

# SAINT PAUL'S VOICE

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## “From the Pastor”

In recent weeks the image of winners and losers has been unleashed again and again. Some will point to the last presidential election... But the truth is that this most recent iteration of brutal competition is just that... We seem bent on insisting that the latest version of a brutality that can be built, needs to be built. Network television seems to be all about the struggle to be the “winner”... from the now ubiquitous talent based competitions to the incessant talking heads on the sports channels debating who we can expect to be winners and losers. (The Orioles season being what it is makes all that discussion decidedly uninteresting). All of this is capped off by the most brutal fights from cages to rings that can be imagined. I am reminded of my grandfather needing to watch the Friday night fights on television. Looking back through the eye of contemporary fare, the material of 75 years ago seems mild.

Against that background, it is not surprising, I suppose, that our federal government seems to be determined to present the most brutal picture of its purposes. From relationships with historic competitors to new difficulties with those who have supposed us to be their friends. There seems to be no end to who is susceptible to being “thrown under the bus”. We seem unwilling to ask the hard questions about who gets hurt... from the kid who runs from the police, to the immigrant who might be up to no good because she crossed the border with her children; from the guy who has found a new niche in the economy just to have his livelihood threatened by a wholesale change in federal policy, to the retiree who is suddenly antsy about his financial security.

Competition seems to be central to our humanity, and the Christian community is far from immune to stepping into the fray.... Who among us has not wished for “our church” to be the best or the biggest or perhaps even the “most faithful”.

Nonetheless, if we are to be at all “faithful”, we need to wonder what Jesus would think of all of this. If we read the Gospel honestly, we just might run into the sixth chapter of Luke and references to Jesus ignoring his own needs, driven by his compassion for those who pursued his attention. So if we must join the fray, perhaps we could strive to be the most compassionate. That would be different! And it just might be an important step toward serving the God who is LOVE.

Pr. Carl

# Church News



## New Church Directories

Please see Carol Hunt before or after Worship to have your picture taken on one of these dates: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to get your picture taken is August 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Movie Night: Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Festivities start at 7:30 pm with the movie 'I Can Only Imagine' starting at 8:30. We will have snacks and drinks available for sale. The movie is free.



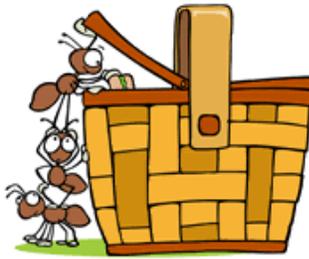
## Confirmation Classes Resume

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes will be held during Sunday School starting in September. We will be learning the Catechism. Gracie Grabowski and Christian Neuheisel will begin in the fall.



## Hoffman Scholarship Fund

Applications are now available. They can be found in the basket opposite the office door. Completed applications are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions - see Carol Hunt.



## Rally Day & Picnic

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 9. After worship, there will be a covered dish picnic at the pavilion.



## The 1st day of Sunday School

Sunday school will be starting back up! Join us on Sunday, September 16th at 10:15am.

## Carroll Lutheran School



## New CLS Scholarship Program

One student in each congregation of our Westminster Conference has the opportunity to attend CLS for a reduced tuition of \$2,000 per year.

This represents a savings of more than \$5,000 each year! The goal of CLS is to bring high-quality education to as many students as possible. Let Rachel Murphy know if you are interested in this great opportunity.



## CLS Golf Tournament

On Friday, October 5, CLS hosts their 16<sup>th</sup> annual Swing for Scholarships golf tournament at Quail Valley Golf Course (900 Teeter Road, Littlestown, PA

17340). Registration includes a continental breakfast, an 8:30am shotgun start, and lunch following the tournament. Cost is \$85 per player and \$340 per foursome. Proceeds benefit the CLS scholarship fund. For more info or to register, visit [carrolllutheralschool.org](http://carrolllutheralschool.org).

## Outreach



## Flea Market Improvements

We purchased a much needed pop-up canopy for use during the Flea Markets.

