



# St. Paul's News



## Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Dave Heckler

Well, my friends, it's already November again—a month that's so full of paradox that even the age-old liturgical traditions of the Church don't quite know how to categorize it. A few years ago, quite a number of liturgical Christians suggested that we move the entire season of Advent into November so that we could "properly" celebrate Christmas with an entire month of Christmas carols; but November already has enough of a "pre-Advent" feel to it as it is. (Our Lutheran "Sundays and Seasons" resources just call the mini-season "November".) Altar guilds tear their hair out in November because they're changing the paraments so often (white for All Saints and Christ the King, green for the Sunday in between, and blue or purple of the First Sunday of Advent. Relax, my altar guild friends; just put up white paraments until after

Thanksgiving and leave them there). Veterans Day is in November, so pastors are always pressured to observe this in worship regardless of the Scripture readings for the day. And of course, Election Day always occurs in November—and on even-numbered years, those elections are especially consequential, so we all get to spend the past year being bombarded by political ads that grow increasingly vitriolic until the votes are counted. All of these things get thrown into our communal mix in November and "blended" at a "frappe" setting... (Perhaps the phrase "so full of paradox" is too gentle a phrase for it...)

But the paradoxes of November are our reminders that as Christians, our life in this world is fully intended to be paradoxical:

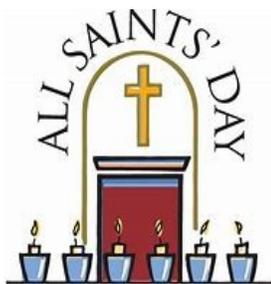
- ✦ On **All Saints Sunday**, we remember our loved ones who've died over the past year, affirm their eternal life in union with the crucified and risen Christ, and recognize our unity with them in the communion of saints. And this year, our readings remind us that same Jesus who proclaims the currently poor, hungry, and weeping blessed (and the correspondingly advantaged not so) is the One who reigns over the universe "at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come" [*Eph 1.20-21*]. It's the perfect counterpoint to our human politics which so emphasizes the notion of power as dominance over the "weak" and containment of "those folks" who'd challenge our "glory"...
- ✦ On the feast of **Christ the King**, our readings proclaim with total clarity that the crucified Jesus—the One who begs for the forgiveness of those who are crucifying Him and promises a dying thief His companionship in paradise, the One who doesn't use His power to save Himself—is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation... *who's* before all things, and in *whom* all things hold together" [*Col 1.15, 17*]. In contrast, Jeremiah reminds us, as his comrade Ezekiel also does, that most earthly rulers "haven't strengthened the weak, healed the sick, bound up the injured, bought back the strayed, or sought the lost [*Ezk 34.1-10*]"—a list that's significant because it tells us quite clearly what government's all about in God's eyes, and it promises judgment to those leaders who fail. (Indeed, this failure's seen as one of the major causes of the Exile.) Again, this is a contrast that can't be sentimentalized away, and a foreboding one to newly elected officials gloating over their victories...
- ✦ And even on the Sunday in between, **Pentecost +23**, Jesus gives us fair warning that even our seemingly unshakeable Temples will someday fall, that there'll always be tumult among the nations, and that even those who follow Christ's way of the cross will face resistance and even persecution amidst the mess—and then tells us who'd follow Him not to plot out our survival scenarios or worry about what to say, but to trust that even in the face of violence, the Spirit will give us what to say, indeed, will be the non-anxious Presence with us amidst the noise and chaos. (Should I note that this stands in stark contrast to pretty much every political ad in existence at the moment?)

And by the way, the reason that God's people face persecution and struggle in these passages isn't because they're telling "all those other folks" how terrible they are, but because they're embodying and living out God's life-giving, nonviolent, generous, and humble grace and mercy in the midst of a rivalrous, violent society that just wants them to join in pounding their scapegoats and exulting in the glories of the society. In other words, they're actively embodying the crucified and risen Christ Jesus in the world...

- ✦ The greatest encouragement of this month of November and its Scripture readings is that **contrary to the world's way of thinking, the future belongs to those who embrace and embody the vulnerability of self-giving love, because the Ruler of the Universe embraces them and calls them His own.** In the darkest of days (and the days continue to darken in November and December just to remind us), Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, the Light no darkness can overcome. In the most chaotic of times, when the whole world (including many who want to see Christ Jesus dominate the world just like every other ruler does) embraces violence, insult, and the appeal of domination, November reminds us (thank you again, Moravians) that "Our Lamb has conquered! Let us follow Him!"

