

Paradise Corner



I believe one could make the case that the church is about connections. To be connected to each other is to be connected to God. To be connected to God is to be connected to each other. In fact, that is one common way to look at the cross that defines the central teaching of our faith. The cross has two dimensions. There is the horizontal dimension, through which we are connected with one another. Then, there is the vertical dimension through which we are connected with God.

That can be—and, I believe is—a key insight in doing the work of the church in our particular time and place. We can fret about how connected (or disconnected) we are in all the various dimensions of our lives, but if we keep the cross at the center of our fretting, we can find that God in Christ remains committed to us.

That, of course, is a key dimension in the message of the cross. God committed to a fallen humanity, and, through purposeful suffering brings those whom God loves—which is all of us—to new and exciting places.

What those new and exciting places can be is something that only God knows. But, that does not mean we cannot imagine—even dream—about what God might have in store. Indeed, we could even say that is what our goal is here and now. To dream in a faithful way. This is to say to dream in a way that keeps not only our relationships—in all their dimensions—at the center, but that also keeps God in Jesus Christ as the center.

By doing that all of the connections are handled and what is possible becomes our hope, not because we do it, but because God guides all that we do.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am: Holy Communion

10:30 am: Holy Communion

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday School

9:00 am (ends 5/13/18)

Child Care Center

Monday through Friday 7:00am-5:30pm

Church Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Scott J. Paradise
Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Hartland Gifford
Director of Music: Christine Paradise
Office Administrator: Lori Adams
Treasurer: Paul Peters
Financial Secretary: Debbie Stewart
Child Care Director: Debra Hessinger
Child Care Assistant Director: Amanda Fritz
Sunday School Supt.: Denise Reiner
Sexton: Robert Crogan

2017-2018 Congregation Council

Debbie Frey	June Hahn
Bob Bastian	Paula Kesack
Cindy Schaller	Robin Ruch
Len Witt	

All active St. Paul members: in order to keep your membership up-to-date, please remember to complete and return a Holy Communion card (at least once a year) as a record of your Communion. Cards are located in the pews and completed card can be placed in the offering plate. Also, please remember to use your offering envelopes or put your envelope number on your offering checks as a record of your giving. If you haven't had offering envelopes assigned to you, please contact the church office.

If you would prefer to receive the monthly *Epistle* via email, please contact the church office.

Happening at St. Paul's

Gift Card & Cash Bingo Sunday, May 20, 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 12:30 PM

Food and beverages available for purchase.

20 games for \$20.00

50/50 cover all available

TrickyTray



The Fundraising Committee has scheduled four Gift Card Bingo's for 2018. We are in need of gift cards, \$25 Gift Certificates, and items to make baskets for the basket raffles to be used as prizes, (such as crafts, food items, etc.) Items can be dropped off at church office M-F 9-3pm or at church services on Sundays.

Any questions, call Sherry Miller at 610.264.3075. Thank you!!!

May 2018



**Choir Practices Thursday
7:00 PM in the choir room**

May 10th & May 24th

Interested in joining our choir?

Contact Christine Paradise at 610.443.2121

**Our Mother's Day
community project
will be with Turning
Point of Lehigh
Valley.**



This year we will be collecting sleepwear, of all sizes for women and children.

They could also use cleaning supplies. A basket will be available for your donations in the breezeway until May 13.

Turning Point is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. They reach 4,000 people a year with services and programs which include: 24 hour Helpline, Safe House, Counseling, Support Groups, Court Advocacy, Community Outreach, Prevention Education and Medical Advocacy.

Please help this wonderful organization!

Spaghetti
Dinner



You are invited...to a "no strings attached" Spaghetti Dinner to benefit TURNING POINT OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY-a safe place where victim of abuse and their children can find refuge.

Saturday, May 12, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

Costs will be covered by a Thrivent Action Team grant.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT TURNING POINT.

If you can contribute #9 spaghetti or a homemade dessert, please tell Cindy Schaller, Debbie Frey, or Paula Kesack.



Hospital Visits: If you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital or rehabilitation facility, it is very important to notify the church as soon as possible. You can do this by either calling the church office directly or inform the hospital upon admittance that you are a member of St. Paul's and they will list you under our Pastoral Code 312.

Please keep in your prayers this month:

Rená Ackerman, John Bechtold, Ralph DeWalt [brother of Betty Rabenold], Linda Dunkel and her mother Frances [friends of Keri Burrows], Robert Kulp, Jr., LeeAnn Miller, Joanne Mooney, Carolyn Schleicher, and Janet Searfass.



Summer Epistle

Last day to submit items: Friday, May 18
Epistle Volunteers: Friday, May 25

If you would like to put an article or announcement in our newsletter, please email your articles to stpaulschurch@rcn.com. You can also get our *Epistle* newsletter by email (just call the church office). Don't forget to check out Saint Paul's Facebook page and our website: www.stpaulscatasauqua.com.