It will be stored in the shed.



**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

## Annual Blood Drive

WE NEED DONORS--- PLEASE HELP! If you're unable to donate, please recruit your family, friends and neighbors for our drive. Every unit collected helps save "3" lives!

# Church News Continued



## 2018 Flea Market

Outreach will again run the food stand at all the scheduled 2018 Flea Markets. This is our sole fundraiser and these monies support all our projects. We sold out at the April Flea Market, but unfortunately the May date was rained out. We're trying out a new Angus steak burger, so please come out and try one!

August 18 \* September 15 \* October 13

Time: 8 AM – 2 PM

Cost: \$ 20.00 Lawn space, Pavilion space \$30.00

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
15801 Trenton Rd. Upperco, MD 21155  
Attn: Flea Market  
Phone: 410-526-7598  
Email: fleamarket@stpaulsupperco.org



## Family Outreach Workshops

Families and friends affected by addiction will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6–7:30pm at the Carroll County Health Dept (290 S. Center St

Westminster). Free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

Topics and dates are:

- Aug 8 – I Know Your Addiction is an Illness, But Why Do I Feel So Sick? the physical and emotional toll on families affected by addiction
- Aug 22 – What About the Kids? Issues of children and caregivers when parents are addicted
- Sept 5 – The Toll of Addiction. Legal and financial issues for families affected by addiction

For further information or to register call LuAnn Beck-Day (410) 876-4449

# Those in Need of Prayer



**MEMBERS:** Helen Armacost, Mark Armacost, Calvin & Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Maidie Brown, Vivian Chenoweth, Colton DuBois, Jamie DuBois, Bud Eichelberger, John Eichler, Carliana Folfas, Shriver Foster, Andy Geldmacher, Bob Graff, Hannah Hilgartner, Hope Hilgartner, Glenys Hunt, Matthew Jones, Carrie Moore, Matthew Moore, Sherry Moore, Neuheisel family, Shirley Stratton, Gene Zepp, and all homebound members.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Jerry Herfurth, Carol & Carroll Parker, Bernie & Chris Harman, Bill Lavietes, Laura & Joseph Jagoda, Linda & Ron Nunan, Darlene Parlette, Jeanne Braly, Frank Minor, Sandy Duffy, Erin Kranz, Clyde Harmon, Angie Hipsley, Janet O'Meara, Brandy Bubczyk, Rocket Rathbone, Steve Austin, Rob Kaltenbacher, Kary Braun, Gloria Rutan, David Jones, Jim & Barbara Peltzer, Kevin Mansfield, Art Carroll, Jack Wiley, Russell Ball, Sonia Davis, Angie Bubczyk, Gabe Santoni, Roland Martin, Tony DiPaula, Sam Armacost, Bradley Sensabaugh, Donna Folfas, Aimee Turrall, Sue Cavnor, Chris Cull, the Groves family, Morris Rill, Betty Farace, Brenda Parry, Sam Armacost those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

# Houston Youth Gathering

## This Changes Everything!

With your extraordinary help, the youth of St. Paul's were able to attend the ELCA's Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. We were a group of 11 that included 8 students: Brianna Murphy, Ryan Meadowcroft, Felicity Meadowcroft, Ben Baber, Louisa Neuheisel, Andy Geldmacher, Ashley Mountcastle and Ashton Echart, from Immanuel Lutheran Church, and three adult chaperones: Sandy Baber, Rachel Murphy, and Kelly Mountcastle. Madison Baber also attended the Gathering as a Volunteer and helped as a Servant Companion. We joined up with a larger group of students and chaperones from across Carroll County, making our group a total of 50 people.



On our first day in Houston, we had some free time so we enjoyed a visit to the Houston Space Center. The group enjoyed a tram ride around the grounds learning about the history of the Johnson Space Center and ending with a stop at Rocket Park to view the actual Saturn V rocket. It was an amazing tour. The evening concluded at NRG Stadium with the first Mass Gathering where we enjoyed hearing several speakers along with some great music, including the Gathering's House Band. We were also introduced to the ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton. It was a great night to kick off the Gathering.



