



**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA  
FOUNDED 1897

# The Epistle

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## Confession From A Hotel Room

Orlando, FL - Several weeks ago, I asked some of our youth what they thought the word vocation meant. One raised their hand and then immediately tried to salvage their evidently mishearing of the word the first time around. "It's like vacation...but with vo." Well, that isn't wrong, I suppose, and I have to admire the effort. Prior to that, I'm not sure vacation and vocation shared much overlapping space in my own imagination; save that they felt like opposites.

Maybe I take easier to the vo than to the va. I confess that on the fifth night of vacation I had a dream. A dream I shouldn't be dreaming of laying next to Stephanie on our family vacation: I dreamt of work. Vivid dreams of church work - nocturnal worship planning, attendance spreadsheet laden, to-do list inducing dreams of life as the Pastor of St. Paul, Morgantown. I made it 5 days, not too bad, right? It's day 6, I'm writing this newsletter article. That'll be all - I swear - and maybe a pastoral check-in here and there but only as needed - I swear, dear.

Can I justify my thoughts and actions? After all, should we really just drop off from those things God calls us to anyway? Surely, the answer is no\*. No\*, if God has called you to something you shouldn't think of it as something you can just put down when it suits you. However, (\*) sometimes you need to juggle the various vocations God has called you to. "Work," as it is in this case, specifically being that of husband and father.

To call a family vacation "work" might seem a hard or strange way to think about it. I've had fun and loved our time here...but the Wizarding World of Harry Potter is not necessarily my obvious choice for rejuvenating fun. I've logged less time in my recliner than I do in an ordinary week! "Work" or maybe even "obligation" - as ugly as that sounds to our modern ear - can (and SHOULD) be a part of living out our vocations and loving those whom God has given us to love...even when it's the obligation to do something nice and good.

Sometimes my wife and son meet their obligation when they come second to my call as a pastor. Sometimes Stephanie turns on the A/C before I complain, even though she's cold. Sometime Sammy gets dragged to football practices in late October, even



though it's cold. And sometimes, I ride nauseating, 3D, spinning-rides in Orlando. The work of God's Kingdom comes in many forms.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tony



St Paul Lutheran Church 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped with the celebration. The phrase IT TAKES A TEAM is so true. It truly was a team that made this event a success. I know I have forgotten some names for which I apologize. A special thank you to the following:

Grethe Myles- decorations

Tom Witt- tickets

Lisa Moherman and Marie Graham- gardens and weed pulling

Jerry Bouquot- sponsor of face painting

Mary Haas and Carol Henry- serving

Mike Peters- horseshoes

Lindsey Naumann- serving meal, setting up, corn hole set ups, food pick up

Lillian Stevens- decorating and setting up

Larry Springer and Bill Graham- set up and tear down and drove to pick up food and pretzels

Brian and Kim Shockley- set up and tear down

Barbara Parsons- serving meal and clean up

Pastor Tony- Set up, tear down, decorations, service

Bob Kleeb- music

Tamara Riegel- printing and typing

**Joanne Seasholtz Council President**

# Pictures from the Anniversary Celebration



## 125 Years

Of worship and service in Morgantown



Grethe Myles would like to make a book of the anniversary celebration. If you have photos of the event that you are willing to share, please send them to [grethe-myles76@mac.com](mailto:grethe-myles76@mac.com).



From the Piece Makers

The quilters are working very hard and will send off quilts to the Warehouse on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Pastor Tony for blessing the quilts last Sunday.

The Piecemakers also thank Tamara for the sheets which we will use for the quilt backings. Thank you to the mystery donator who brought us two large black bags of fabrics for use in making quilt tops.

We will have items (mostly wall hangings) this year to sell after church. In addition to the wall hangings we have several quilts that we thought members might like and have several quilts from last year that have Christmas designs. Religious designs on quilts cannot be sent over seas by WELCA. Come down to the basement after or before church and have a look at the nice items we have at bargain prices.

Last Friday when the schools were not in session for students, Sammy came down to see us working. In 2021 he was very interested in the items we sold in 2021 and we noticed that he had a good eye. We were beginning to display few items for 2022. Guess which of these Sammy said he wanted to purchase for his room?



