

# Good News

THE  
NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## April 2022

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**In-person worship and communion**  
**Saturday, 5:30 pm | Sunday, 9:30 am**  
**Sunday School 10:30 am**  
Please continue to visit our website at  
[www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org) for worship  
resources to use as you are able, and to  
join our Live Stream Zoom meeting at  
**9:30 am on Sunday.**



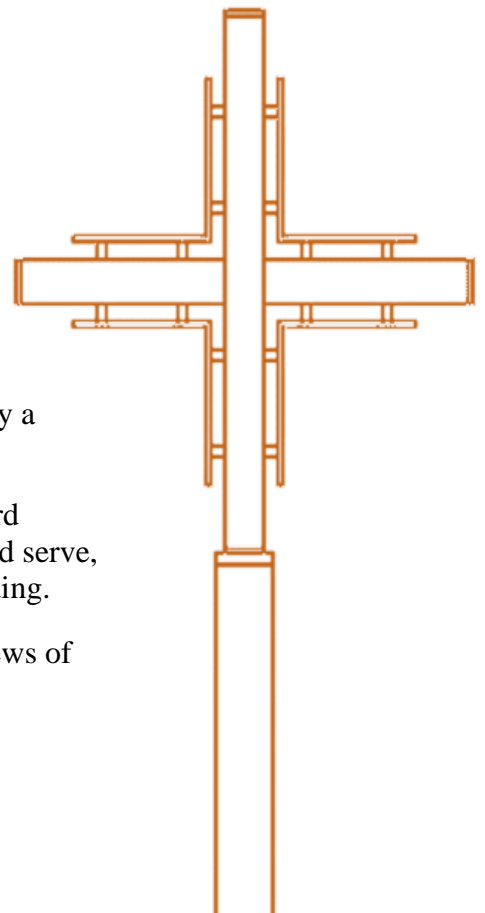
### ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family called together by God and united by a common faith.

Our mission is to share with all people God's Love and Grace through Word and Sacrament. Through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to witness and serve, treating one another with Love, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Understanding.

By our commitments, actions, deeds, and resources, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out to our Community, Nation, and World.

Adopted May 1993



| ST. PAUL'S STAFF              |                                                             |                |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Pastor                        | Rev. Charles H. Grube                                       |                |
| Administrative Assistant      | Krissie McDermott                                           |                |
| Dir. of Music/Organist        | Margaret Quintanar                                          |                |
| Chapel & Emmanuel Choir Dir.  | Jean Grube                                                  |                |
| Minister of Technology        | Marissa Miller                                              |                |
| Sexton                        | James Madonna                                               |                |
| Sunday School Superintendent  | Tony Linnen                                                 |                |
| Financial Secretary           | Ruth Ide                                                    |                |
| <b>CONGREGATION COUNCIL</b>   |                                                             |                |
| <u>2022</u>                   | <u>2023</u>                                                 | <u>2024</u>    |
| Alice Baer                    | Heidi Manning                                               | John Waschek*  |
| Joel Eneboe                   |                                                             | Gail Smallwood |
| Jon Moelling*                 | Cathy Ridout                                                | Marissa Miller |
| Don Pheasant                  | Scott Schukraft*                                            | Frank Mariano  |
| *Final Term                   |                                                             |                |
| <b>CONGREGATION OFFICERS</b>  |                                                             |                |
| President                     | Rev. Charles H. Grube                                       |                |
| Vice-President                | Scott Schukraft                                             |                |
| Secretary                     | Alice Baer                                                  |                |
| Treasurer                     | Carol Fett                                                  |                |
| <b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b>    |                                                             |                |
| Christian Education           | Marissa Miller                                              |                |
| Communications                | Marissa Miller/Gail Smallwood                               |                |
| Evangelism                    | Alice Baer                                                  |                |
| Fellowship                    | Heidi Manning                                               |                |
| Finance                       | John Waschek/Don Pheasant/Carol Fett                        |                |
| Head Start/Early Intervention | Carol Fett / Cathy Ridout                                   |                |
| Health Ministry               | Cathy Ridout                                                |                |
| Landscaping                   | Jon Moelling/Joel Eneboe                                    |                |
| Long Range Planning           | Scott Schukraft/Don Pheasant/<br>John Waschek/Frank Mariano |                |
| Property                      | Jon Moelling/Joel Eneboe/Carol Fett                         |                |
| Salary Review                 | Scott Schukraft                                             |                |
| Social Ministry               | Alice Baer                                                  |                |
| Staff Support                 | Scott Schukraft, Alice Baer and<br>Frank Mariano            |                |
| Worship & Music               | Heidi Manning/Frank Mariano                                 |                |
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**PRAYER LIST** - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregations of St. John, Nanticoke and St. Mark, Pond Hill.**

**Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:*** Alice Baer, Hope Beisel, Flo Belenski, Jim Bellezza, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Max Bowman, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Maryan Daily, Bill Eimers, Cheryl Everhart, Marty Everhart, Marge Fritzinger, Joe Hardisky, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Ruth Ide, Barbara Kessler, Dave Kowalek, Tom Lundberg, Margie McCarty, Vivian Richardson, Bill Smith, Mark & Mary Walters, Betty Weaver, Anita Weiss, Justin Yost.

**Please note:** Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

**Family & Friends:** Abby Baker, Hank Banaszek, Carol Bennetto, Ed Campbell, Walt Casola, Cheryl DelKanic, Katrina Diel, Bob Dinger, Baby Dior, Derrick Ellard, Abby Fett, Mike Filter, Ron & Candyce Fike, Helen Fredrick, Frank Gallagher, Mike Hage, Higgins Family, Marlene Holly, Bob Hughes, Marilyn Klick, Andrew Luce, Audrey Mace, Tamara Madonna, Bob Margellina, Carol Marker, Rob Merritt, Amanda Moelling, Wayne Namey, Alice O'Neil, Ryleigh Phillips, Dawn Qvanda, Grace Reishus, Frank Rollman, Bonnie Ryman, Kelly, Aiden & Wyatt Schaper, John Schray, Jr., Nancy Shymanski, Stevens Family, Betty Stochla, Ben Szostak, Erica Texiera, Jean Thompson, Chris Terhune, Janice Tucker, Sandra Vensky, Ralph Walp, Bill Ward, Karen Wise, Helen Zarychta, and Tom S., Herb, Jason (last names not given).

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the May 2022 issue. The deadline for all submissions will be **Noon on**

**Sunday, April 17, 2022.**

Please remember that all bulletin items need to be in the office by noon on Thursdays.

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- "Lent is spring training. Easter is opening day!"

—seen on a church sign



Updates from the March meeting (held February 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Head Start/Early Intervention: Small plumbing issue fixed (parts needed to be replaced in toilet tank) and also exhaust fan needs motor replaced.

Fellowship: Working on plans for Confirmation reception (Pentecost Sunday) and also a end-of-Sunday School year picnic, scheduled for Sunday, June 5.

Health Ministry: Working on ideas for a health-related project for the spring & summer.

Christian Ed: Head Start Family gift project continues (gifts are due by Sunday, March 20); Palm Sunday Resurrection Eggs scavenger hunt being planned; May 29 will be last normal Sunday School session; plans for Vacation Bible School still in “the works.”

Property: Besides Head Start restroom projects, two parking lot lights that were recently replaced are burnt out again - should be covered under warranty; new weather stripping was installed on front doors.

Worship & Music: Ash Wednesday - Morning meditation will include imposition of ashes by pastor and self-imposition of ashes will occur at the evening service; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services will be held at 7 pm; Easter Sunday - one service at 9:30 am. (Note: Zoom worship will continue for all services). Following discussion, committee affirmed their decision to add an opening hymn to the service but requesting that people who wish to sing to please wear a mask; committee looking into purchasing new, good quality, altar paraments - replacing some colors that have worn out.

Old Business: Council discussed ideas for using the year-end Christmas donation received (not to be used for general expenses) and decision was made to purchase a workstation for the parlor with remaining funds to be used towards updating office computer systems.

New Business: Delegates needed to attend the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm (on-line meeting) and the Synod Assembly on Friday and Saturday, June 10-11 (on-line meeting).

Nominating Committee needs to be formed to submit names for council election in May. Outgoing council members are: Jon Moelling (final term); Don Pheasant (eligible to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term); Joel Eneboe and Alice Baer (not running for 2<sup>nd</sup> term); also need two persons to fill one year term for Holly O’Brien (resignation) and Heidi Manning (moving to Iowa).

