

Good News

THE
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 for worship
resources to use as you are able, and to
join our Live Stream Zoom meeting at
9:30 am on Sunday.



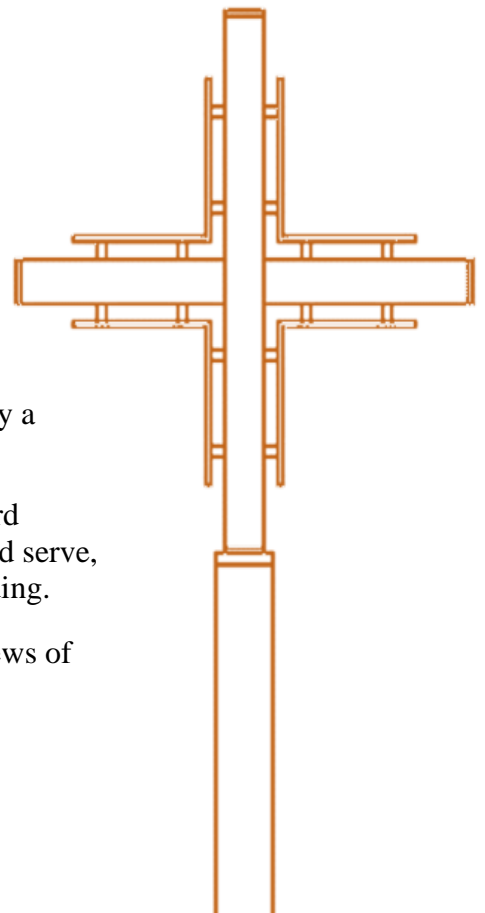
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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	
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	
CONGREGATION COUNCIL		
<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>
Cathy Ridout	John Waschek*	Larry Pierce
Scott Schukraft*	Gail Smallwood	Bruce Thomas
Karen Mertz*	Marissa Miller	Gail Ide
Don Pheasant*	Frank Mariano	Pat Peiffer
*Final Term		
CONGREGATION OFFICERS		
President	Rev. Charles H. Grube	
Vice-President	TBD	
Secretary	TBD	
Treasurer	Carol Fett	
STANDING COMMITTEES		
Christian Education	Marissa Miller	
Communications	Marissa Miller/Gail Smallwood	
Evangelism	TBD	
Fellowship	TBD	
Finance	John Waschek/Don Pheasant/Carol Fett Bruce Thomas	
Head Start/Early Intervention	Carol Fett / Cathy Ridout	
Health Ministry	Cathy Ridout	
Landscaping	TBD	
Long Range Planning	Scott Schukraft/Don Pheasant/ John Waschek/Frank Mariano	
Property	Bruce Thomas / Carol Fett	
Salary Review	Scott Schukraft	
Social Ministry	Karen Mertz	
Staff Support	Scott Schukraft? Frank Mariano	
Worship & Music	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 Congregation of Holy Trinity, Kingston.

Pray for those suffering illness: Members: Alice Baer, Hope Beisel, Jim Bellezza, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Mary Lou Bowman, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Maryan Daily, Margaret Edwards, Mary Ehret, Bill Eimers, Cheryl & Marty Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzingler, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Barbara Kessler, Dave Kowalek, Ron Kross, June Lorah, Tom Lundberg, Margie McCarty, Vivian Richardson, Ann Sabol, 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 if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Abby Baker, Hank Banaszek, Dick Berger, Darcey Bradley, Ashley Calhoun (and children: Parker, Legend, Jowan), Ed Campbell, Marjorie Catania, Tim Cummings, Janice DeFebo, Cheryl DelKanic, Bob Dinger, Baby Dior, Derrick Ellard, Laura Filter, Ron & Candyce Fike, Helen Fredrick, Frank Gallagher, Guy Giordano, Bradley Kessler, Mike Hage, Higgins Family, Bob Hughes, Marilyn Klick, Taavi Kowalek, Jim Lorah, Audrey Mace, Bob Margellina, Carol Marker, Rob Merritt, Amanda Moelling, Wayne Namey, Alice O'Neil, Tim Nulton, Ryleigh Phillips, Dawn Qvanda, Frank Rollman, Bonnie Ryman, Kelly, Aiden & Wyatt Schaper, Nancy Shymanski, Stevens Family, Betty Stochla, Chris Terhune, Erica Texiera, Donna Thiessen, Jean Thompson, Janice Tucker, Beth Turnbach, Ralph Walp, Bill Ward, Karen Wise, Helen Zarychta, and Tom S., Herb, Jason, Trina, Leslie, Tim R., Dick D., Steve G., Teresa K., Stephanie, Tyesha, Daisean, Zahir, Isaiah, Briyana, Treasure, Royal (last names not given).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the Summer Edition (July & August) issue. The deadline for all

