

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 (Sept. thru May)
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.



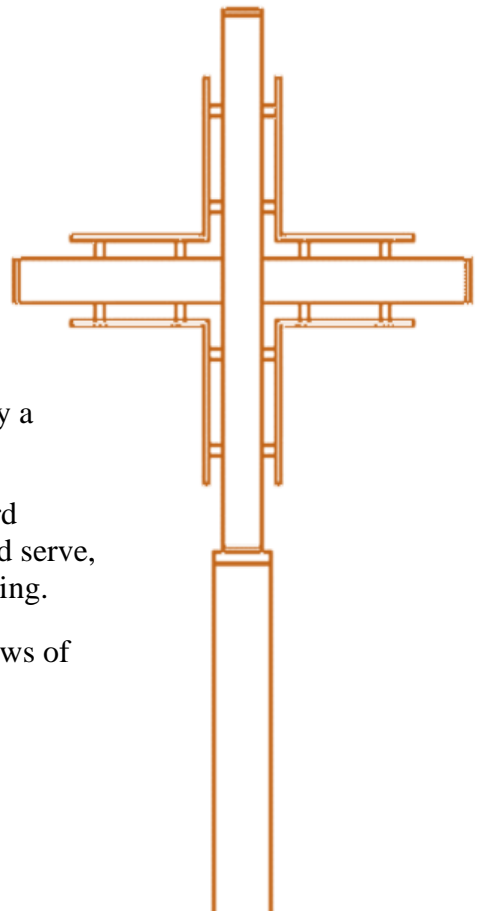
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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	
Office Staff	Gail Smallwood & Carol Fett	
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	Scott Schukraft	
Secretary	Gail Smallwood	
Treasurer	Carol Fett	
STANDING COMMITTEES		
Christian Education	Marissa Miller	
Communications	Marissa Miller/Gail Smallwood	
Evangelism	Gail Ide	
Fellowship	Marissa Miller & Larry Pierce	
Finance	John Waschek/Don Pheasant/Carol Fett Bruce Thomas	
Head Start/Early Intervention	Carol Fett / Cathy Ridout	
Health Ministry	Cathy Ridout & Gail Ide	
Landscaping	Scott Schukraft	
Long Range Planning	Scott Schukraft/Don Pheasant/ John Waschek/Frank Mariano	
Property	Bruce Thomas, Pat Peiffer, Carol Fett	
Salary Review	Scott Schukraft	
Social Ministry	Karen Mertz, Larry Pierce	
Staff Support	Scott Schukraft Frank Mariano, Karen Mertz	
Worship & Music	Frank Mariano, Pat Peiffer	
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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. Matthew United, Scranton and St. Peter, Scranton.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Hope Beisel, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Mary Lou Bowman, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Maryan Daily, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl and Marty Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzingler, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Barbara Kessler, Tom Lundberg, Margie McCarty, Vivian Richardson, Ann Sabol, Bill Smith, Mark and Mary Walters, Noah Wood, Justin Yost, Shirley Zimmerman.

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: Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Robert Binger, Ed Campbell, Marjorie Catania, Sister Jeanne D'Arc, RSM, Janice DeFebo, Kathleen DePow, Drake Family, Karen Evanish, Tyler Fett, Ron and Candyce Fike, Guy Giordano, Mike Hage, Calvin Hall, Sally Harris, Bob Hughes, Danny Hussey, Christine Ide, Jean and Andy Kapral, Bradley Kessler, Jim Lorah, Rev. Lukush, Audrey Mace, Laela Martin, Rob Merritt, Skip Milford, Jean Mullen, Thomas Neuviller, Carolyn Nevins, Kay Nolt, Tim Nulton, Alice O'Neil, Ryleigh Phillips, Laura Pszeniczny, Frank Rollman, Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Chris Terhune, Donna Thiessen, Jean Thompson, Janice Tucker, Carol Wall, Eric Wendolowski, Connie Wilbur, Frannie Williams, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Michelle Yapple, Helen Zarychta, Nora (no last name given).

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

Sunday, October 16, 2022.



Updates from the September Council meeting held on September 6, 2022.