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### SPECIAL DATES

- Holy Week, *April 10-17, 2022*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 10, 2022*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 14, 2022*
- Good Friday, *April 15, 2022*
- Easter Sunday, *April 17, 2022*

### PASSAGES

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of former St. Paul’s member, Anna Winkler, who passed away at her home in Michigan on Saturday, March 12. May God comfort all who mourn.

### PHONE DIRECTORY CHANGES

David Koch has transferred his membership to Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarks Summit, PA.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The most holy days of the year are upon us this month. Holy Week, the Great Three Days, and the celebration of the Resurrection are without equal in the faith, life, and worship of the Christian community. We will continue to modify our celebrations of these days in our worship a bit, but the truth of their importance for us is not diminished. This changes everything! I hope you will take advantage of the many special liturgies that mark this special week and take in the fullness and richness of what God has done for us in Christ Jesus.

Paschal blessings,  
Pastor Grube



### HOLY WEEK - EASTER SERVICES

Our return to baptism’s promise and power for us that started with Ash Wednesday’s call to repentance comes to a grand, full climax at the Great Three Days, or Triduum , and Easter’s proclamation of the resurrection. The great good news of the empty tomb has serious implications for us. The baptismal gifts of eternal life, the power of the Holy Spirit in us, and forgiveness and freedom in the grace of God all find their source in God’s raising Jesus from the dead. So we mark the moments along the way with liturgies unlike any other throughout the church year. We begin the week where Jesus began the week, entering Jerusalem in triumph, then quickly turning our liturgical attention to the reason he came to Jerusalem: his passion. Later in the week, we continue with the assurance of pardon and forgiveness, commitment to the life of love and

servanthood Jesus calls us to, and the beginning of the end with the Last Supper and stripping him and the sanctuary to its bareness on Maundy Thursday. We hear the story of his passion and death in a simple, intentional focus on that story on Good Friday. And gathering in the depths of death and darkness, we celebrate the light Jesus brings, hear the scripture stories that form our faith, affirm our own baptismal covenant, and celebrate the first announcement of the resurrection at Saturday’s Easter Vigil. And finally, with abandon and joy, we gather Sunday morning to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. The evening services, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that form one continuous liturgy all begin at 7:00 pm. There is no 5:30 Saturday service that week. And we gather at 9:30 am, our regular Sunday worship time, for Easter good news, Christ is risen! We celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday at both our regular Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:30 am worship services. Services will also be shown via Zoom.

### DELEGATES NEEDED

We are now seeking voting members for the annual Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District Assembly and the annual Northeastern PA Synod Assembly. Both assemblies will be online, so couldn’t be easier to attend. We are seeking one male and one female voting member. The Mission District assembly meeting will be Thursday evening, May 12, and the Synod Assembly will be Friday evening and Saturday, June 10-11. While anyone can tune in either meeting, only those who register as voting members or delegates have voice and vote. Contact Pastor Grube or any member of Council if you have questions or if you’d like to share your interest. And thank you for considering the work of the larger church beyond our own St. Paul’s walls.



“Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Do you want more music during worship? Or a greater

variety? Then volunteer to provide a musical meditation by contacting Margaret Quintanar at 717.448.0295 or talk to her after worship. Margaret will be happy to accompany anyone who needs accompaniment.



Our weekly Bible study, The Bible This Week, has continued through Lent to provide you with an opportunity to spend some intentional time with the scriptures and in conversation about them as a part of your Lenten season devotion. April's schedule will provide a short break from the study for the busy worship weeks of Holy Week and Easter, but will resume its regular weekly gathering again quickly. We will gather April 5 and 26. We will not gather April 12 and 19. The Bible This Week meets Tuesday mornings at 10:30.



ELCA Global Mission's monthly newsletter, "Global Links," announced nine new missionaries beginning service,

including the new missionary who will coordinate the YAGM program in our companion synod, Argentina and Uruguay, Jessica Geroux. She joins new missionaries Jordan and Adam Miller-Stubbendick, Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) country coordinators for Jerusalem/West Bank; Mytch Dorvilier, YAGM country coordinator for Senegal; Cory and Sarah Driver, directors of graduate studies in Egypt; and Vola Ranaivoson, ESL teacher in Japan. Rev. Rachael Ringlaben, who previously served in Argentina and Uruguay and who joined us for worship via Zoom during the height of the pandemic in July 2020, completed her term.

