

# CORNERSTONE

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## “THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT ST. PAUL’S”

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St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

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I know the calendar says it is September – but what happened to the summer months? What happened?! I can tell you:

- ✓ Seven churches had VBS – Have trailer will travel
- ✓ Pastor Beth retired – Look out Erie – here she comes
- ✓ Vicar Brenda experienced CPE and began her internship – Look out PLUM, here she comes
- ✓ Pastor Jocelyn Johnston joins our ranks – Don't worry – she will get used to us
- ✓ The annual PLUM picnic – Tie Dye for all
- ✓ **Pastor John Took a Vacation!!!** – and PLUM didn't fall apart while he was gone
- ✓ Pastor Paul visited his former congregation in Chicago – and he came back!
- ✓ Pastor Liz was the Chaplain for the Synod Assembly – and lived thru the whole thing!
- ✓ Pastor Melba took a two-week vacation to the beach – and she CAME BACK!

And many of you went to your camp grounds, vacations, stayed home, or however you got to spend the lazy days of summer. Now it is time to regroup, get the kids back into school (thank goodness) and plan for the fall and winter activities and worship for your congregation.

I pray you will take a moment to thank God for the time of rest and relaxation that you have experienced during the summer. We do not spend enough time on our knees; we do not spend enough time in prayer; we do not spend enough time listening to our Lord and Savior. We spend too much time worrying; we spend too much time complaining; and we spend too much time away from God. Let's work on that this fall. One way to begin that work is to get into our Narrative Lectionary.

I am looking forward to using the Narrative Lectionary for the next four years. The stories we will learn are wonderful and so important for us to hear and know. It will be a relief to have new readings to preach. We will experience God in a new and wonderful way. And yes, we MIGHT even learn new music! Hard to believe that one, huh?

I also pray that each of you realize just how much your pastor's love the work they do and how much they need rest and relaxation also. I realized, after returning home from vacation, that I enjoy my vocation so much and I am so happy when I am spending time in that vocation. I will confess that before I left for vacation, if someone had said VBS to me one more time, I might have gotten ill. But then, after vacation, I watched the children at SAL and RLC (the last two VBS churches) and realized just how important VBS is to the kids in our lives and how easily they love God and believe in the Trinity. No questions asked. They just DO. Besides, VBS is so much fun. I do enjoy it.

I also realized that, before vacation, I was controlling my time, not letting God lead me. I lost my focus on the One that loves me so much. The time of rest and meditation helped me define what was wrong and God got me back into focus. Sort of like





## News from Canonsburg Houston Ministerial Association

### HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Long time Canonsburg Hospital Chaplain, Cathy Peternel, has resigned her position after 28 years. Cathy has moved to Indiana and will be working with her son's church in fulltime ministry. Cathy has influenced many lives and will be missed at Canonsburg Hospital.

We are excited to announce that Katie Brandt will be taking over as the new Chaplain at Canonsburg Hospital. Katie will assume responsibilities in mid-September. The Ministerial will continue to financially support the Chaplaincy Program at Canonsburg Hospital. Please keep Katie and her new position in your prayers.

### FOOD PANTRY

If any of the youth in your congregation need community service hours for anything (to count at the high school, they must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade), they can help at the Food Pantry. If any church or group wants to collect paper products (bathroom, kitchen or laundry) for the Food Pantry, we will pick them up. For more information on the Food Bank, you may contact Barb Jones at [barbjones11@icloud.com](mailto:barbjones11@icloud.com) or 724-745-0842.



Rally Day will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in Eberle Hall and so some fun crafts to begin our year. Please join us and don't be late!!!



The Stewardship and Mission Committee held a meeting recently to make plans for the remainder of this year and beginning of 2019. These plans include baking cookies for shut-ins in our congregation and also nursing homes. Those wanting to participate are asked to bake or buy 3-4 dozen cookies that will be decorated by the youth in our congregation on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be Adopting a Family for Christmas from South Central Elementary School. Monetary donations will be received beginning in November with the final date of Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning in January, 2019 the committee will sponsor Project Hope ( a mission effort of Penn-Zion Lutheran Church). This is an outreach program that partners with other organizations and non-profit ministries to match the needs of individuals and human service organizations. The first item that we will be collecting is Pill Bottles for Samaritan's Purse. These will be used for distributing medication at hospitals and clinics in third world and developing countries. Other items to be collected are Aluminum Pull Tabs, Box Tops for Education, cancelled stamps, broken crayons, Brita filters and coupons (current or expired). More information concerning the collection process and the item will appear in future newsletters. It was also decided that beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>, that fellowship hour following the worship service would be held every other week. The scheduled fellowship Sundays are September 30, October 14, October 28, November 11, November 25 and December 9. No plans have been made for fellowship on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at this time. It was also decided to recommend that the Oktoberfest banner be renewed. (It is hanging by the Canonsburg Parking lot next to the Post Office).



**September Assistants and Sponsors**

**Acolyte**

- September 2
- September 9
- September 16
- September 23
- September 30

**Assisting Minister**

- September 2 – Corey Ferens
- September 9 – Carol Ferens
- September 16 – Jill A. Shook
- September 23 – Ann Morrocco
- September 30 – Ann Morrocco

**Eternal Candle**

- Anna Mae Kostelich

**Fellowship**

- September 30 – The Porter Family

**Flowers**

- September 2
- September 9
- September 16 – Anna Mae Kostelich
- September 23 – John Straka
- September 30 – Carol Jean Straka

**Lector**

- September 2 – John Straka
- September 9 – Mark & Nancy Pollo
- September 16 – Ann Morrocco
- September 23 – Carol Jean Straka
- September 30 – Lee Jones

If you are interested in serving as an assistant or sponsoring the eternal candle or flowers, please contact the church office (724-745-5962) or email: [stpaulscbg@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulscbg@verizon.net).

**Worship Schedule**

September 2	Rev. John Gropp
September 9	Seminarian Sue Devine
September 16	Rev. Jocelyn Johnston
September 23	Rev. Paul Koch
September 30	Rev. Liz Mayforth

**Pastor's schedule is subject to change without notice.**



Sharlene Gorden	September 12
Carol Cramer	September 14
Josh Porter, Jr.	September 27



Ev, Sharlene, Anna Mae, Mark, Virginia, Pam, Patty, Joyce, Dan, George, Edward, Randy, Jim, Christine, Anita, Rich, Faith, Anna Mae, the Richmond family, Charlotte, Laura, Tyler, Jim, Dr. Wolfson, Steve, Barbara, Bonnie, Stephen, Pastor Wayne, our Bishops, our Synod, our PLUM pastors and members and our church. If anyone should be added or removed, please contact the church office (724-745-5962) or email: [stpaulscbg@verizon.net](mailto:stpaulscbg@verizon.net).



Lee Jones would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits, prayers and phone calls during his recent hip surgery and recovery at South Hills Rehabilitation Center. They were greatly appreciated.

