

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF RED LION

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024 – Pastor Chris Nauta

*Please stand as able

Welcome & Life at St. Paul's (Announcements)

Prelude: "God Bless America" Berlin

***Greeting**

Who are we who gather this summer Sunday?

We are those besieged by the messages and values of the world, but who choose to live instead in God's truth.

Why do we come here?

We come to worship God, the source of life, to hear again the words of Jesus, to discern His way, and find grace to walk in it.

Let us worship together as God's people.

AMEN.

(Excerpted from The Minister's Manual 2014-2015)

***Opening Hymn:** "Open My Eyes" #454
(Ushers will collect Prayer Requests during this time)

Prayers of the People of God / The Lord's Prayer (using debts & debtors)

Children's Message: "The Parable of the Sower" Andrea Rider

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offerings -

Offertory: "What A Wonderful World" Weiss/Thiele

***The Doxology** #94

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God, our parent, we present these offerings for the future of your ministry among us and beyond us. May these resources become living ministry in

our world, our community and our church family. We are grateful for all of your gifts and for the desire to share with you all of our resources. AMEN.

Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123

***Gloria Patri** #70

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:1-13

***Congregational Response: "Thanks be to God and Amen".**

***Hymn:** "Ye Servants of God" #181

Sermon: "Sent With Power" Cindy Innerst-Axe

***Closing Hymn:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557

***Benediction**

Postlude: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Westendorf/Sateren

Children's Worship today - children may go with Andrea Rider following the Children's Message.

Today's altar flowers

are to the glory of God! Their beauty and complexity should remind us of God's power and ability to create such intricate, yet delicate things in our world.

Those who serve this morning:

Cindy Innerst-Axe, *Lay Speaker*

Jim Loyer, *Lay Leader*

Matt Maskaly & Timothy Nauta, *Sound/Video*

Andrea Rider, *Children's Message & Worship*

Bob Strickler, *Organ*

Just a reminder that you can submit prayer requests online through our website (www.saintpaulsredlion.com). On the home page you will find a link to submit an online prayer request. When you fill out and submit it, the office and pastor will be notified about it. This is open to all, even those who are not a part of our church family.

Children & Youth Programs for 2024 – In addition to a descriptive Flyer, there are Sign-up Forms for these different programs on the tables in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Live-streaming of St. Paul's services- There are instructions that detail how you can access this feature through YouTube on your computer, phone, tablet or smart TV on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Additional upcoming event dates to make note of –
Minute to Win It-Family Fun – Sunday, July 28 (following worship)
11:30 AM: Sandwiches & Chips
12:00 PM: Minute to Win It Games

For the Red Lion Street Fair, August 10th – we are looking for several of the following item to borrow for use in our parking lot activities that day:
Portable Canopies (for over crafts and games).

If you have any that you would be able to share with us, please let Andrea Rider or the church office know. Please have items into the church office by Aug. 1st. Thank you.

Prayers needed – please keep Pastor Chris, Becky and the Nauta family in your prayers in the coming weeks. Pastor Chris underwent his hip replacement surgery on June 24th and he will need God's healing power to be upon him during his recovery. He will be working from home as much as his surgery will allow him to do.

Today, we welcome Cindy Innerst Axe, Lay Speaker from St. John's Blymire's UCC in Dallastown to the pulpit for Pastor Chris. She will be speaking on "Sent With Power". Jim Loyer will be our Lay Leader for the service. Holy Communion will tentatively be given on Sunday, July 14th when Pastor Chris expects to return to the pulpit.

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PASTOR CHRISTOPHER NAUTA

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024 10:00 AM

"Sent With Power"

Cindy Innerst-Axe, Guest Speaker



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Volunteer Opportunities for you.....

Flower and Bulletin Sponsors for 2024—The 2024 sign-up register is now in the church office on the desk if you want to reserve a date for the coming year. A 2-set of altar vases is still just \$40.00 and bulletin sponsorship is \$25.00. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday to honor or memorialize someone special in your life.

Ushers & Head Ushers, Greeters and Scripture Readers are needed for our worship service each week. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome to participate and new faces are always welcome. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the rear of the sanctuary where you can sign up for any of these. Please consider helping out with these portions of our service so that our program is complete. Thank you.

Card Ministry – our visitation team has placed some cards in a box on the table at the rear of the sanctuary which you are encouraged to add a brief note in and sign for our shut-ins. St. Paul's will then put postage on these and mail them to brighten up their day between visits by our Pastor and the Visitation Team. While there may not always be cards there each week, please check the box regularly and write in them when there are some available. Won't you help to brighten up someone's day a little? Nothing to buy, but much to give someone for so little effort!

An added feature to our website – under the Online Giving category, a "miscellaneous" option has been added. This feature can now be used if you wish to pay online for flowers, sandwich sales, special events – anything that is apart from the standard items listed there now. Please note that you will need to call or email the church office to let us know what the payment is for, as there isn't a way to indicate this information online. Thank you.

Prayer Requests Reminder—If you have a prayer request you would like to share with Pastor Chris and/or the congregation, please fill out one of the cards located in the pews and hand it to one of the ushers during the opening hymn. The card also has a side where you can indicate if you want the request spoken in the service, or kept for private prayer time, please be sure to mark that as well.