Worship & Music: Committee recommends returning to singing parts of the liturgy, having assisting ministers writing/leading the prayers but not being robed and continuing with current format for communion. Committee also approved a suggestion to include patriotic songs in the service for Memorial Day and July 4. Possible organ repairs will be considered during budgeting for 2023.

Landscaping: Council thanked Karen and Larry for organizing several work days with Pyramid Health clients to weed and spread mulch on the church landscape beds.

Property/Finance: DAMA completed repair work on two water retention basins; Bell Tower Repair is finished; section of roof over Christian Education wing has been replaced. It was noted that more leaks have been discovered in Social Hall/Kitchen and also in Sanctuary (not associated with Bell Tower repair).

Head Start/Early Intervention: HS is currently using only one classroom because of staffing issues.

Long Range Planning: There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13 to approve changes to the church constitution. Informational meetings will be held on October 15/16 to discuss the changes.

Evangelism: Will take part in the Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 18. Purchasing a moveable vinyl labyrinth for meditation purposes. Planning to create a meditation garden near the

handicapped parking lot next year and looking into ways to hold outdoor services and setting up an outdoor walking path.

Social Ministry: Collected 31 pairs of sneakers for Head Start children.

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PASSAGES

Marriages:

September 3, 2022 - Amy Roberts to Justin Stockford

September 30, 2022 – James Duffy to Casey Conway

Both marriages officiated by Rev. Charles H. Grube.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

October is jam-packed with special events and worship experiences. Blessing the Animals, Healing, Affirmation of Baptism and Reception of New Members, Reformation, First

Communion, and Rummage Sale all take place this month. This is in addition to the usual, regular ministries and events like weekly Bible Study, blanket tying, Sunday School, Choir practices, Committee and Council work, and on it goes!

Is there a ministry or event that interests you, that you have a particular skill for, that you feel called to? God's Work, Our Hands is an idea that applies to all we do, not just for a weekend in September. Thank you for lending your hands, feet, voice, heart, resources, and talents to God's work in our community.

In God's presence,
Pastor Grube

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Our weekly Bible Study, *The Bible This Week*, continues this month as we gather around the scripture texts for the coming week's worship. Jeremiah, 2 Timothy, and Luke will be the primary sources for our readings this month. We meet each week on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am.



Summer recess is over – time to warm up voices – everyone is welcome to join in praising God through music!

Senior Choir rehearsals are held every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

and

Chime Choir rehearses every Sunday at 8:30 am.

Give it a try and join us!



Handchimes

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CLASSES
SCHEDULED

Our Confirmation program begins this month with three new confirmands. Classes with Pastor will meet Sundays after the Sunday School hour on the first and third Sundays of the month (with some exceptions). Because these confirmands are first-year students in our two-year program, there will be no rite of Confirmation this coming Pentecost Sunday next May. But we are delighted to continue our program together. Part of the program includes mentor relationships with an adult. If one of our confirmands asks you to serve in that role, we encourage you to consider it an honor and consider it prayerfully. Thank you for your support of these young members and the confirmation program.

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- “If you feel like you’re losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.”

—Unknown



Our annual celebration of Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday, October 1, 11:00 am, in the parking lot by the kitchen entrance. You may bring your beloved creatures appropriately restrained for the company of others for prayer, scripture reading, singing, and blessing.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Following our pandemic hiatus and unusual methods for gathering, we will celebrate the reception of new members by Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 2. We will introduce these new members to the congregation and celebrate Affirmation of Baptism together. Then there will be an opportunity for fellowship and a time to greet and welcome them following the service. Those interested will gather the previous Sunday, September 25, for an orientation meeting with Pastor Grube.

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CONSTITUTION REVISION

Don't forget the short but important congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13, 10:30 am (immediately following Sunday worship). The agenda for this meeting includes only one item: the approval of amendments to our constitution. You can review the new constitution and a summary of the changes it makes to our current constitution by picking up a copy in the Narthex. To explain these changes and answer your questions about the proposed constitution, there will be two open hearings. Vice President Scott Schukraft and Pastor Grube will host these open hearings on Saturday, October 15, 6:15 pm (following the evening service) and Sunday October 16, 10:45 am (during the Sunday School hour) to help you understand the what, when, and why of the proposed new constitution and to respond to your questions.