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

## Worship in November: "For All the Saints!"



November's the time of year when the Church remembers all those who've entered into the fullness of eternal life and begins looking forward to the consummation of history in the return of Christ Jesus. Here at St Paul's, we're celebrating the time in some neat ways:

- ✦ Throughout the month of November, we'll be using the classic **LBW Setting 2** as our base liturgy, singing "This is the Feast of Victory!" (the more popular Setting 1 version) with gusto and chanting the Kyrie and Proper Prefaces joyfully, rejoicing in the beauty of the Lord's holiness. (And indeed, with only one "non-Communion" Sunday this month, we'll be sharing the Feast of God's victory most bountifully!)
- ✦ **November 6 is the Feast of All Saints**, when we remember our brothers and sisters who've died over the past year. We'll light the Paschal Candle in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection shared with them, and light votive candles in their individual remembrance. (Please call in the names of loved ones you want to remember on that day to Alicia at 215.536.5789 or [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com) by October 31.)
  - By the way, November 6 marks **the end of Daylight Savings Time**— so before you go to bed November 5, **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!
- ✦ On **November 13**, we'll be celebrating Veterans Day with the "**Witting Tree**", remembering and rejoicing in those who serve our nation in the armed forces, and also remembering the 20 veterans who take their own lives every day to end the pain of PTSD, moral injury, and deep woundedness of soul.
- ✦ On **November 20**, we'll celebrate **the Reign of Christ**, the last Sunday of the Church year, with a service that ponders what sort of King we have in Jesus, and of what sort of Kingdom we're citizens...
- ✦ On **November 23 @ 7:00 PM** at **First UCC in Quakertown**, our Quakertown Ministerium will be leading our annual **Community Thanksgiving Service**, with Scripture readings, meditations, and music by several of our area pastors (including Pr Dave).
- ✦ And then on **November 27**, we'll begin a new Church year with Holy Communion and the **First Sunday of Advent**. It's the beginning of the Year of Matthew (*aka* "Year A").
- ✦ Remember that we're sharing in worship and fellowship together both **in person and online**. As we gather in person, we're still doing our best to observe the COVID safety protocols of safe distancing and limited physical contact as we worship together; and we're encouraging those who feel the need for additional caution to wear facemasks as well. We've also resumed sharing Holy Communion at the altar via "continuous Communion ('stations')", encouraging folks to come forward a pew at a time to ensure safer distancing. And **we'll keep on "livestreaming" our worship services via Facebook Live** and streaming the audio of our services via our **Free Conference Call** line (857.232.0157, conference code 144261).
- ✦ And remember as well that for in-person indoor worship, **we need 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. The **altar guild** prepares the altar before service on Sundays and cleans up the altar after worship. If one of these ministry opportunities interests you, please reach out to the church office for more information. Thank you!

It's a month full of special worship events— and certainly full of the presence, peace, and power of our Lord Jesus Christ giving Himself to us and for us in Word and Sacrament. So mark your calendars, invite your friends to join you, and come and share in an exciting month of worship here at St Paul's!

# Happy Birthday

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| 11/1 Henry DePue      | 11/23 Winnie Knapp    |
| 11/1 Melanie Johnson  | 11/23 Mervyn Brumbach |
| 11/2 Alyssa Barndt    | 11/24 Joshua Roehner  |
| 11/3 Sarah Hunsberger | 11/26 Aubrey Diehl    |
| 11/3 Jessica Morgan   | 11/29 Stefanie Bauman |
| 11/4 John Hunsberger  |                       |
| 11/7 Rose Sutkins     |                       |
| 11/13 Dean Sauerwald  |                       |
| 11/14 Linda Hertzog   |                       |
| 11/14 Emma Vernelson  |                       |
| 11/14 Rhonda Diehl    |                       |
| 11/15 Peter Flood     |                       |
| 11/17 Joe Brown       |                       |
| 11/17 Owen Griffiths  |                       |



