



Good News

THE
NEWSLETTER OF
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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.



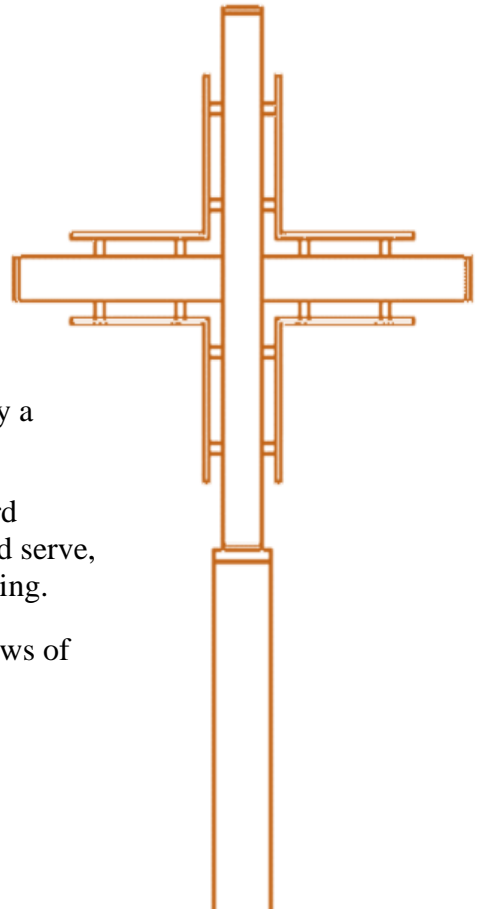
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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 Congregation of St. James, Hobbie and St. James, Zenith.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Hope Beisel, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Mary Lou Bowman, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl and Marty Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzinger, Lois Hardisky, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Gail Ide, Robert Kline, Margie McCarty, Pat Peiffer, Ann Sabol, Betty Schray, Bill Smith, Mark and Mary Walters, 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: Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Robert Binger, Amy Bush, Mary Button, Robert Button, Ed Campbell, Marjorie Catania, Gabriel Day, Janice DeFebo, David & Toby Drake, Ron and Candyce Fike, Bob Hughes, Christine Ide, Glenn Ide, Bradley Kessler, Jim Lorah, Audrey Mace, Louise Menapace, Rob Merritt, Ann Muddiman, Jean Mullen, Carolyn Nevins, Tim Nulton, Alice O'Neil, Ryleigh Phillips, Carol Powell, Carol Ranck, Elise Regan, Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Donna Thiessen, Jean Thompson, Janice Tucker, Carol Wall, Connie Wilbur, Karen Wise, Ashley, Bethann, Jaimy, Bill, Cindy, Paul, Debbie, David, Herb & Sue (no last names given).

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the April 2023 issue. The deadline for all submissions will be

Noon on Sunday, March 19th.

SPECIAL DATES

- Daylight saving time begins, *March 12*
- Labyrinth Walk, *March 15*
- First day of spring, *March 20*
- Ecumenical Soup and Scripture at St. Paul's, *March 22*



Updates from the February 7 meeting:

Communications Committee will be reviewing and updating the church website and its features.

Worship and Music Committee reported that St. Paul's will host an ecumenical Soup and Scripture evening on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm. Sunday, February 19 will be Scout Sunday, and Sunday, February 26 will be Bear Creek Camp Sunday.

Evangelism Committee reported the first labyrinth walk open to the general public will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesday, February 15 from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Long-Range Planning Committee announced that the synod has approved St. Paul's revised constitution and it will take effect in June.

Social Ministry's 40 Days of Giving project will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Council approved a request from the Alzheimer's Support Group to begin meeting at the church on the first Thursday of each month, beginning in April.

PASSAGES

† **IN MEMORIAM** †

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

Ronald David Kross

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

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DON'T FORGET

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour! It's also a great

time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

While this Lectionary Year A typically features Matthew's gospel as the source of our regular worship gospel readings, we will instead hear stories from John's gospel throughout this Lent season. Each week will be another story of someone coming to faith in Jesus, but each of them coming to faith in a different way. Somewhere among the collection, we will probably discover a character who comes to faith the same way we did. That's one of the beauties of John's gospel.