Our first official day of the Gathering was our Community Service Day. We were tasked with removing trash, weeding, and creating artwork for a community park and baseball field in Independence Heights, Houston. In 1915, 600 residents worked together to form their own municipality called Independence Heights. It is known as the first city incorporated by African Americans.

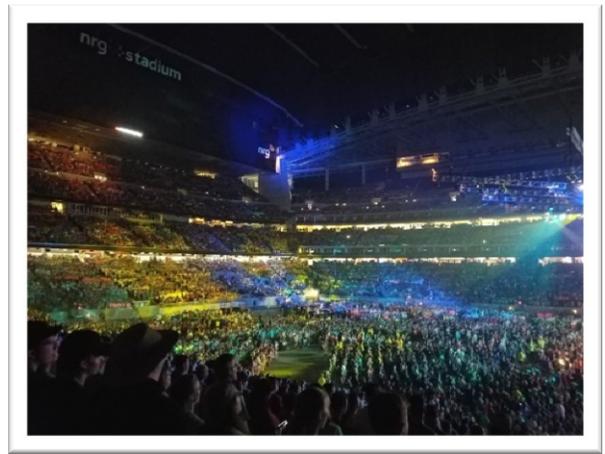
We had the pleasure of meeting many great people that grew up in the community and are still cleaning up after Hurricane Harvey. Brianna points out that "Many people don't realize that people in the Houston community are still fighting the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey; I didn't realize myself how bad things were for these people until we went to Independence Heights to help out.

Mrs. Tanya, one of the community members that helped our group on our service day, even told us how she just moved herself and her son from their hotel room into an apartment because their house was still unlivable and the continuous hotel stay was becoming too demanding on her son's mental health.



The gratitude on these people's faces for the ELCA members coming to help with the playground in their community was obvious. I'm personally amazed that they have remained so strong and hopeful through everything. Every little bit helps, and I know we helped this community greatly, but the work is nowhere near over. There's always more that can be done." *(continued)*

That evening and each evening after that, was concluded with a Mass Gathering held at NRG stadium. 30,000+ youth, volunteers, and adult chaperones gathered each night to listen to great music and inspiring speakers. Ben really enjoyed the speakers and how they spoke about relevant topics for today's youth. His and Ashley's favorite speaker was Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber. You can view her speech and the other inspiring speakers on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=youth+gathering+speakers](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=youth+gathering+speakers).



Our second day was our Interactive Learning Day. During this day, participants encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences. We watched a virtual reality video presented by ELCA World Hunger on the "Seeds of Change in Malawi."

With the virtual reality glasses, you felt like you were standing right with the family in Malawi. You can check it out too by watching the YouTube video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8\\_-78PWj94](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8_-78PWj94).

During the Interactive Learning Day, Ashley donated 8" of her hair to "Children with Hair Loss" who provides human hair replacements at no cost to children and young adults facing medically-related hair loss. Throughout the day, everyone enjoyed collecting pins and bracelets from organizations and other youth from across the country. It became a competition to collect the most; Andy was the winner with 14 bracelets!



The third day was our Synod Day. It was a great day of worship, signing, and getting to know our "neighbors" from the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Ben liked the way our Synod Day was organized differently than it was in Detroit, we had a lot more interaction with other youth in our Synod. We also had the pleasure of meeting our Synod bishop, Bishop Bill Gohl.

We wrapped up our week of incredible experiences on Sunday with a worship service at NRG Stadium. Sandy summed it all up perfectly. The Gathering was a "Life changing event - if you don't believe me where else can you experience worshipping on Sunday with 31,000+ youth and adults, each evening listening to tear jerking testimonials only to realize that God was there for them - that's who brought them out of their darkness. Dancing and singing along to the house band and guest musicians, seeing our St. Paul's youth step up on our service day to work hard (and sweat) to make me proud they were my youth, during small group time on our Synod Day sharing personal thoughts with other youth I had just met, seeing Madison volunteering as a Servant Companion running three days of service, and seeing our eight youth, aged 13 to 19, have that age gap melt away to experience an awesome time together as St Paul family".