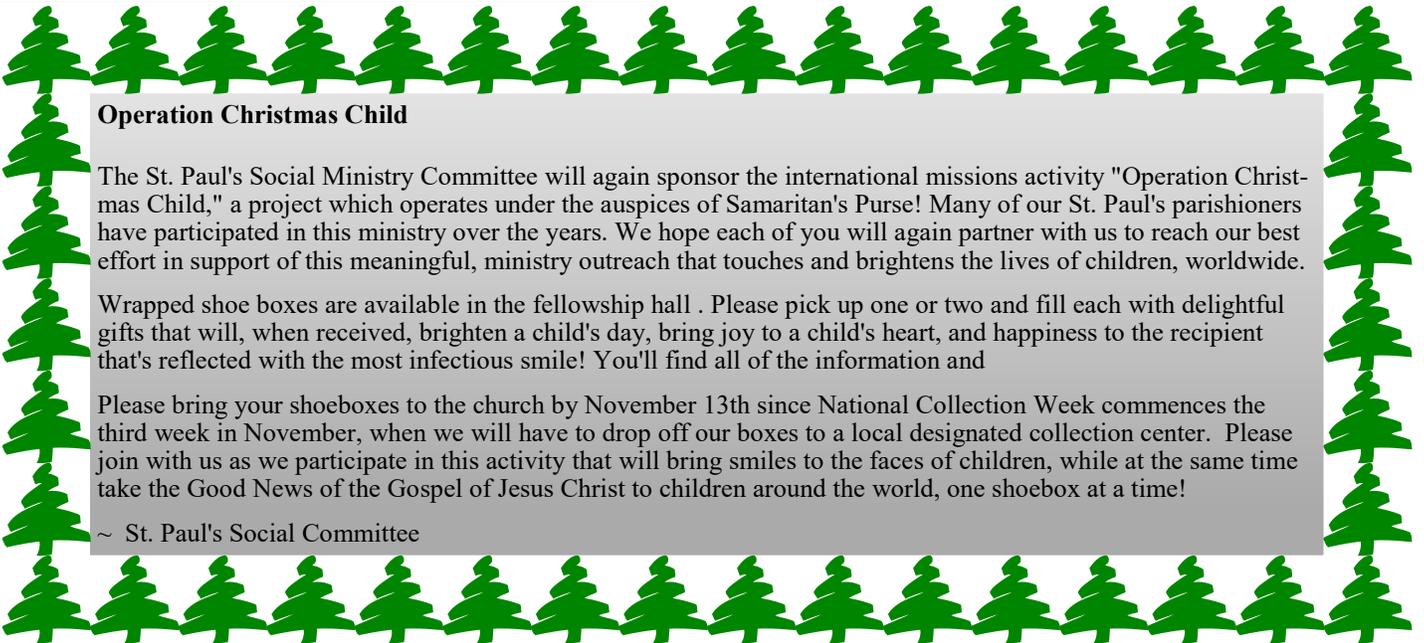
## 2023 Bulletin Sponsors Requested

If you are interested in sponsoring a bulletin please contact Linda Hertzog at 610-395-1114.

### Available Dates Include:

March 19;  
 May 7 & 21;  
 July 16,  
 August 6,  
 September 10 & 17;  
 December 3, 17,  
 Christmas Eve morning the 24th,  
 Christmas Eve night the 24th

THANK YOU!



### Operation Christmas Child

The St. Paul's Social Ministry Committee will again sponsor the international missions activity "Operation Christmas Child," a project which operates under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse! Many of our St. Paul's parishioners have participated in this ministry over the years. We hope each of you will again partner with us to reach our best effort in support of this meaningful, ministry outreach that touches and brightens the lives of children, worldwide.

Wrapped shoe boxes are available in the fellowship hall . Please pick up one or two and fill each with delightful gifts that will, when received, brighten a child's day, bring joy to a child's heart, and happiness to the recipient that's reflected with the most infectious smile! You'll find all of the information and

Please bring your shoeboxes to the church by November 13th since National Collection Week commences the third week in November, when we will have to drop off our boxes to a local designated collection center. Please join with us as we participate in this activity that will bring smiles to the faces of children, while at the same time take the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children around the world, one shoebox at a time!

~ St. Paul's Social Committee

### 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. 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.

Our Code Blue Shelter at the Quakertown Masonic Lodge is now located on the first floor of the Lodge. Bill Shaeffer has been doing a lot of electrical work on the new space, something for which we're truly grateful. We'll be holding **Volunteer Training Workshops Oct. 30 @ 6:00 PM and Nov. 6 @ 4:00 PM at the shelter.** (And once again, Pr Dave will be the resident weather forecaster, deciding when our shelter will be open...)