Catasauqua Food Bank Needs:

Canned Soup, Fruit & Vegetables. Cereal, Spaghetti noodles, Spaghetti sauce, Rice & Noodle Mixes, Fruit cups, and Juice Boxes. Drop off your donations in the shopping basket in the church narthex.

Miller Keystone Blood Center is always in need of all blood types. ! Thank You to **JoAnn Staller** for her faithful donations!



Bring in your used **printer and fax machine cartridges!** We trade them in and receive a Staple s store credit of \$2 for every print cartridge.

St. Paul's is part of Daku's Auto Body Shop's Give Back Program

Every time one of our members has work done on their vehicle they just have to ask to have 1% of the total bill donated to St. Paul's.

Daku's Auto Body Shop
 1135 Howertown Road,
 Catasauqua, PA 18032



Saint Paul's is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers **convenience** for you and much-needed donation **consistency** for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. (This is also safer than carrying cash to church.) You can also set up a different frequency (monthly, biweekly, etc.) if you give according to such a schedule. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

You would still be able to participate in the collection of the offering if you desire. Write "I give electronically" on the outside of an envelope and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office to request "I give electronically" cards to drop in the offering plate.

These secure donation services, which Saint Paul's is receiving without the normal start-up fees for the first year, are provided by Vanco Services, LLC. Vanco processes electronic donations for thousands of churches and nonprofit organizations.

To learn more, please contact the church office (stpaulschurch@rcn.com or 610.264.3221) or go to our website (www.stpaulscatasauqua.com) for the link to register.

Serving

Assisting Ministers for May 2018

Date	Lector	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild
5/6/2018	8:00 AM 10:30 AM Meg Weinhofer	8:00 AM Braeden Lower 10:30 AM Tiffany Crogan	8:00 AM Lew Heller Al Renn 10:30 AM Paula Kesack	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
5/13/2018	10:30 AM Joanne Spengler	8:00 AM Amanda Mathis 10:30 AM Emily Reiner	8:00 AM Pat Gerber Robert Bastian 10:30 AM Laurie Perna	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
5/20/2018	10:30 AM Betty Rabenold	8:00 AM Mason Forstoffer 10:30 AM Ty Reitz	8:00 AM Al Renn Lew Heller 10:30 AM Denise Reiner	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
5/27/2018	10:30 AM Paula Kesack	8:00AM Alexis Rushatz 10:30 AM Tiffany Crogan	8:00 AM Robert Bastian Len Witt 10:30 AM Robin Ruch	8:00 AM 10:30 AM

Saint Paul's Worship Committee is Looking for Volunteers

Communion Assistants: No experience is needed, training will be provided. .Contact Bob Bastian at 610 266-4287.

Lectors: are needed for our Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM services and special holiday services. Contact: Judy Donchez at 610-746-9283.

Altar Guild: The flexible schedule allows you to sign up for either service. Participants are paired to accommodate for unforeseen circumstances. No experience is necessary and training will take place at your convenience.

Altar and Flower Dedications at Saint Paul's

Honor a loved one, give thanks for an anniversary or accomplishment, or commemorate a loved one's birthday or death by sponsoring flowers for our altar or by sponsoring our church bulletins. If you would like to celebrate in this way, please fill out an Altar Flower and/or Bulletin Dedication form along with payment of \$40/\$15 & submit to church office. Dedication forms are in the narthex. .

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
5/6/18	Reserved	Reserved	6/10/18	Available	Available
5/13/18	Reserved	Reserved	6/17/18	Reserved	Reserved
5/20/18	Available	Available	6/24/18	Available	Available
5/27/18	Reserved	Reserved	6/30/18	Available	Available
6/3/18	Available	Available			

Child Care Center News

May has arrived and that means summer is right around the corner. We plan on spending our days outside playing and enjoying the warmth. At the beginning of the month, the children will be busy making heartfelt gifts for Mother's Day. The classrooms will also make crafts of flowers and bugs to decorate the hallways and boards.



Everyone will be practicing the music for our Annual Spring Program held on Thursday, May 24th in Fellowship Hall. Our theme for the show this year is "Springtime." At the end of the month we will celebrate Memorial Day; thank you to all those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom!



Wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day & a Happy Memorial Day!

Debbie Hessinger & Amanda Fritz
Child Care Director & Assistant Child Care Director

Treasurer's Report through February 2018

Actual Income: \$96,537
Actual Expense: \$83,621
Net: \$12,916

This report tells us our income was \$12,916 more than expenses!!

Financial Secretary's Report through February 2018

Weekly Envelopes

Budget YTD: \$16,815
Received YTD: \$11,086
Net YTD: \$5,729

This report tells us we collected \$5,729 less than budgeted in weekly envelopes.