#ThisChangesEverything



All of our youth (and adults!) had an awesome experience. Ashley enjoyed all of the speakers and was inspired by their vision and heartfelt advice. Andy thought it was really cool how 30,000 people from all across the country came together for one great cause. Ben had fun doing all of the activities with the kids from St Paul's and has some great memories from out time in Houston. We hope to see more St. Paul Youth at the next gathering held in 2021 in Minneapolis, MN. Check out more of our pictures on St. Paul's Facebook page.



# Baltimore Youth Gathering Day of Service



On July 28th, young people and their adult leaders from around our synod gathered in East Baltimore to continue the commitment to service we learned about at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. The congregations represented included St. Paul's, Upperco; Joy Reigns, Edgewater; First, Ellicott City; Our Shepherd, Severna Park; St. John's, Westminster; Holy Communion, Fallston; Grace, Westminster; Zion, Middletown; Amazing Grace, Baltimore; Christ, Inner Harbor; and Breath of God, Baltimore.

After praying together at the meeting spot in Patterson Park, congregational groups mixed together and dispersed to meet their service-learning partners at sites around the neighborhood, which included the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, the Conkling Street Garden, the Patterson Park Audubon Center garden, the Patterson Park Living Classrooms garden, and the Commodore John Rodgers School. Each group participated in gardening projects, learning about the importance of cultivating and maintaining green spaces within Baltimore City. St. Paul's project was to weed and mulch the Patterson Park Audubon site.



After completing service projects, groups convened nearby at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. There, they enjoyed a lunch prepared by Chef Daisy, who works with the soup kitchen at Amazing Grace, and learned about the feeding ministries of the congregation. They had the opportunity to visit the large garden behind the church, which not only serves as a place to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for those in need but also as a healing space for neighbors, seeking a place to rest and rejuvenate in the city.

#thischangeseverything (article from 07/31/2018 - Delaware-Maryland Synod E-Letter)

## Please see Sandy or Kelly if you have youth interested in any of these events



OCTOBER 19-21, 2018 • NORTHBAY ADVENTURE CAMP • NORTH EAST, MARYLAND



DECEMBER 2, 2018 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • ST. MICHAEL, PERRY HALL • ST. PHILIP'S, WILMINGTON



JANUARY 18-20, 2019 • CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEU • OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND



APRIL 5-7, 2019 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • JEFFERSON, MARYLAND



MAY 3-4, 2019 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • JEFFERSON, MARYLAND • PARENTS & GUARDIANS WELCOME



JUNE 14-16, 2019 • UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY • GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

# Rolling River Rampage – VBS

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you” Isaiah 43:2



This year VBS was a terrific success and was well attended by 31 children ranging from 2nd through 5th grade! We had the support of 14, 6th grade helpers and were blessed with 12 fantastic adult leaders including Pastor Carl Myers and Carol Hilgartner.



Participants raised their beautiful voices in song with Carol Hunt and Ashley Mountcastle, worked on some really cool science experiments with Patti Schunk and Susan Fleming and listened to terrific bible stories by Patti Schunk.



We all made crafts with Sandee Martin, played games with Nick Kelly fed our souls and bodies with fun snacks with Gerri Martin and Karen Myers.

We were also visited by Romper the Otter (Ashley Mountcastle) and we learned our "Rapid reminder" from Rachel Murphy!

What a terrific year for VBS! Thank you to everyone who participated in VBS, helped with VBS, donated money and items to VBS.

We couldn't have had VBS without you!