I hope as you engage more intentionally in the disciplines of the faith this season, you will include the exploration of the scriptures in worship and on your own, and engage in these coming-to-faith stories.

In the Word present with us,
Pastor Grube



ECUMENICAL SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

This Lenten season St. Paul's and other local churches have renewed the practice of coming together for mid-week Ecumenical Soup and Scripture evenings. Each event will begin at 6:00 pm., and will include a soup supper followed by a teaching from scripture. The schedule is as follows:

March 1, Maple Grove United Methodist;

March 8, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic;

March 15, Lehman-Idetown United Methodist;

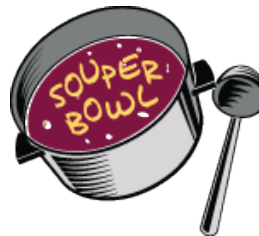
March 22, St. Paul's;

March 29, Prince of Peace Episcopal.

You are cordially invited to attend any or all of the events. If you have questions, or would like to help with St. Paul's hosting of the event on March 22, please contact the church office.

SYNOD NEWS

While our Lutheran church has ordained women as pastors for over fifty years, on Jan. 22, Sally Azar became the first woman ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). She was ordained by its bishop, her father, Bishop Sani Azar. She was educated in Syria, then in Germany, and served as a Council member of the Lutheran World Federation. She was ordained in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, and will serve in the ELCJHL English-speaking congregation in Jerusalem while working to bridge that congregation with the Arabic-speaking congregation nearby. "With my ordination," she says, "I hope that not only young women are inspired to pursue theology but that women of all ages who may have wanted to study theology but didn't think it was possible will be encouraged to do so." ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton participated in the ordination service, along with 18 of the ELCA's synod bishops and leaders.



SOUPER BOWL UPDATE

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl collection by your monetary donations or by bringing in cans of soup. The big winner is the Back Mountain Food Pantry who will be receiving \$229.57 along with the canned goods collected. Our proceeds were also forwarded to the national Souper Bowl Organization.



LABYRINTH WALKS: On Wednesday, March 15, and on the third Wednesday of each month thereafter, the labyrinth will be available for anyone from St. Paul's and the public to use

from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Gail Ide will be present to offer guidance on walking the labyrinth. Watch for reminders about the labyrinth in church bulletins.

MIDWEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS

Our weekly mid-week Lent gatherings take a different form this year from our traditional Wednesday evening supper and scripture times. We will gather this year around our regular Tuesday late morning Lectionary Bible Study at 10:30 am, then gather in fellowship with our own brown-bag lunches from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. We'll end our time together with a short prayer service finishing at 12:30 pm. The readings are printed in our bulletin and online each week, so you can read ahead if you like, but that is not necessary. You can come for any or all of the portions of our gathering, according to your own schedule. And you can still gather Wednesday evenings for soup and scripture beginning at 6:00 pm with our ecumenical partners. We host the event March 22, but see the separate article for the schedule and location of gatherings throughout March.

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Last year we were able to send two of our children to Bear Creek Camp for their first experience of camp thanks to your support of the fundraiser Kendra Brosious and her family sponsored. It was a great summer to be part of the camp. Bear Creek Camp reported that they hosted 750 overnight campers representing 184 congregations led by 38 summer staff members and 7 staff-in-training (including Kendra). That's a huge impact, and a life-changing experience for many. Thank you for your continuing support of Bear Creek Camp. Registration for camp is now available, both online and by downloadable forms at the Bear Creek website, <https://bearcreekcamp.org/>. In fact, all campers who register before March 31 will receive an exclusive Early Bird t-shirt, featuring this year's theme logo, when they arrive at camp. Look for brochures about Bear Creek Camp's summer program, "In the Midst," on the table in the Narthex.

SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECTS



LENTEN PENNY CHALLENGE

The container for your pennies is now available on the table in the hallway between the Narthex and Social Hall; there is also a basket in which to place any rolled coins. The challenge will last until Easter Sunday. All the money collected will benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry – remember, every penny counts to help fight hunger!

FORTY DAYS OF GIVING – This annual Lenten Food Challenge will again benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry and started on Ash Wednesday.