# FAMILIES IN RECOVERY

ALL SESSIONS ARE IN-PERSON - 6 PM  
BUSH HOUSE HOTEL  
214 W BROAD STREET  
QUAKERTOWN, PA 18951

## 2022 SCHEDULE

October 6	November 3
October 13	November 10
October 20	November 17
October 27	December 1

Contact Kate Baltzell at [kbaltzell@fsabc.org](mailto:kbaltzell@fsabc.org); or call 215.431.0358 to register. Spaces are limited.

Families in Recovery provides support and education to those who have been struggling with addiction, to help them develop a blueprint for wellness.



## Fall 2022 Fundraiser

The Drive for 1000 Desks



### Central American Food and Cultural Festival

Includes home-made food, folk dancing, local celebrity singer from Santa Barbara, Honduras, and Central American handicrafts (for sale)

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: 5PM – 8PM

An evening to celebrate the diversity of Souderton and to help build 1,000 desks for students in Honduras

Tickets - \$56

(Sponsors 4 rebuilt desks for students in need)



Will you help?

← Turn that Into this →



### To Purchase Tickets

Online: Click this link or go to <https://donorbox.org/events/366461>

E-Mail: [emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net](mailto:emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net)

Phone: 215-723-7514 (leave voice message)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
69 West Broad St., Souderton, PA 18964

## Central American Food and Cultural Festival Nov. 12

The folks at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton have been partnering with “Help to Help” to provide desks and other educational materials to schools in Honduras still lying devastated after Hurricane Mitch several years ago and more recent hurricanes hitting Honduras in the years since. This **Central American Food and Cultural Festival Nov. 12 @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton** is a fundraiser for this effort. If you'd like to make donations without being able to attend the festival, there are several ways to do that: You can give **online** using <https://secure.myvanco.com/YKPY/campaign/C-11T7W>

You can give by **check** payable to “Emmanuel Lutheran Church” and sent to 69 West Broad St, Souderton, PA 18964.

For those donations that come without a ticket purchase, Emmanuel will extend complimentary invitations to people who'd like to come to the event, but may not be able to afford the cost of the ticket. Each \$56 in donations will allow us to provide once complimentary ticket.



## BC Grandfamilies Support Group

08/23/22

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.

FALL DATES: September 16    October 7, 21    November 4, 18  
(Resumes March - May)

TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

LOCATION: Lenape Valley Church  
321 W. Butler Avenue (at Ute Rd.)  
New Britain\*, PA 18901  
(\*For GPS use Doylestown, PA 18901)  
(turn onto Ute Road to access parking lot)

\*Dinner/Refreshments Provided for All  
Childcare offered for children who are potty-trained through age 12  
at no cost to grandfamilies

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Wednesday prior to Friday meeting  
[BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com](mailto:BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com) (#children and #adults attending)  
Feel free to email Beth Jester with questions, concerns, or support.

### Special Events and Speakers

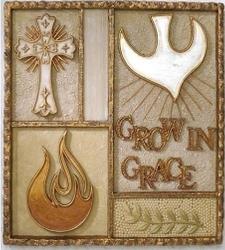
October 7 - **Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Bucks County**

November 4 - **Dawn Padanyi Law**

Lenape Valley Church

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[www.lenapevalleychurch.org](http://www.lenapevalleychurch.org)



**Confirmation Classes Are Back—and It's a Team Effort!**

Our **confirmation** classes are back in action once again— but this year, we're doing confirmation instruction in partnership with our Lutheran colleagues in Trumbauersville, Spinnerstown, and Quakertown. Right now, we're gathering **each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown's Yerger Building, working on an overview of the Bible. Pr Dave is working with Trinity interim Pr Dayle Malloy and Alice Breon to teach this class.

**THANK YOU FROM LAURA ULRICH**

Thank you so very much for the wonderful 90th birthday party! The leadership of Social Ministry, the joyful wishes and the gifts are so appreciated. My friends and family have said what a great and loving church I have. Thank you!!!

~Laura Ulrich

PS The best thing is that the Phillies are WINNING!!!