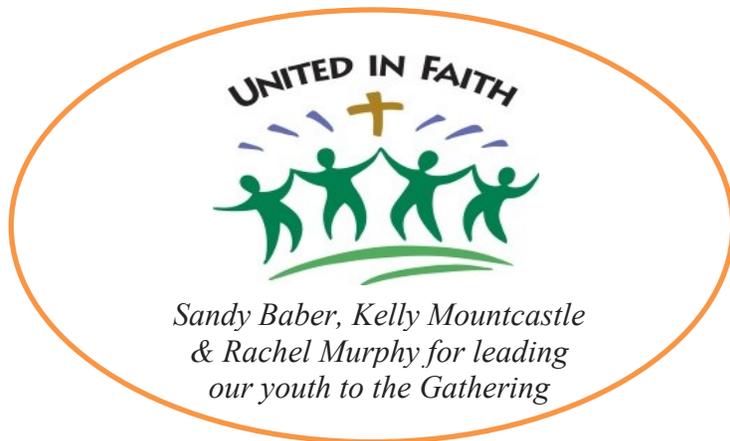


# Thank You!



*I would like to write a thank you note to everyone for the special Fellowship held in my honor. But, due to the Neuropathy in my hands writing is very difficult. So, I hope this note will express to all my appreciation on just how*

*wonderful you made me feel. Thank you for attending, for the delicious food, the cake, the cards from the Sunday school students, and the generous gifts. I continue to keep St. Paul's and its members in my thoughts and prayers. Let's keep in touch. Thank you and God Bless. Vivian*



*Sandy Baber, Kelly Mountcastle & Rachel Murphy for leading our youth to the Gathering*



*Tiffany Meadowcroft for keeping our church spotless*



*Leon Fleming for heading up the resurfacing of the parking lot*



*Carol & Wade Hilgartner for heading up the July flea market and to Sarah Morris, Tim Brown, Maidie Brown, Ray Lyons, Susan Fleming, Bob & Gerri Martin, and John & Carolyn Eichler for handling concessions on such a rainy day*



***Thanks for everyone's hard work, time and talents to make the Rolling River Rampage VBS a big success!***

***\*\*Big Thank you to Outreach for donating supplies to make 40 sunshine bags to help bring a little "Sunshine" to someone's day***

***\*\*Big Thank you to Lynn Sheavly and her NESAP crew for lending us 10 Christmas trees to decorate***

***\*\*Big thank you to Shirley Stratton and Pastor Carl for cutting out lots of trees and to Rachel Murphy for making and supplying the templates***

***\*\*Big Thank you to Sherry Moore for supplying lots and lots of VBS helpers and stepping up to guide a group at the last minute***

***\*\*Thanks to Beth Hannon for lending us her raft and Emily Niles for lending us her kayak***

***\*\*Thanks to Gerri Martin and Karen Myers for all the yummy snacks***

# AUGUST 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00am – Worship <i>Food Collection Youth Sunday</i>	6	7	8 7:30pm – Hanover Road Association	9	10	11
12 9:00am – Worship <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Offering- Interfaith Housing</i>	13	14 7pm – Council Meeting	15	16	17	18  8am – Flea Market
19 9:00am – Worship with Pr. Faye <i>Fellowship after service</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:00am – Worship	27 12:30pm - Music & Worship Meeting	28	29	30	31	

# SEPTEMBER 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00am – Worship with Pr. Faye  Food Collection Youth Sunday	3 	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:00am – Worship with Pr. Faye Rally Day & Picnic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering- Union Seminary Students	10	11 7pm – Council Meeting	12	13	14 Newsletter Articles Due	15  8am – Flea Market
16 9:00am – Worship with Pr. Lee 10:15am – Sunday School	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00am – Worship 10:15am – Sunday School 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Cnfirm Cls Install Christian Educ.	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:30am – 2pm Blood Drive
30 9:00am – Worship 10:15am – Sunday School						

# Celebrations!

## AUGUST

- 1 Carrie Moore
- 2 Daniel Binebrink
- 8 Cheyenne Kelly
- 15 Patti Graff
- Heather Panagakos
- 17 Susan Fleming
- Steve Utz
- 22 Rachael Mountcastle
- 23 Sara Moore
- 24 Kelly Mountcastle
- Clara Neuheisel
- 26 Peter Meadowcroft
- 29 Alex Panagakos



