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MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA
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Another great week at Camp Luther!
Who will join us next year?

Front row, left to right: Amanda Menihan, Hunter Gillen, Rachel Sampson, Zara Ohlinger, Chaplain Ben Erzkus, A.J. Bartlett, Ethan Stiles.

Middle row, left to right: Cameron Gillen, Emma Hose (cousin of the Sandolfinis), Vincent Sandolfini, Shelby Sandolfini, Lilian Hanan (niece of Amanda), Maddie Menihan.

Back row, left to right: Naomi Sandolfini, Steve Gabbert, Bishop Matthew Riegel



Summer can be a busy time, and missing church here and there can be the norm. This summer folks who are gone on weekends (or anyone who just wants a little more Jesus in their life) are invited to our mid-Summer (make-up) worship series. Services will be informal gatherings, held outside when possible, from 6-7pm. Bring some picnic items if you choose and we'll gather for a couple of songs, Scripture, preaching, prayer and communion on four different Wednesdays this summer.

#1 - June 27

#2 - July 12

#3 - July 26

#4 - August 9

Summer Social Wednesday, July 19 6 PM



Burgers and dogs and fixings
provided by Council

Bring a side dish or dessert to share,
if able

All are welcome

St. Paul's night at the Black Bears
Black Bears vs. Williamsport Crosscutters

August 27th 4 PM

\$12.50 per ticket

There is a sign up sheet in the church
entryway



From Pastor Tony: this July, for kids not yet **or** already communing, I will hold two classes to teach about Holy Communion. Each class will be the same lesson. Classes will be 9 AM on Sunday, July 16 and after worship on Sunday, July 23 (11:30 - 1pm). During the July 23rd session we will have lunch **and** make wafers and wine for communion on Sept. 10th, which is Rally Day/the start of Sunday School. The wine needs time to ferment!



Cradle Roll

Blessings to Charles Erzkus & Harrison Morgan, who had their 2nd baptismal anniversaries in June 2023.

Madeline Grimm & William Helton-Graham observe 3rd birthday "graduation" from the cradle roll in June & July respectively.

Let the little children come to me ...
it is to such as these that the
kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School

July 30—August 3

Sessions begin at 5 PM with a snack supper, followed by program 5:30-7:30 PM

This summer, travel with us to ancient Babylon and learn about Daniel's courage in captivity (and also three men with funny names and a fiery furnace)

For children in preschool through fifth grade

Registration forms are available at the church; or register online at stpaulmorgantown.org.

We need volunteers!

If you can help with VBS this summer, please contact Joanne Seasholtz or Lindsey Naumann

Church COUNCIL

St. Paul Church Council met on Thursday, June 15th. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- Council approved the request for use of the church fellowship hall by the Monongalia Symphony Orchestra. They will be using the building on Sunday evenings, August 20 — October 8.
- On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, council approved entering into a contract with Melissa Powers and Associates for the congregation's bookkeeping. The contract will begin January 1, 2024.
- The change in bookkeeping will require changes in the duties of the Treasurer and Church Secretary. This will require changes in the Bylaws, which will be presented to the congregation for approval in a special congregational meeting on July 9th after the worship service.
- The council also voted to recommend property Project A (steeple and pillar repairs, window and lighting replacements) to the congregation for approval at the meeting on July 9th.
- Council voted to create a capital investment account by consolidating relevant restricted funds. The account will be invested with Thrivent, and will be designated for capital improvements, such as HVAC replacement.
- Council voted to begin a capital campaign to raise funds for the HVAC replacement. The goal is to be able to do the replacement in 2028.

From the Piece Makers

Research in Tanzania's Njombe region a high cold area has revealed that a warm night's sleep helps children to grow just as does a healthy diet. The gist of the report indicates that if a child is cold some of the energy from food that should go to growth instead goes to warming the body. Go on line to LWR.org/keeping_warm to learn more. Go on line to LWR.org/keeping_warm to learn more.

Recently we sent \$600 to Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund to help with the distribution of quilts. Thank you for purchasing the items we offer to sell to the congregation and Morgantown community so that we have the money to make such contributions.

We work by dividing up the tasks for making a quilt. The Piece Makers work on Fridays from 10:00 until 2:00. We will teach you what to do to help us and the children of the world.



Annual Assembly of the West-Virginia/ Western Maryland Synod of the ELCA

Take Home Points:

- The Bishop’s salary was retroactively raised for the current year’s budget to bring it all the way up to the Synod’s recommended 8.5% increase.
- The 2024-2025 budget was set and includes a 5% increase for Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Community Partners, and Camp Luther, even though it created a deficit of \$2,966. The Synod Council may or may not request more funds from congregations to make up for the new deficit.
- The offering from the closing mass went to Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU.
- The average attendance in the synod is about 35-45 people.
- 20 congregations do not have a pastor under letter of call and the Synod is facing a

leadership void.

- The assembly voted to adopt the recommended amendments to both the Constitution and the Bylaws, which eliminated redundant, confusing, and obsolete language.
- Nancy Weeks is the new Synod Vice President.
- Courtney Erzkus was elected as a newer clergy member to the Discipline Committee.



The Parking Group met on June 11th. The following donations were approved:

Christian Help, St Ursula Food Pantry, Morgantown Community Kitchen and Pantry Plus, \$500 each; Boy Scouts of America \$250; and Lutheran Campus Chapel \$1000.

Special meeting of the Congregation



July 9th, 2023

After worship

To address proposed changes in the bylaws and special financial expenditures

Serving in



SERVING ST PAUL July 2023	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTE	COUNTERS	BROADCAST
2nd 10:00 AM	M. Sampson	J. Lemasters	W. Graham	Sandolfini	J. Bouquot L. Naumann	Peters
9th 10:00 AM	S. Woodruff	M. Boroff	D. Custer	E. Naumann	D. Stiles M. Peters	C. Wertz
16th 10:00 AM	M. Haas	B. Parsons	S. McEwuen	S. Setley	S. Kirkpatrick J. Seasholtz	S. Setley
23rd 10:00 AM St. Mary Magdalene	M. Grimm	S. Kirkpatrick	W. Graham	S. Setley	M. Boroff L. Stevens	M. Boroff
30th 10:00 AM	S. Setley	T. Riegel	L. Springer	E. Naumann	C. Henry J. Sandolfini	Peters



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 10:00 AM Worship Service	3	4	5	6 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	7 10:00 AM Piecemakers	8
9 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Special Congrega- tional Meeting	10	11	12 6:00 PM Summer Worship	13 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	14 10:00 AM Piecemakers	15
16 9:00 AM Communion Class 10:00 AM Worship Service	17	18	19 6:00 PM Summer social cookout	20 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	21 10:00 AM Piecemakers	22
23 St. Mary Magdalehe 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Communion Class Service 3:30 PM Circle of Friends	24	25	26 6:00 PM Summer Worship	27 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	28 10:00 AM Piecemakers	29 8:00 AM Lutheran Men At Eat'n Park
30 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School	31 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School					

To add a name to the prayer list, please call the office at 304-599-0620.

There is also a book for prayer requests in the narthex (entry).

Please check the prayer list for names which you have submitted, and let the church office know if a person can be taken off the list. Names will be removed after they have been on the list for 90 days. Please contact the church office to reinstate a name.

Reminder: Deadline for August newsletter is July 24th!!!



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