**Like us on Facebook (and check us out online)!**

- 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)
- Joyful Noise Facebook: [www.facebook.com/joyfulnoiseatstpauls](http://www.facebook.com/joyfulnoiseatstpauls)
- For daily Morning and Evening Prayer: <https://dailyoffice.wordpress.com/>
- Daily scripture readings: [www.satucket.com/lectionary](http://www.satucket.com/lectionary)

**Bear Creek Retreat Nov. 12 for Students in Grades 6-9**



**Save the date!** Our Synod's annual **Bear Creek Retreat** for students in grades 6-9 and their youth leaders will be held on Saturday, November 12, with the option to stay overnight at camp until November 13. Mark these dates on your calendar; more details will be available soon. (We're also in need of some mentor leaders in grades 10-12 to join us.) For more information contact Pastor Skyle Rea at [srea@sepa.org](mailto:srea@sepa.org).



**Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:00 PM**

**First United Church of Christ**  
Park and Fourth Streets, Quakertown

*Thanksgiving*  
WORSHIP SERVICE

Or join us online at [www.facebook.com/FirstUCCQuakertown](http://www.facebook.com/FirstUCCQuakertown)

Sponsored by the Quakertown Ministerium

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Come join us each week for our Thursday Morning Bible Study from 10:00 AM-12:00 NN via Zoom or Free Conference Call! (See article below for instructions. For Zoom, use meeting ID number 370 014 7169 and passcode 119805.) We're "Living with the Lectionary", 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—so join us and invite your friends.

**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? So **Happy Baptismal Birthday** this month to :



*Luca Barndt, Ray Constable, Laura Ulrich*

**Join Us Online via Zoom or Free Conference Call!**



FaceTime

- ✦ 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 being 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

[docs.google.com/document/d/1aZi\\_IL0SHaQ1BOGFS\\_s3bt0oHoTQ4fCy9tO372PZioE/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aZi_IL0SHaQ1BOGFS_s3bt0oHoTQ4fCy9tO372PZioE/edit#)



**Supporting Our Ministries**

**Thanks for continuing to support our ministries here at St Paul's!** Your tithes and offerings are much needed during this time; as of September 30th, our congregation's expenses for 2022 have exceeded our income by \$17,500. We know that right now, funds are tight for everyone; but we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to support our ministry together. If you'd like to give electronically (via Simply Giving, our church website, or some other electronic means) and would like some information on how to do that, please contact the church office.

**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.

And remember, if you tithe using "Simply Giving" and you've increased your tithe amount on your pledge card, you need to fill out a new Simply Giving authorization form noting the change. Please contact the church office for a form.

**Do you shop on AMAZON? If so, continue reading to raise some money for St. Paul's!**

Help support St. Paul's every time you shop at Amazon by bookmarking this link and using it when you shop at Amazon: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6272047>. You will see an amazon log -in screen which states on the left .5% of all eligible purchases will be given to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Applebachsville. Sign in with your account/password and continue with your purchase and check out. The total donation by Amazon for all eligible purchases will be credited to the church's bank account on a quarterly basis. Once you register St. Paul's as your preferred charity, it becomes a part of your Amazon account and all future purchases will automatically be credited to the church. Any questions regarding this program can be directed to the Finance Committee or just use the information tabs on the Amazon site. This last quarter, St. Paul's made \$29.12!! Thank you!



**DON'T FORGET TO ...**

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).





## Congregational Budget Meeting Nov. 20

On **November 20 after worship**, we'll hold our annual **Congregational Budget Meeting** to review and approve our 2022 ministry budget. (Copies of the budget will be available by Nov. 13 for your review prior to the meeting.) If you'd like to attend from afar, go to **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. We'll email copies of the budget in advance, as well as have it viewable on screen during

the meeting.

### Caleb's Cocoa Café

Many of you are aware that Caleb, my son, has taken on the mission each December to sell hot chocolate to raise money for the Upper Bucks Code Blue Shelter. This year, due to my own personal crazy schedule with interning, Cameron being at college (we've lost a prep helper!), and Loren (my husband) who works 6 days a week/10-12 hours a day in the winter, we will not be holding the event at our house. However, God has provided the opportunity for Caleb to sell hot chocolate to raise money for the shelter at the Free-Fall Skate Park (670 Main Street, Quakertown) at two events they are hosting (November 7th and December 28th). He is super thankful for this opportunity; and this is 100% a God thing :-)) since they approached him with the idea! It will be much simpler this year with only hot chocolate available. He is also in the process of setting up a Go Fund Me to accept donations for the Upper Bucks shelter. Next year 2023, we are definitely planning on hosting the event again! Thank you for your constant support. More details will be forthcoming in the December Newsletter. Of course, all donations, and every penny from the hot chocolate sales, will be donated to the Upper Bucks Code Blue Shelter.