Adult Sunday School- Join us Sunday mornings for our Adult Sunday School class. From 9:00 to 9:40 AM, we meet in the Lounge. We are reading and discussing the book of Luke. Please let Pastor Chris know if you are interested or have questions.

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing? You can put those skills to work to help others. Memorial White Rose Hospice is asking for donations of handmade scarves and blankets. They are especially in need of items for men. Veterans in particular love to receive anything in red, white and blue.

Another project is making soaker pads for the residents of Homewood Homes in Hanover. All you need to make them is a sewing machine, some flannel fabric and the ability to sew a straight (or almost straight) seam. Instructions and samples can be found on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

If you don't have the time or the ability to make any of these items, but would like to donate yarn or flannel for others to use, that would be most welcome also.

There is a box at the rear of the sanctuary for you to put your donations of supplies or completed items. If you have any questions, see Emily Shellenberger or Wanda Strickler. Thank you very much.

Please Note- Wi-Fi access in the church is now available via the St. Paul's Guest network. There is no password required.

For your information – our new trash hauler, Republic Services, will be coming in to empty our dumpster every other Monday morning. Please keep this in mind when parking in the lot and avoid parking in the spaces directly out from the dumpster on a Monday so they can access it with the truck. Thank you.

Safe Sanctuaries Program- For those individuals who need to renew their clearances to be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuaries program or for those who would like to work with the children and youth of the church at a future time, Andrea will be meeting with anyone to help them complete the process of applying for their clearances on the computer or by completing the paperwork to be mailed to the agencies that provide the clearances on **Sunday, July 14th** following the morning's worship service in the adult Sunday school room. If you have any questions feel free to contact Andrea at 717-449-9942 or andreastpaulschurch@gmail.com.

An update on our Upper Room devotionals – we have tried to contact them about our order without success. Our standing order was cancelled by them and we have not been able to find out the reason why. We have ordered a different publication "Our Daily Bread", which is similar to The Upper Room. We hope to have these here ASAP. We apologize for the inconvenience and the wait. We thought that our order was just late, not cancelled – our mistake.

When mailing something into the church, here is an example of how our address should appear on the envelope or package coming to us:

**St Paul's Church of Red Lion
45 First Ave
P O Box 250
Red Lion, PA 17356-0250**

If the P. O. Box # is not in the address, your mail will be returned to you by the Post Office, causing delays and added re-mailing costs. Thank you for keeping this in mind as you send correspondence into St. Paul's.

The church office is requesting your help- if you know of a member of St. Paul's, or have a family member that is confined at home or to a health care facility, please make the office aware of this and where they are located. We have been trying to keep this list up-to-date, but do not want to overlook anyone or have incorrect information at hand. This list will be used for Pastor/member visitation, bulletin mailings (if asked for) and correspondence from St. Paul's - all to keep these folks connected to what's going on here. If these folks would like to receive a copy of the weekly bulletin, or The Upper Room devotional, let us know that as well and we will see that these are mailed to them. Also, if you would like to be a part of the visitation team here at St. Paul's, please see Pastor Chris or let the church office know, along with any information pertaining to shut-ins/home-bound members. To date, Joni Horne and Mary Loyer and have volunteered for this team. ***Also, please let the church office know if you have a family member that would like a visit from St. Paul's Pastor or the Visitation Team and we will see that info is passed along.*** Thank you.

Our next Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st following worship in the adult Sunday School room. The two main items on the agenda will be:

- 1). Voting to approve our By-Laws.** (copies available at the rear of the sanctuary). Since we are no longer bound by the UMC Book of Discipline, we need to have our own set that will outline how we will work as a church.
- 2). Picking one focus/mission of the church.** We've been talking about a lot of things that we would like to do, but it is time to choose something. It can be something we've already discussed, or something new. We just need one thing that we can focus on as a church and that we all can get behind and support.

This Week's Activities at St. Paul's

Today: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM 7th Sunday after Pentecost - Guest Speaker, Cindy Innerst-Axe

Monday, July 8th: Preschool Play & Learn 9-11:30 AM
Community Meal 5:00 PM/5:15 PM (FH & Drive-Thru)

Tuesday, July 9th : Tutoring 9-10:00 AM (lounge)
Preschool Play & Learn 9-11:30 AM
Parking Lot Party 6-8:00 PM (adult SS)

Wednesday, July 10th : Parking Lot Party 10-12:00 Noon (adult SS)
Preschool Play & Learn 9-11:30 AM
Troop – Camp Craley (unless weather is bad)

Thursday, July 11th: Tutoring 9-10:00 AM (lounge)
Parking Lot Party 6-8:00 PM (adult SS)

Friday, July 12th:

Saturday, July 13th:

Sunday, July 14th: Adult Sunday School 9-9:40 AM (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM – 8th Sunday After Pentecost and Communion
Clearances Help Meeting following worship (adult SS)

Large print versions of today's bulletin are located on the back of the last pew at the rear of the sanctuary to the right side of the center aisle for your convenience. Please feel free to take one.

For those who give electronically, but would like to have something to put into the offering plate, there are cards on the table and the pedestal stand at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

Just a reminder that St. Paul's still offers various Gift Cards for sale. Order Forms for these are on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience. A portion of each sale comes back to St. Paul's. See Wanda Strickler with any questions. Thank you!