INTERESTED IN BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?

There will be a meeting of those interested in serving as Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, October 9, following Sunday School at 11:30 am. We will gather to review the list of those to visit, visitor teams, review the process and train newcomers for the ministry. If you feel called to visit with our shut-ins for the purpose of sharing communion with them, we encourage you to come to the meeting. Call the church office or see Pastor Grube to share your interest or if you have questions or concerns.

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The Sunday closest to the feast day of St. Luke, called the "beloved physician" in Colossians, has become the day for our congregation to celebrate the church's ministry of healing. We will include a Healing Service in our regular services on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. Special prayers for healing and wholeness are traditionally accompanied by laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing.

WHERE ARE YOUR WINGS?

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks. Does it remind you of anyone?

In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!”

Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home.



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It is our congregation's tradition to celebrate First Communion for our younger members on Reformation Sunday. We will gather with those beginning school or sharing interest in receiving Holy Communion along with their parents on Saturday, October 29, 10:00 am to noon, to introduce our young members to Holy Communion and train them for receiving it. They will receive their first communion in worship that weekend.



For the first time in almost three years, ELCA Service and Justice staff, ELCA Global Mission personnel and representatives from over 30 partner networks met face-to-face, at the Becoming Conference in Chicago Aug. 22-28. The guiding phrase of the conference was "connecting communities through Service and Justice for transformation into the way of Jesus." Over 400 people participated in a range of activities including strategic planning, educational workshops, worship, service learning and roundtable discussions. Meanwhile, Global Mission is partnering with Lutheran Disaster Response in the Horn of Africa, which is suffering one of its worst droughts in recent history, severely impacting more than 15 million people across Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. Your gifts to ELCA Global Mission continue to make a difference in the world.

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DISASTER RESPONSE

Flooding, drought, wildfire, and destructive storms are all happening in our own country and around the world, and Lutheran Disaster Response is there in relief and reconstruction. Your contributions go far in the actual work this ministry does. Special envelopes in the pew holders and a designated button under the "Online Giving" tab on our website are the two easiest ways to make a contribution. Thank you for your support.

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- "I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it."
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— attributed to Vincent van Gogh



Hi Everyone,

YEAH! You can always find studies on coffee but seldom on tea. MEDPAGE TODAY has an article *Bottoms Up on Black Tea for a Long Life?* at <https://www.medpagetoday.com/primarycare/dietnutrition>.

Of course, if you put MEDPAGETODAY.com in your browser, click on the magnifying glass on the upper right, and then type in “tea,” it’s a lot easier and you will find some more interesting articles on tea.

Have you heard of this one, Tomato Flu? Don’t get excited or worried. Also, from MEDPAGE TODAY the article *What’s the Tomato Flu?* explains all about it. But do the same thing by putting “tomato flu” in the same spot.

Copies of both articles are in the office. Ask for a copy from Carol or Gail S. Thanks Ladies. Please, if you have questions on any health issues, let me help find information for you and wash your hands frequently! Just an FYI, the other week in the Citizens Voice’s Ripley’s Believe It or Not, it said “If everyone in the world washed their hands properly, an estimated 1 million lives would be saved every year!”

In Love, Service and Gratitude,
Gail Ide, a Health Ministry Team member

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- “It’s better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right.”

—Mark Twain

FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

It’s here!!!.....the Dorcas Society’s two-day rummage/bake sale will be held on Friday, October 7 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and Saturday, October 8 from 8:00 am to Noon (Bag Day).

Available for sale will be good clean, usable clothes (men’s, women’s & children’s), household items, dishes, pot and pans, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, games, puzzles, etc.

The church will be open on the following days/times for donation drop-off:

Monday, October 3	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 4	9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 5	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, October 6	9:00 am to 2:00 pm

(Donations will not be accepted after 2:00 pm so Dorcas members may 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 or old telephones.