Saint Paul's Committee and Volunteer Leaders

Acolyte Coordinator: Bob Bastian

Altar Guild: Needed

Child Care Committee: Len Witt

Christian Education: Denise Reiner

Communion Assistants: Bob Bastian

Epistle: Needed

Eucharistic Ministry: Lew Heller

Evangelism/Witness: Paula Kesack

Finance Committee: Len Witt

Fundraising Committee: Bob Bastian

Greeter Coordinator: Bob Bastian

Lector Coordinator: Judy Donchez

Memorials: Betty MacHose

Mutual Ministry: Denise Reiner

Prayer Chain: Joanne Spengler

Property Committee: Bob Bastian

Scouts: Robin Ruch

Social Ministry: June Hahn

Stewardship: Lew Heller

Worship/Music Committee: Needed

St. Paul's Yard Sale Saturday, June 9, 2018

8:00 AM-1:00 PM (set up 7:00 AM)

The St. Paul's Fundraising Committee is holding a Yard Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 9. We'll also be selling breakfast and lunch items from our kitchen. The sale will be held in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the St. Paul's General Fund and a local charity. If you wish to donate items for St. Paul's to sell, please bring them to the church office between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday. **Deadline to donate items is Sunday, June 3, 2018.**

If you would like to rent a space, the cost is \$10.00. Please complete a Yard Sale Registration Form and bring it or mail it along with your payment to the Church Office (417 Howertown Rd, Catasauqua, PA 18032) Attention: Bob Bastian.

BAKERS - WE NEED YOU TOO!! If you would like to donate some of your delicious, homemade baked goods to our Bake Sale, please bring them to the Chapel Breezeway the morning of Saturday, June 9th, between 7:00 & 7:30 AM.



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May Birthdays

Benjamin Dymond-Hoppes	5/1
Judy Gebhardt	5/1
Daniel Eck	5/2
Robert Kulp IV	5/4
Rachael Matchette	5/6
Jessica Ryan	5/6
Anahi Turner	5/8
Kevin Falko	5/9
George Spieker	5/9
Haley Hudson	5/10
Cindy Schaller	5/10
Lewis Corcoran Jr	5/13
Gretchen Stamm	5/14
Amanda Douty	5/15
Brittain Shander	5/16
Lee Koch Sr	5/17
Doris Miller	5/19
William Kulp	5/21

Jaylyn Achey	5/22
Adian York	5/22
Tyler Wadsworth	5/23
Brooke Weidaw	5/23
Abigail Wright	5/23
Cameron Sandt	5/24
Lori Borda	5/26
Michele Carl	5/26
Dolores Long	5/26
James Connell	5/27
Robert Osiecki	5/27
Amanda DeAngeles	5/28
Zoe Haines	5/29
Judy Hein	5/29
Starlett Bell	5/30
Kimberly Sandt	5/30
Donavyn Jones	5/31

May Anniversaries

Denise & Kevin Reiner	5/4	16
Michael & Jennifer Burgher	5/17	16
Robert & Lynn Zakos Jr.	5/17	4
Robert & Doris Miller Sr	5/18	55
Al & Karen Renn	5/20	29
Earl & Joanne Spengler	5/21	63
David & Lee Anne Eck	5/25	27
Paul & Linda Peters Jr.	5/25	50
Richard & Rená Ackerman	5/27	40



MAY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 PM Property	2 6:30 PM Cadettes	3 7:00 PM Cub Pack	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	7 7:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	9 8:00 PM Fundraising 6:30 PM Cadettes	10 7:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Cub Pack	11	12 Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Turning Point 4-6:00 PM
13 MOTHER'S DAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School's Last Day 10:30 AM Holy Communion	14 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 7:00 PM Child Care Committee 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	16 6:30 PM Cadettes	17 6:30-9:00 PM Snyod Dinner 7:00 PM Cub Pack	18 Epistle Deadline	19
20 PENTECOST 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM Bingo	21 7:00 PM Congregation Council 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	23 6:30 PM Cadettes	24 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Cub Pack CCC Spring Program	25 Epistle Volunteers	26
27 THE HOLY TRINITY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Holy Communion	28 MEMORIAL DAY CCC & OFFICE CLOSED 	29 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	30 6:30 PM Cadettes	31 9:30 AM CCC Kindergarten Graduation 6:30 PM Cub Pack		



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Our Mission Statement: To Serve all people by **Sharing** God's love, **Teaching** Christian values, and **Living** together in peace and hope.*

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sunday School

September 2018-May 13, 2018 9:00 AM

Child Care Center

610.264.0190

Monday-Friday - 7:00 AM-5:30 PM

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May 2018 Worship Services

May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

May 13, 2018 Seventh Sunday of Easter-Mother's Day

8:00 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

9:00 AM Sunday School- Last Day

10:30 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

May 20, 2018 Day of Pentecost

8:00 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

10:30 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

May 27, 2018 The Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

10:30 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)