

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.



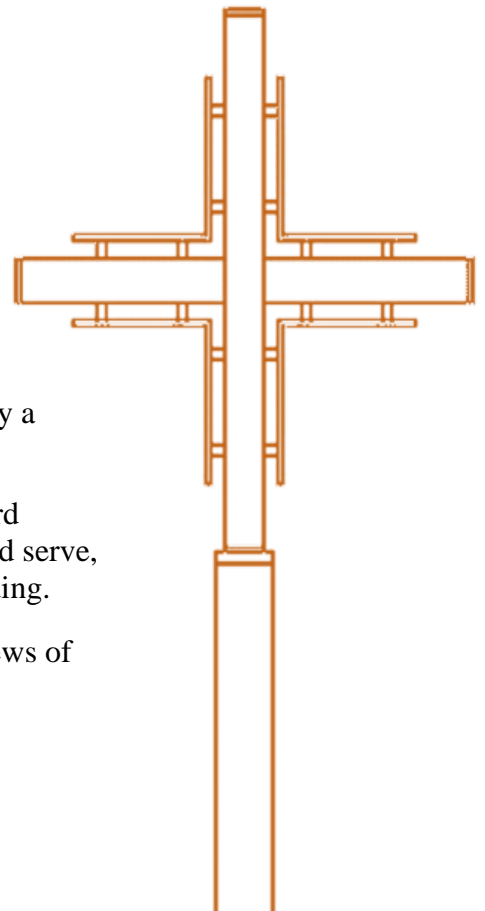
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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 Congregation of St. John, Nanticoke and St. Mark, Pond Hill.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Hope Beisel, Marty Bisher, Connie Borchert, Mary Lou Bowman, Mary Lou Button, Helen Carey, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley-Button, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl and Marty Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzingler, Kay Hometchko, Alice Hudak, Brad and Ruth Ide, Robert Kline, Margie McCarty, Catherine Ridout, Ann Sabol, Betty Schray, Bill Smith, Karen Tomalis, 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: Karen Alber, Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Robert Binger, Mary Button, Ed Campbell, Marjorie Catania, Kathleen Reh Carrier, Gabriel Day, Janice DeFebo, Joan Devens, David and Toby Drake, Sawyer Dymond, Ron and Candyce Fike, Marlene Holly, Bob Hughes, Christine Ide, Glenn Ide, Bradley Kessler, Gerti Latona, Jim Lorah, Audrey Mace, Tammy Madonna, Joe Mariano, Lillian McGrady, Louise Menapace, Rob Merritt, Ann Muddiman, Tim Nulton, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Carol Powell, Carol Ranck, Elise Regan, Mary Ann Reh, Vince Reh, Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Gina Sigler, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Donna Thiessen, Jean Thompson, Janice Tucker, Carol Wall, Connie Wilbur, Jennifer Williams, Karen Wise, Peggy Wyda, Ashley, Bethann, Irene, Jaimy, Bill, Cindy, Paul, Debbie, David, Herb & Sue (no last names given).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

Noon on Sunday, April 16.

SPECIAL DATES

- Holy Week, *April 2-8*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *April 2*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 6*
- Good Friday, *April 7*
- Easter Vigil, *April 8*
- Easter Sunday, *April 9*



Updates from the March 7 meeting:

The Christian Education committee reported a number of special events for the next two months: an intergenerational event on April 2, Palm Sunday featuring crafts activities and snacks, titled Praying Through Holy Week; the return of the annual Head Start Project, beginning April 1; and an Ice Cream Social on May 28, the final Sunday School class day.

The Evangelism Committee will host a Labyrinth Walk on Wednesday, March 15, and a small group will begin work on restoring the outdoor walking path on the edge of the church property.

Worship & Music will discuss the results of the Communion Practice Survey at their next meeting.

The Property Committee reported that cleaning out the shed and garage continues; DEP water inspector will be inspecting and cleaning out the water holding tank in the garage which will require that water service will be turned off for several hours.

Council's Nominating Committee will begin the process of nominating candidates for Council; four positions will be open on Council this year. Karen Mertz, Don Pheasant, Catherine Ridout and Scott Schukraft are all concluding their terms in May.



LIGHTHEARTED BLESSINGS

As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way!

May the hinges of your friendship never grow rusty.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We begin this month marking the most intense and significant liturgical season of the church, Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, or Three Days. We spend the rest of the month celebrating the resurrection of Our Lord and our own life and ministry living in that resurrection. It's a life-changing event.

Rooted in our identity as baptized children of God and led by the Holy Spirit of new life and resurrection, we are people for whom sin, suffering, and even death do not get the last word. God's forgiveness, wholeness, and resurrection life free us from them to live in hope and grace. Take every moment you encounter water as an opportunity to remember these baptismal truths.

In resurrection joy,
Pastor Grube

SYNOD NEWS

The Northeastern PA Synod Assembly, "Going Beyond," will be held June 1-3 at Kalahari Resort in Mount Pocono. Important business will include the election of a new synod Secretary and a new synod Vice-President, the lay leader of the synod.

St. Paul's needs two voting members to help select these important leaders as well as conduct other important business. In addition to opportunities to serve as voting members or attending as a visitor, the Synod Assembly also has opportunities for serving as vote counters and hospitality ministers. Because of the assembly's location, our Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District along with the Hazleton/Lehigh and Pocono Mission Districts serve as hosts of the assembly, so many of the roles for volunteers are filled by members of our Mission District churches.