submissions will be **Noon on Sunday, June 19, 2022.**

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Updates from the May Council meeting held on May 3, 2022.

Communications: Committee provided publicity for the April Roast Beef Dinner & Dorcas' Rummage/Bake Sale. Also waiting for response regarding the website's domain name hosting in order to move website to WPENGINE.

Landscaping: Weed & Feed fertilizer has been spread on various areas of the lawn.

Christian Education: Last day of Sunday School will be May 29th with a Marigold take home activity; committee is also investigating joining with Lehman Idetown Church for a Vacation Bible School program.

Head Start / Early Intervention: EI has requested the use of their current classroom space used for speech therapy be turned into a second permanent classroom; this request is due to the increase in children needing EI services. After listening to the EI representative who attended the council meeting and further discussion the request was granted. Finance will be reworking the EI lease to reflect the additional square footage being used.

Property: Work will begin on the Bell Tower repairs at the end of May; still waiting on word from DAMA regarding start date for repairs of water retention basins. Committee will be addressing roof repairs and seeking bids to determine cost for both the shingled & flat areas of the roof.

Long Range Planning: Final draft revisions to the church constitution have been mailed to council members, but further action was tabled until the new council members are seated.

Staff Support: The Administrative Assistant Search Committee has been reactivated; the previously rewritten job description will remain the same.



A PREEMPTIVE PRAYER

Becoming angry is quite easy. The difficult part, as Aristotle observed, is "to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose and in the right way." That, he added, "is not within everybody's power.

But with God's power - and prayer - we can resist the pull of anger. Use these Scripture-inspired words: "Teach us, O God, how to keep our cool when provoked, exercising patience and self-control so we can think wisely and creatively about how to handle stress calmly, after the heat of the moment has passed. Help us choose our associates wisely, avoiding those who are not-tempered and easily angered. Help us choose your way of handling anger, rather than our own, so we might conquer harmful impulses by doing good. In the name of Christ, who showed us how to use anger for good rather than evil. Amen"



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

**Dorcas Meeting
May 10, 2022**

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with 19 members present; Marge McCarty led devotions.

Lois Gdovin gave a report of cards sent since our last meeting.

Secretary's report was read by Cheryl and approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Ruth and approved.

DORCAS MEETING (Cont.)

Chris recognized May birthdays and anniversaries.

Old Business: Chris thanked everyone for their hard work on the Rummage Sale, even those individuals who were not Dorcas members. All rummage sale items were picked up on the days and times by the agencies as scheduled.

New Business: Marianne Mancke wanted to let us know that fleece blankets are being made again this year. Volunteers are welcome to come help, no special skills are needed. The blankets are being made on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. until mid-June.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, at 6 pm. There will be a covered dish meal prior to the meeting; dessert will be provided and hostesses include Lois Gdovin, Susan Woodling, and Gail Smallwood.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Brosious

† IN MEMORIAM †

*May the light and promise of
the Resurrection
shine in the lives
of the family and friends of*

Max Bowman

*Rest eternal grant him, Lord,
and let light perpetual
shine upon them.*

PASSAGES

Congratulations to Colin J. Fetterman, who will be graduating from Tunkhannock High School on June 3rd and will be attending Penn State University in State College the end of June majoring in Business and Analytics. Colin is the son of Kurt & Lisa Fetterman and grandson of John & Cookie Fetterman.

Congratulations are also extended to Thomas Janoski on his graduation from Dallas High School. He will be studying Public Policy / Political Science at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Thomas is the son of Dave & Melissa Janoski.