### "The Hand of God Shall Hold You..."

One of the great blessings of life in union with Christ is that the risen Christ binds us in holy and eternal communion with all His people who've *died*, enabling us to grieve in the freedom born of knowing that our loved ones are gone from our sight and for a time, but still joined with us in the body of Christ and alive in Him in far more than memory alone. So far in 2022, we've also said farewell (for now) to *Joseph Ricca, Chris Young, Bob, Liam, and Patrick King, Mary Ziegenfuss, Russell Stier, Dawn Gilbert, Paul Stepanoff, Karen Capella, JoAnn Spaits, Karin Silvius, Mark Bilger, George Kirk Hansen, Pr Susan Lynch, William Watkins, Alan West, Greg McGovern, Adam Smith, and Kamryn Jenkins*. Please keep their grieving families and friends in your prayers in these days ahead, that they may come through the dark night of their grief into the resurrection joy born of their Baptismal union with Christ Jesus our risen Lord.



O Lord, when the waters rage and foam, still the storms and grant your peace.

#PrayersForPuertoRico  
elca.org/disaster

### ELCA Response to Hurricane Fiona

Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico on September 18, five years after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. A Category 1 storm, Fiona caused an island-wide blackout and brought catastrophic flooding, with some areas receiving more than 20 inches of rain.

After hitting Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in the Dominican Republic, bringing severe flooding and 90 mph winds. The storm continues to strengthen and move northwest.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to support impacted communities, some of which are still recovering from Hurricane Maria. Anticipated immediate needs include clean water, food supplies and other necessities. In addition to your prayers, gifts to "[Hurricane Response](#)" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. Or make a general donation to [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

## Sunday School is Back!

You're invited to **Sunday School**, for students age 4 through 5th grade, the **second and fourth Sundays of each month** from 10:15-11:15 AM.

Here's the preliminary schedule:

**Nov. 13**      **Serving God/Serving Others (part 2)**

**Nov. 27**      **Advent Workshop**

**Dec. 11**      **Christmas Story Celebration** (We'll have only one SS class in December, since Dec. 25 is the fourth Sunday— but this class may be a little longer, with some carol singing, a lesson about Christmas, and activity/craft, and a snack to make it a little more special. We're still working on the details...)



## Scouts BSA Troop 007 (and Cub Pack 007) News

That's right— **St Paul's now has a Cub Pack 007** as well! Rich Beaumont is the new Cub Master for Cub Pack 007. After several recruitment events, eight youth attended an Open House on September 8 with support from Washington Council representatives. The Cub Pack will be meeting Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Our **Scouts BSA Troop 007** continues to thrive among us— but to continue to survive and hopefully, thrive, **we need more Scouts!** If you know a parent or grandparent of kids from kindergarten to high school, encourage them to visit one of our Scout meetings on Thursday nights, or check us out at [Scouts007.org](http://Scouts007.org). Here are some of our **upcoming activities**:

- 11.3 Hoagie build/pickup/delivery @ St Paul's
- 11.4 Adopt a Highway
- 11.12 Appalachian Trail Hike
- 12.1 Court of Honor



## November's "Monthly Special": "Scout Troop 007" (and Pack 007)



Our "Monthly Specials" and "Noisy Offerings" are special opportunities for giving to help specific ministries in our community and beyond— some of them through the Lutheran church, others through the community organizations. For November, our **Monthly Special Recipient** is our own **Scouts BSA Troop 007 and Cub Pack 007**. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Please give as you're able!

## Remembering Our Veterans

November 11 is **Veterans' Day** in the United States. We'll be marking Veterans Day weekend on November 13, by remembering and rejoicing in those who serve our nation in the armed forces and remembering the 22 veterans who take their own lives every day to end the pain of PTSD, moral injury, and deep woundedness of soul. Once again, we'll hang dog tags from a "**Witting Tree**" this year— but here's another way to remember those 22 veterans who take their own lives each day and strengthen yourself in the process:



If your physical condition allows, beginning November 1, consider doing (or working your way up to doing) **22 push-ups each day** in remembrance of those veterans, and keep it going throughout the month of November. (Kudos to Peter Gehring of Christ UCC in Trumbauersville for not only giving us the idea, but doing this back in May in preparation for Memorial Day.) Whether you do your pushups from a full plank (knees off the ground) or a half plank (knees on the ground), you'll be strengthening your upper body and recognizing our veterans still striving against the darkness that war's chaos brings.

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