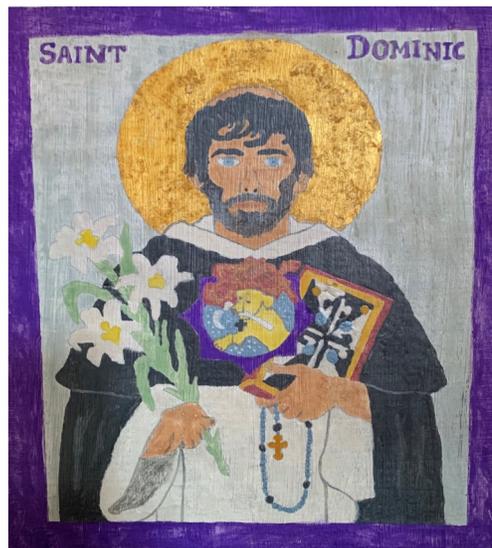
SEPTEMBER	
Bathrooms	MaryLee Cushing
Kitchen	Joanne Seasholtz
Stairwells	Sylvia McEwuen
Vacuum and Sweep Upstairs	Sandolini
Sweep Downstairs	Sylvia McEwuen





## Advent Schedule

Try your hand at writing icons! Pastor Tony will lead a workshop every Wednesday in Advent at 6 PM. The first class will be November 30<sup>th</sup>. No prerequisites for the class!



After the workshop, Compline will be prayed each Wednesday night at 8 PM. Compline, a beautiful service, is the “bedtime prayer of the church.”

### Prayers for Healing Sunday



Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

is the first Sunday of the month

All who wish may come up to the rail after the service for prayers and anointing.

It's time to make the baskets! We will be collecting donations, and our goal is to provide meals for 35 or more families through the Rock Forge Food Pantry. Rock Forge appreciates your continued support of this outreach to families in our community. Your help will make a family's holiday season much brighter!!! After Thanksgiving, **we will continue to collect food during December** to fill baskets for Christmas and stock the general pantry



### *How to help:*

#### **Donate *food*:**

#### **Here are the items we need for each basket:**

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Instant potatoes	1 box
Dressing	2 boxes or 1 large bag
Dinner Rolls	1 dozen
Noodles	1 large bag
Green beans	2 cans
Carrots	2 cans
Corn	2 cans
Applesauce	1 small jar
Gravy	1 or 2 small jars
Cranberry Sauce	1 small can
Peanut butter	1 small jar
Jelly	1 small jar
Rice side dish	1 bag or box
Soup starter	1 bag
Mac and cheese	2 boxes
Reusable Kroger bag	2
Dessert (cake mix and frosting, or cookie mix)	
Kroger, Giant, or Aldi \$15 gift card	

**Donate *time*:** The baskets will be assembled on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** and delivered on Monday. We would love a donation of your time to help with assembly or delivery.

**Donate *money*:** If you would like to donate money, please note "Food Baskets" on your check or offering envelope and place it in the offering basket.

Questions? Contact the church office ([office@stpaulmorgantown.org](mailto:office@stpaulmorgantown.org), or [304-599-0620](tel:304-599-0620)).



# October 2022

## Blessing of the Pets

## October Youth Event

Enjoying ice cream  
after packing care  
packages and play-  
ing mini golf.