In other work, Global Mission personnel are working with partner churches and organizations to empower women around the world. Several years ago, the EPES International Training program in Chile offered advocacy training to women in Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe. In fall 2021, several of these women leaders gathered virtually to assess the lessons they had learned and share how they had put them to use. Grace Mose, a participant from Nairobi, noted, "When we empower women, we are empowering the community. Women are the foundation of our communities and for change." Thank you for your support of ELCA Global Missions.



**LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF** - The Mardi Gras candy bags that were given out by the Social Ministry Committee with the request that they be returned with your loose coins (or even larger donations) may be placed in the offering plate. Funds collected will be sent to LDF -- **Ukraine**. Donations may also be made by using the "Lutheran Disaster Response" envelopes found in the pew racks or via on-line giving through our website [www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org). Please note the Vanco on-line giving page was recently upgraded: if you have any questions regarding navigating the new page, (or setting up your account) please contact Carol Fett at [cafett54@gmail.com](mailto:cafett54@gmail.com).



### NEW MISSION DISTRICT PASTOR

We welcome to our Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District Pastor Daniel Warntz, newly called pastor of Faith United Lutheran Church, Nescopeck. Pastor Warntz will also be serving as pastor of neighboring St. John Lutheran Church, Mifflinville, which is a congregation of neighboring Upper Susquehanna Synod. Pastor Warntz has been serving a congregation in West Virginia and begins his service in our area April 1.

We have been remiss by neglecting to announce another new addition to our Mission District churches. Pastor Scott Harvey was called to be Assistant Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Sayre and Church of the Redeemer, an Episcopal congregation also in Sayre, serving there with Pastor Melinda Artman, a priest of the Episcopal Church. He began his service there in December. Both these pastors, new to our communities, serve in ministry settings that cross borders, one across Lutheran Synod borders, and one across denominational borders.

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### NEWS FROM BEAR CREEK CAMP

Bear Creek Camp Executive Director, Collin Grooms, and Program Director, Kaitlyn Blend shared in a letter recently, “Research has shown that camp experience creates lasting change in ‘horizontal’ faith or the *relevance of faith* that campers perceive to their daily lives. This horizontal faith includes: increased self-confidence, more frequent devotional practices, more frequent faith conversations at home, and higher sense of value to belonging to a church community. Camps and congregations working hand-in-hand to promote the importance of a lifelong faith journey is the key to our shared partnership!” You can contribute to this life-changing camp experience by donating money, time as a volunteer, seeking children and youth to attend camp, and sponsoring, supporting, and encouraging those who do attend camp. There are brochures on the table in the narthex for both Wild Abundance Summer Camp and for Nature Day Camps for Summer 2022, or visit Bear Creek Camp’s website at [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org). Thank you for considering Bear Creek Camp as a valuable partner in the formation of Christians and the life of discipleship.

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With the new Northeastern PA Synod website, Bishop Christopher deForest has begun a new blog,

reflecting on and sharing ideas about a variety of topics. You can find it under the “News” tab on the menu bar at the top of the website, <https://nepasynod.org/news>.

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### LIKE TO PLAY PINOCHLE?

On Tuesday, April 5, the Pinochle Group will be meeting again from 11 am till 3 pm, the first Tuesday of each month through December. Anyone who would like to play please contact Annie Bisher at 570.674.1277.



### Dorcas Spring Rummage/Bake Sale Scheduled

Now that spring- and spring-cleaning days are here, it’s time to get excited about the Dorcas May Rummage Sale!

The Dorcas Society will sponsor the two-day rummage/bake sale, to be held Friday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon (Bag Day all day).