Because of the important elections and the size of Kalahari's facility, vote counters and hospitality minister will be important to the

assembly's success. If you have interest in serving in either of these roles or have questions about it, contact Pastor Grube.



LABYRINTH WALKS: On Wednesday, April 19, 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.



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 5, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 6, 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:

Monday, May 1 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 4 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 4 so they may be packaged and priced.



More and more St. Paul's families are taking advantage of the wonderful resources and opportunities of

Bear Creek Camp in the coming camping season thanks in part to your support and the camp staff's visits with us. And this year, Kendra Brosious will be on the other side of the desk, as it were, as she will be employed as a full-time staff counselor. We are proud of our church camp across the valley, and the good work they do to nurture the faith, community, self-esteem, and wellbeing of our children and youth. Week-long overnight camps, day camps, and specific feature camps are all available and you can check them out on their website, bearcreekcamp.org, where you will also find registration forms. Remember that financial support is available for our campers thanks to our congregation's generous fund-raising support.

Last year we were able to send two of our children to Bear Creek Camp for their first experience of camp. 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. Look for brochures about Bear Creek Camp's summer program, "In the Midst," on the table in the Narthex.



BROTHERHOOD ROAST BEEF DINNER

During the March Brotherhood meeting, the group decided to cancel its April roast beef dinner, and is now looking ahead to its May take-out dinner on Saturday, May 20. The Brotherhood is considering moving to an eat-in event again in the future, but many hands (approx. 50) are needed to make that happen! Even take-out dinners need a crew of at least 20-25 people. Look for a sign-up sheet for dinner volunteers in the near future, posted in the Narthex.

BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

Our regular Bible This Week weekly Bible Study has also served as the core of our mid-week Lent gatherings this year, and what conversations we've had! We will take a short break the Tuesdays before and after Easter to catch our breath, then resume our regular Tuesday morning gatherings April 18. We meet at 10:30 am for an hour to explore the assigned readings for the coming week's worship together. You can find those texts in the bulletin or on our web page each week if you'd like to read them before our gathering, but that is not necessary. We hope to see you there.

MISSION NEWS

As you know, on Feb. 6 two powerful earthquakes hit Türkiye and significantly impacted neighboring Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Over 47,000 people have been killed, and thousands more have been injured. ELCA Global Links reports that Lutheran Disaster Response has and continues to support ACT Alliance and other partners in responding to the needs of survivors. Mere hours after the earthquakes hit, ACT Alliance member organizations began distributing emergency supplies, including medicines, bedding and other relief items. They will continue to provide support in the days, months and years of rebuilding ahead. Thank you for your donations to and support of Lutheran Disaster Response.

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"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with our resurrection."

—Watchman Nee



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 there are four three-year positions that need to be filled, as Karen Mertz, Don Pheasant, Catherine Ridout and Scott Schukraft have completed their terms.

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HEAD START PROJECT RESUMES

The Christian Education Committee is bringing back the annual Head Start project in April. This is a way for our congregation to help support the families whose children are enrolled in Head Start. Beginning April 1, the bulletin board in the hallway will have an assortment of items for a Head Start child and/or family member. Choose an item or two and deliver it to the church by April 30; no wrapping necessary. Our Head Start families greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness!

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GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost will be celebrated at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 28, and we will place our order for geraniums 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; deadline for orders will be Sunday, May 7. You may also go to our website and use the Online Giving link to place your order.



BLANKET SUNDAY

This year we continue to 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 even more devastation from the war in Ukraine 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, stpaulsdallaspa.org, and click on the Online Giving link and following the prompts. If you have questions about online giving, please

contact Carol Fett at cafett54@gmail.com, or call the church office at 570.675.3859. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's/Blankets for your donation of \$5.00 per blanket. An order form is also enclosed which may be folded and placed inside the envelope if you would like your name included in the bulletin on Mother's Day. Please remember to return your envelope no later than Sunday, May 7.

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FROM THE MAILBOX



Dear St. Paul's,

The family of Ronald Kross acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy and we appreciated your efforts in helping us to coordinate a beautiful service to celebrate Ron's life. Thank you, especially to Pastor Grube, Carol and Gail, for your kind thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
The family of Ron Kross



Hi Everyone,

With our changing climate, the allergy season is starting earlier. On this link from the CDC (cdc.gov/climateandhealth/effects/allergen) you will see an explanation of the links between allergies and climate change. At the bottom of the page, there is a link to Pollen and Your Health. I've included it here at cdc.gov/climateandhealth/effects/pollen-health. (Copies of the articles are in the office.) It

includes some helpful things to do to cut down on the amount of pollen around you. Better have your allergy and asthma medication on hand now.

TICKS NEVER DIE, especially with our warmer winter weather. Go to cdc.gov/ticks for lots of information and pictures. Sixteen different diseases come from ticks! In this area, the blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) - sometimes called a deer tick - is the most common. One of the several diseases spread by this vicious tiny predator looking for blood is lyme disease. Visiting cdc.gov/lyme can give you major ways to prevent and remove these critters. Scroll the whole page!

I have already taken one tick off our dog at the end of February. This week I was given a tip on how to get rid of ticks from clothing when you've been outside. Don't wait! Use a sticky, lint-removal roller over your clothing. The ticks will stick to it before they dig into you! I'm going to try it for sure.

If you want to read some interesting articles, put "cricket powder in Europe" in your browser. Let me know what you think.

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

Puzzle!

Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

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Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV