process, **"goodness and mercy ... follow me all ... my life."** That's what we need the most.

OCTOBER FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any non-perishable food will be acceptable.

THANK YOU to all who brought peanut butter and jelly for our monthly collection for the food bank.

During October our “food of the month” will be Macaroni & Cheese.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 – Annual Congregational Luncheon

October 16 – Fall Potluck

HOSPITALIZED?



If you are in the hospital, please let the church office know. The hospitals have updated their computers, and unfortunately, we are not getting accurate reporting of members in the hospital. Our code # is 321.

TREXLERTOWN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

The Trexlertown Seniors are looking for new members. We meet every Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Our meetings start at 1:00 p.m. Some come a little early to socialize. Light refreshments are served.

From time to time we have a speaker come in. We play bingo, have trivia, play cards, pinochle and more. Once in a while we have entertainment with a piano player and a sing-a-long.

If you have any questions, stop in and attend one of our meetings.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of 4 boxes of food.

Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

Again, thank you for your donation.

AAEFB

Margaret Rosenbeger, Corres. Sec.

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you very much. You couldn't be more thoughtful and I couldn't be more grateful.

The get well wishes for my recovery from total hip replacement is greatly appreciated.

Dorothy O'Connors

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Leroy Bortz
Bill Moyer
Doris Wilkers

Helen Kessler
Katherine Plarr
Larry Wingard

Dawn Moyer
Kathy Shryock

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1 Moses Ajamu	21 Jack Parmer
1 Hannah Schmoyer	21 Anthony Pisauro
1 Meredith Schmoyer	23 George Keil
1 Ginny Wingard	23 Garret Pavlacka
8 Ginger Hallock	24 Helen Kessler
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16 Claudia Haughney	27 Linda Dietrich
16 Esther Seibert	29 Allison Thompson
16 Susan Xander	29 Judy Walker
18 Bill Moyer	31 Lisa Schmoyer
20 Richard Danner	



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3 Keith & Becky Theodore
11 Chris & George Holzer
14 David & Peggy Apgar
14 Bill & Sharon Heminitz
16 Stan & Mitzi Younger
25 Carl & Esther Seibert, Jr.
26 David & Nancy Reinhard
28 Steve & Amanda Mesko

PASTORAL ACTS

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals joined St Paul's Lutheran church on Sunday, September 11th:

Doug & Diana Ebersole

Michael & Kelly Morgenstern (Matthew)

Jason & Christine Nemeah (Kayla & Liam)

Bruce & Peggy Saylor

Paul & Susan Xander.

BAPTISM

Liam Christopher Nemeah was baptized in the Christian faith on Sunday, September 11.

YOU'RX NXXDXD!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcept for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd prfxctly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdx dxvxry much."

I'M CLEAN!

Church reformer Martin Luther once had a nightmare about being judged by the devil. From a scroll, Satan was reading all the sins Luther had ever committed.

“What hope of heaven do you have as a miserable sinner?” the devil accused.

Feeling despondent, Luther remembered the cross. “There’s one entry which thou hast not made, Satan,” he said.

When the devil inquired about it, Luther responded confidently: “The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7, KJV).

Praise God that he sent Jesus to be our Deliverer (Psalm 18:2) so we are no longer held hostage by Satan’s accusations!

HE'S EVERYWHERE

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. “But it’s dark out there!” he protested.

“Don’t be scared,” Mom said. “Jesus is out there. He’ll take care of you.” When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, “Jesus is everywhere. You’ll be safe.”

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, “Jesus, if you’re out there, will you please hand me the broom?”



DAILY TASKS

When I awoke this morning, I asked, “How shall I live this day?” The answers were all around me:

The fan said, “Keep your cool.”

The ceiling said, “Aim high.”

The window said, “Look outside yourself.”

The clock said, “Every minute is precious.”

The calendar said, “Stay up to date.”

The door said, “Take advantage of opportunity.”

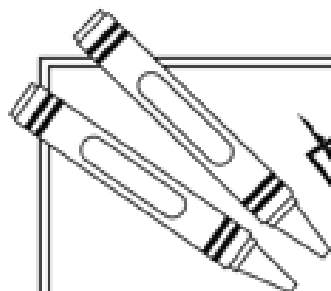
The floor said, “Kneel down and pray.”

—Unknown (adapted)

LOOK UP

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. ... As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people. And, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

—C.S. Lewis



PUZZLE

THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

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"So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV



**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
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OCTOBER 16, 2016

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR
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BY THIS DATE.**



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Sexton Mr. Charlie Meitzler

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