Donations of good clean, usable clothes, household items, dishes, pots and pans, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, games, puzzles, etc., are happily accepted. The church building will be open on the following days/times for donation drop-off:

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| Monday, May 2    | 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 3   | 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 4 | 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 5  | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. |

(Donations not accepted after 2:00 p.m. so Dorcas members will have time to price items)

Anyone (men and women) can assist during the week with setting up tables, unloading, displaying and/or pricing items to be sold.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING televisions, computers/printers, exercise equipment, large appliances, encyclopedias, cribs, strollers, artificial Christmas trees, VHS tapes, electrical cords, and old telephones.**

All bakers of St. Paul's are asked to donate homemade baked goods for the Bake Sale; the items should be brought to the church by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 so they may be packaged and priced.



**BLANKET SUNDAY**

We will again this year support Church World Services with gifts of blankets in honor and remembrance of mothers, grandmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, daughters, and friends. These blankets are very basic and provide warmth and shelter for those less fortunate around the world - and this year, with devastation from the war and natural disasters, the need is greater than ever.

“Blanket Envelopes” are included in this newsletter or you may make your donation via

our website, [www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org) and click on the Online Giving link and following the prompts. If you have questions about online giving, please contact Carol Fett ([cafett54@gmail.com](mailto:cafett54@gmail.com)) or call the church office at 570.675.3859. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's/Blankets for our donation of \$5 per blanket. An order form is also enclosed which may be folded and placed inside the envelope if you want your name included in the bulletin on Mother's Day. Please remember to return your envelope no later than, Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

Pentecost will be celebrated at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 5, but this year, we have been asked to place our order with the supplier during the first week of May. In order to give everyone time to place their order for geraniums used to decorate the sanctuary on that Sunday, please use the order form and payment envelope enclosed with this newsletter. You may also go to our website and use the Online Giving link to make your order. The deadline to place your order is Sunday, May 1.

**INTERESTED IN A COUNCIL POSITION?**

Elections for St. Paul's Congregation Council will be held in early May. For anyone interested in serving on council, or if you would like more information regarding responsibilities, please contact Scott Schukraft at 570.406.7116 or the church office at 570.675.3859. This year six positions need to be filled - four three-year terms and two one-year terms.

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Hi Everyone,

Spring is here!!!

Please, forgive me, but this first reference is mainly for me. From the Mayo Clinic, “Small lifestyle changes that make a big difference” is mostly about eating healthy, exercise and being kind to yourself. But I have to keep reminding myself that every project I attempt I have to take in little bites and not to be so hard on myself! My gardening, as I strive for Healing Touch Certification, even when I was going through nursing school.

[https://www.mayoclinic.org/connected-care/small-lifestyle-changes-that-make-a-big-difference/cpt-20517102?mc\\_id=us&utm\\_source=pes&utm\\_medium=e&utm\\_content=engagement&utm\\_campaign=mayoclinic&geo=national&placementsite=enterprise&invsr=patloy&cauid=122853&%20%20elqTrackId=DA0E3DDB93C388377D2380FE66B9E57E](https://www.mayoclinic.org/connected-care/small-lifestyle-changes-that-make-a-big-difference/cpt-20517102?mc_id=us&utm_source=pes&utm_medium=e&utm_content=engagement&utm_campaign=mayoclinic&geo=national&placementsite=enterprise&invsr=patloy&cauid=122853&%20%20elqTrackId=DA0E3DDB93C388377D2380FE66B9E57E) .

Get ready for those seasonal allergies! This may help from the National Center of Complementary and Integrative Health:

<https://www.nccih.nih.gov/health/seasonal-allergies-at-a-glance?nav=govd>. Carol will make a copy of these articles if you ask her. Thanks, Carol.

In Love and Service and Gratitude,  
Gail Ide, RN, Parish Nurse

## FROM THE MAILBOX

To All St. Paul’s Sunday School Students:

Thank you all for the “Valentine Day Card” and it brightened my day with a heart filled with all your love!

It was really special!

Love,  
Mary Lou Daley-Button

Dear Carol,

Would you please thank everyone on your prayer list for the prayers on behalf of my brother, Walter Casola. He is improving slowly with a long time to come, but I am sure all the prayers have helped. I really appreciate all the prayers and good wishes.

Thank you so much!  
Judy Casola Roeder

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## ROAST BEEF DINNER SCHEDULED

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - St. Paul’s Brotherhood will be serving a “take-out only” Roast Beef dinner on Saturday, April 23, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 and includes roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, two vegetables, pepper hash, horseradish, and a roll.