## SEPTEMBER

- 6 Gerri Martin
- 8 Lilly Meadowcroft
- 10 Emmy Neuheisel
- 11 Brad Mountcastle
- 12 Tim Brown
- Bob Martin
- 15 Katie Binebrink
- 16 Sandy Baber
- Katie Graff
- Wade Hilgartner
- 18 Rachel Murphy
- 21 Ruth Bare
- Meg Jones
- 29 Carliana Folfas

## AUGUST

- 1 Alan & Becky Miller
- 10 Bob & Sarah Morris

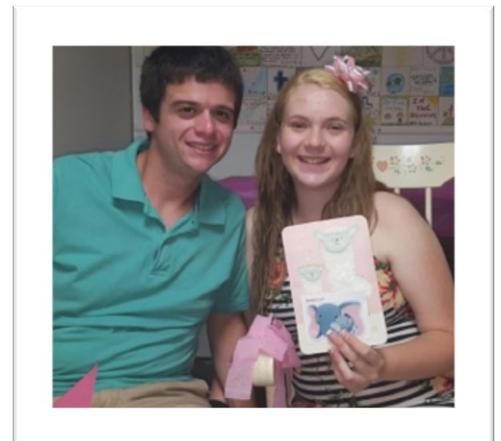


## SEPTEMBER

- 10 Leon & Susan Fleming
- 16 Steve & Barb Utz
- 18 Brad & Kelly Mountcastle

Cheyenne Kelly's  
Baby Shower

July 15, 2018



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## Worship Leader Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Asst.</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
8/5/2018	Carol Hunt	Carol Hilgartner	Meg Jones	John Folfas	Ashley Mountcastle
8/12/2018	Susan Fleming	Rachel Murphy	Kelly Mountcastle	John Eichler	Andy Geldmacher
8/19/2018	Jed Geldmacher	Jayne Folfas	Carol Hilgartner	Wade Hilgartner	Louisa Neuheisel
8/26/2018	Laura Grabowski	Maureen Litz	Suzi Lyons	Leon Fleming	Chris Geldmacher
9/2/2018	Carol Hunt	Scott Litz	Sandy Baber	Rob Holtz	Ava Grabowski
9/9/2018	Susan Fleming	Carol Hunt	John Kelly	Bob Martin	Ashley Mountcastle
9/16/2018	Jed Geldmacher	Laura Grabowski	Mary Neuheisel	John Folfas	Andy Geldmacher
9/23/2018	Laura Grabowski	Colleen Geldmacher	Meg Jones	John Eichler	Louisa Neuheisel
9/30/2018	Carol Hunt	Carol Hilgartner	Kelly Mountcastle	Wade Hilgartner	Ava Grabowski

## Council Directory

PRESIDENT	Carol Hunt
VICE PRESIDENT	Sandy Baber
SECRETARY	Kelly Mountcastle
TREASURER	Carol Hilgartner
MEMBER	Carolyn Eichler
MEMBER	Susan Fleming
MEMBER	Jayne Folfas
MEMBER	Jed Geldmacher
MEMBER	Laura Grabowski



## Committee Chairpersons

CEMETERY	Maidie Brown
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Carol Hilgartner
EVANGELISM	Carolyn Eichler
FINANCE	Jayne Folfas
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Carol Hunt
FLEA MARKET	Charles Baber
HISTORIANS	Carol Hilgartner
HOSPITALITY	Kelly Mountcastle
MUSIC & WORSHIP	Susan Fleming
OUTREACH	Jayne Folfas
PARK	Susan Fleming
PARSONAGE	Susan Fleming
PROPERTY SHEPHERDS	Laura Grabowski
STEWARDSHIP	Jed Geldmacher
YOUTH	Carol Hunt
	Jed Geldmacher
	Susan Fleming
	Carolyn Eichler
	Jamie Folfas
	Carol Hilgartner
	Sandy Baber