For this project, the committee will collect a variety of food items and will have a separate theme for each week, ending on Easter Saturday, April 8. There is a special "Food Wagon" in the Narthex for donations; monetary donations are also welcome — just place your donation in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and place it in the offering plate (be sure to write your name on the envelope for proper financial credit). Donations may also be made through on-line Vanco giving via our web site: stpaulsdallaspa.org.

The weekly food themes are:

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| March 4/5: | Breakfast items (cereal/pancake mix etc.). |
| March 11/12: | Canned Soups |
| March 18/19: | Pasta and sauce, macaroni & cheese, rice. |
| March 25/26: | Snacks, peanut butter, energy bars, etc. |
| April 1/2: | Canned meat and fish. |
| April 8/9: | Pantry staples such as flour, sugar, spices, etc. |



MISSION NEWS

...Lutheran World Federation (LWF) reports that for two weeks in January, staff from the LWF community center in Gdansk, Poland, received children and youth (ages 5-16 years) who had fled the war in Ukraine during the winter break from school. LWF World Service provides care for refugees from Ukraine and their families throughout Poland in cooperation with the local LWF member church.

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Hi Everyone,

At our Annual Meeting, it was asked where our first aid kits and the AED are located. If coming in our main front doors, go to the right into the hallway towards the Social Hall. On the wall on the right, you will see a glass encased box. In it you will see a clearly marked AED case and above the AED is the clearly marked First Aid kit. This glass-encased box is not locked. The second First Aid kit is in the kitchen on the shelf above the “wash hands only” sink to the right of the stoves. In the freezer (immediately on the right inside the pantry in the kitchen) you will find homemade, disposable ice packs similar to those used by some schools. Thanks, Cathy. There’s a note posted on the freezer door with directions. PLEASE, please, if you use anything from the kits let Cathy, me, or the church staff know, so they can be replaced!

The Pennsylvania Health Law Project(PHLP) - Health Law News for January 31, 2023, has some very important pertinent topics. Click on event@phlp.org for this very useful resource. Scrolling down to almost the bottom you learn what PHLP is all about. I’ve sent it to citizens who needed help when I worked for PA Department of Health.

Thank you for your prayers. I’m feeling much better.

In Love and Service and Gratitude,
Gail Ide, Health Ministry

EASTER LILIES

Please remember orders for Easter lilies are due in the church office no later than Sunday, March 12. Order forms were included in the February newsletter, but there are extra forms on the table in the Narthex. You may also use our website to place your order through the on-line offering link.

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FROM THE MAILBOX



Dear St. Paul’s,

I would like to thank the Social Ministry Committee for the Thanksgiving pumpkin, the Christmas gift bag and to Pat Kowalek for delivering them. I am especially thankful for the cards and calls over the past months and especially for the prayers; please continue to pray for me. Also, thank you to Gail Ide for the offers of communion. I am grateful to be part of a caring congregation.

Humbly, Ann Sabol

MAILBOX (Cont.)

To my St. Paul's family,

Thank you for all the ways you make this world a brighter one. I am grateful for everything you give me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart that you remember me.

Margie McCarty

Dear Sunday School Friends,

Thank you! Your kindness meant so much. Your Valentine really brightened my day. It was so nice that you remembered me.

God's Love and Peace be with you, Pat Peiffer

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you to a "Sunday School Friend" who sent me a very nice Happy Valentine's Day card. The card brightened my day!

Mary Lou Daley-Button

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WOUNDED HEALERS

"Nobody escapes being wounded," writes Henri Nouwen. "We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually. The main question is not 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have to be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers." He continues, "Jesus is God's wounded healer: through his wounds we are healed. Jesus' suffering and death brought joy and life. His humiliation brought glory; his rejection brought a community of love. As followers of Jesus, we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others."

How might viewing Jesus as a wounded healer affect your relationship with him? What roles have wounds and healing played in your own faith life? How can you minister to other people from a place of brokenness?

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _ _ _ _ _ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answers: past, dark, stars, astray, saints

"CONSIDER"

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:
We are as they; like them we fade away, as doth a leaf.

Consider the sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view whether they fall or mount, he guards us too.

Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair: What profits all this care and all this toil?

Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food: Much more our Father seeks to do us good.

—Christina Rossetti