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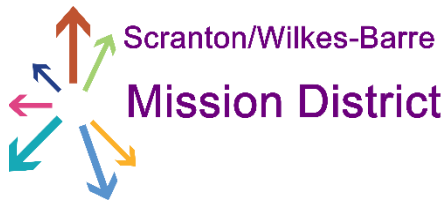
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Our final week of Sunday School, Joe Hardisky will be leading the children in planting flower seeds, and sending the newly potted seeds home, where they can be tended, cared for, and nurtured into full-grown flowers. It's an image we use a lot, because Jesus himself used the image, to talk about planting the seeds of the word, or faith, and nurturing that word and faith to maturity. The break and rest of a summer vacation is one way to nurture our wellbeing. So is worship, scripture reading, prayer, and gathering with the faithful in fellowship, prayer, or study. Make these part of your summer, too.

See you in the garden,
Pastor

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MISSION DISTRICT NEWS

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District met for its annual assembly Thursday, May 12 via Zoom. Bishop Christopher deForest led us in opening worship and shared greetings from his family vacation in Florida! Chair Elizabeth Keator and Dean Jira Albers led us in the business of the Mission District. Erika Mills was elected to the Mission District Council and Tina Baucher was elected to a one-year term as Secretary. Treasurer Jim Doxey described complications with the passing of former Treasurer, Wayne Getz, announced that a letter will be sent to congregations describing new procedures for donations to the Mission District, and together with the executive committee presented a budget of \$3315, which was approved. And the assembly heard a presentation from the Susquehanna County Women's Resource Center Program Manager, Tiffany Benedict, about an expanding safe housing initiative, the increased demand for services, and the specific ways that the financial support of our Mission District helps women and children.

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This month's issue of ELCA Global Mission's monthly newsletter, "Global Links," shares happy news about the return of the Young Adults in Global Mission program: After a two-year pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteers are preparing

to venture out into the world again! The 2022-23 cohort recently participated in a virtual discernment interview and placement event where members received their country program placements. The YAGM program is welcoming approximately 25 new volunteers, who will depart on Sept. 7 to programs in Senegal, Jerusalem/West Bank, Argentina/Uruguay and the United Kingdom. The YAGM team is celebrating its most diverse pool of candidates ever across all intersections while recognizing that our work of equity and inclusion is never done.

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SYNOD NEWS

The coming summer months will be filled with important church business. The Northeastern PA Synod Assembly, "Gaining Strength Stronger Together," will be Friday and Saturday, June 10-11 online. Reverend Kimberly A Vaughn, Senior Director of Christian Community and Leadership Mission will be the ELCA representative. You can view the assembly worship and plenary sessions in a live stream by visiting the synod website. Later this summer, August 8-12, the ELCA will gather for its triennial Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Pastor Grube was elected to be one of the team of 24 representatives from the Northeastern PA Synod.

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OUR FUN-LOVING GOD

Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crook necked squash, the bob-white's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall



Congratulations to our newly elected Congregation Council members, Gail Ide, Pat Peiffer, Larry Price, and Bruce Thomas elected to the class of 2024-2025, and to Karen Mertz and Don Pheasant, elected to one year terms to fill vacant positions in the class of 2022-2023. They join Cathy Ridout, Scott Schukraft, Frank Mariano, Marissa Miller, Gail Smallwood, and John Waschek as elected council members and executive committee members Pastor Grube (President) and Carol Fett (Treasurer). At the Council's first meeting in June, they will select the committee or ministry they will serve, and they will elect the Vice President and Secretary for the year. Keep them all in your prayers as we face a new year of ministry.

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Two of our young members by Holy Baptism will become voting members of the congregation when we celebrate their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Isabella (Izzy) Definnis and Carleigh Thomas have completed their two-year study and preparation for their Affirmation of Baptism, and we congratulate them! We will have a reception in their honor following worship that day.

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CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-even - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

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Our weekly Bible study, The Bible This Week, will take a summer break beginning this month. The texts for the following week's worship, which serve as the texts for our study each week, will continue to be posted in the bulletin for your personal devotion and study.

FROM THE MAILBOX



To Our Friends at St. Paul's,

Mark and I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and or called but most importantly, for all the prayers following Mark's back surgery. He's doing well and on the road to recovery. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation.

Sincerely,
Mary Trexler Walters