All bakers of St. Paul’s are asked to donate homemade baked goods for the Bake Sale; your goodies should be brought to the church by 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 6 so they may be packaged and priced.

MINDFUL LIVING:

A Path to Peace and Freedom

Most likely you have heard something about mindfulness since it is mentioned so often these days in many venues. It is usually discussed as a way to increase relaxation and peace of mind. In addition to these potential outcomes there are many other aspects of mindfulness that can increase quality of life.



If you would like to learn more about mindfulness and mindfulness meditation, you are invited to attend an introductory four-part program sponsored by the Mercy Consultation Center and taught by Sr. Cindy March, RSM.

Where: Mercy Center – Dallas, PA
When: Wednesdays (October 5, 12, 19, 26)
Time: 11 am – Noon
Fee: Donation

To RSVP, or to ask any questions you may have, contact Sister Cindy at 570.674.1002 or mercyconsul3@outlook.com.

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FROM THE MAILBOX

A note of appreciation for Pastor Grube from his biggest fan.

Sunday, August 28, marked Charles' 25th year as Pastor of St. Paul's and our church celebrated with words from a number of speakers. Thank you for your support of Pastor Grube and our family.

This note is to express my own appreciation of him as a pastor to and with a community. Charles

is someone I would seek as a pastor. He is firmly set in sound doctrine with faithful, substantiated theology. He is fundamentally a scholar of scriptures, ever since I heard him conjugating Greek verbs in seminary. I knew he was one who delves deep into scripture. He was awarded honors in New Testament during his studies. I am fortunate to have him as a walking Bible reference book for all my inquiries. He holds a second master's degree in church architecture which indicates his curiosity and discipline as a scholar.

Charles teaches Bible studies, confirmation and first communion and has mentored six seminarians seeking ordination as an internship supervisor. His quiet but attentive counsel shows in leadership with church council. He also serves as a mentor to a number of pastors. He meets with church members for counseling, weddings funerals, baptisms, community events, youth gatherings, church social events and *numerous* meetings. He has a sense for the larger church outside our walls with awareness for Lutheran ministries in our town with local ministerium events, our Lutheran district, our synod and the large ELCA churchwide body, and has traveled to South America to meet with sister congregations in ministry there. He is in demand as an associate to our synod's bishop.

Leading worship with style and grace is a way to describe Charles Grube. His humility, integrity, intelligence, patience, listening ear, even temperament, confidence and musicality all contribute to faithful worship conduct. His relationships with the very young children, his respect for young people, his esteem for adults and his kindness and care for our elders are heartwarming. We fortunate ones get to see how his quiet strength supports others.

Blessings to you, Charles, as you continue in your ministry with the Body of Christ, the church.

Jean Ely Grube

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- "Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."

— Victor Borge



ALL SAINTS' DISPLAY NOV. 5TH & 6TH

We are preparing a collection of photos for All Saints' Sunday. As in past displays, we will include photos of church members who have died this year. We will also include photos of the newly baptized members. These photos will be displayed on a table in the narthex. During the liturgy, names of those who have died this year and names of those who have been baptized this year will be remembered out loud in prayer.

We become saints with Jesus in our baptisms. When celebrating All Saints' Day in the church, we remember all God's saints: those baptized, and especially those who have died. We describe the great homecoming in the new Jerusalem "where every tear will be wiped away." The autumn image of bounty, as in harvest, brings forth the image of the dead as God's harvest gathered as the treasures of heaven.

We invite you to bring a photo of any loved one who has died to add to the display in the narthex. You can include loved ones who died many years ago, images of Saints from old, and historic church leaders. Please bring a framed photo and include a label with the name of the departed. While the prayers at church that weekend will include the names of the saints who have died this year only, the narthex display will include the faithfully departed of many years.

Please bring your framed photos to the church office from October 30th to November 4th. You may take your photo home after the November 6th service.

Also, included in the newsletter is a form and envelope for our Annual All Saints' Day appeal or you may make your donation via our on-line giving link (Vanco) by visiting our web site at www.stpaulsdallaspa.org and clicking the link to on-line giving.

WHY GO TO CHURCH

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all!

B.I.B.L.E. simply means:

Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth!

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