# Church COUNCIL

Council Meeting October 20, 2022

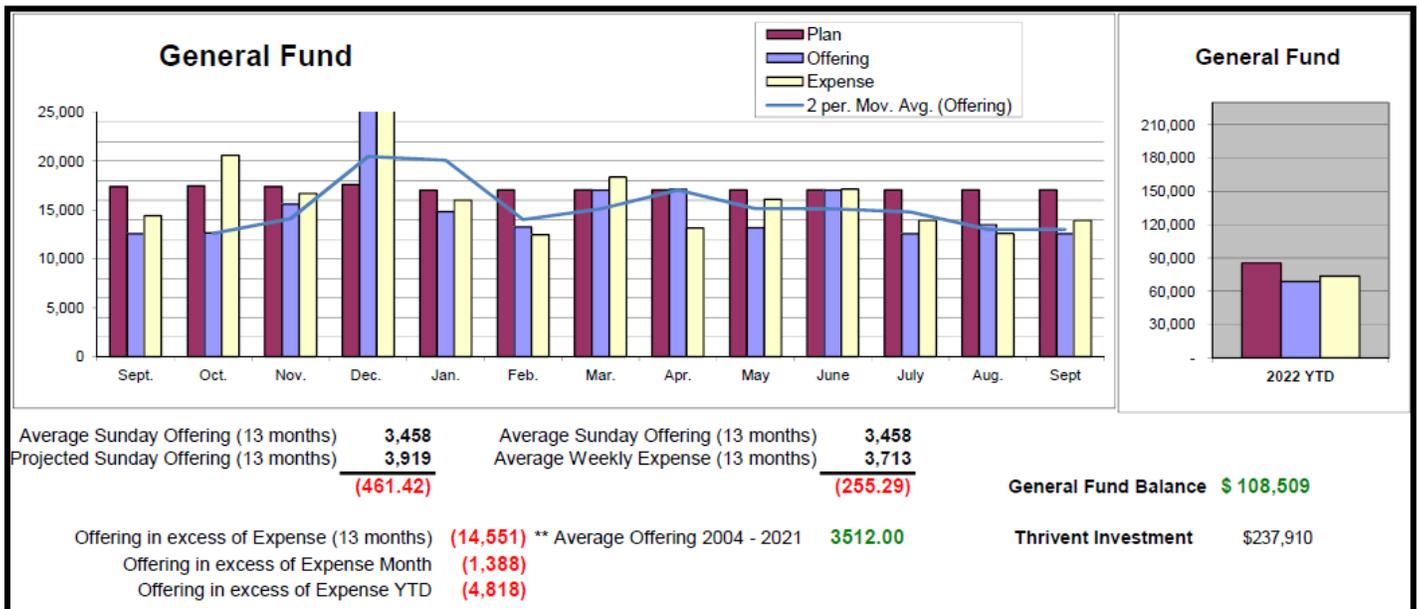
Council met on Thursday October 20, 2022. The main item on the agenda was the spending plan for 2023.

This year with our revised constitution we have a finance committee to assist Council. The Finance committee is charged with monitoring and moving our investments as needed and assisting in creating a spending plan which is presented to council for review, input, and approval. They will also be working on plans for options to finance an HVAC project in early 2023.

The Finance Committee spent time at several meetings and developed a spending plan and assumptions from which the plan was created. The assumptions and plan were reviewed by council and with very minor changes approved.

Copies of the 2023 Spending Plan and Assumptions will be available in the narthex for all members to review prior to the congregational meeting on November 13 immediately after church to approve a spending plan.

**Joanne Seasholtz Council President**



Online Offering: You can give securely online at your convenience with a debit/credit card or checking account.

Visit [www.stpaulmorgantown.org/giving](http://www.stpaulmorgantown.org/giving).

Thank you!





Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting of the  
Congregation

To review and approve the 2023 Spending Plan

To be held immediately following worship

In order to have voice and vote in the meeting, you must have a contribution of record and a communion of record within the current or last calendar year

Questions? Ask Pastor Tony or Council President Joanne Seasholtz



The solar panels are now operating!



We raised \$331!  
Added to the money from last year, we will be sending \$1551 to the Alzheimer's Association

Walk to End Alzheimer's  
Morgantown, WV  
Sunday, October 16, 2022

# Serving in



SERVING ST PAUL November 2022	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES	COUNTERS	ZOOM
6 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM All Saints' Sunday	S. Woodruff	L. Naumann	T. Riegel	Sandolfini	****	S. Setley
13 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM	S. Setley	S. McEwuen	L. Springer	E. Naumann	K. Shockley J. Seasholtz	C. Werntz
20 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Christ the King	M. Sampson	M. Grimm	D. Custer	E. Naumann	****	Peters
27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent	M. Haas	S. Kirkpatrick	W. Graham	Sandolfini	S. Kirkpatrick J. Sandolfini	M. Boroff

Reminder: Deadline for December newsletter is November 21<sup>st</sup>!!!



# NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	2	3	4 10:00 AM Piecemakers	5
6 9:00 AM Choir & Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service All Saints' Sunday	7	8 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	9	10	11 10:00 AM Piecemakers	12
13 9:00 AM Choir & Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	14	15 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	16	17 7:00 PM Council	18 10:00 AM Piecemakers	19
20 9:00 AM Choir & Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Pack baskets after worship Christ the King	21	22 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	23	24 Thanks- giving Day	25 10:00 AM Piecemakers	26
27 10:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Circle of Friends 1st Sunday of Advent	28 8:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mis- sion	29 8:15 AM Prayerful Walkers 10:00 AM Bible Study	30 6:00 PM Icon Workshop 8:00 PM Compline			



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