

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 10:45 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.



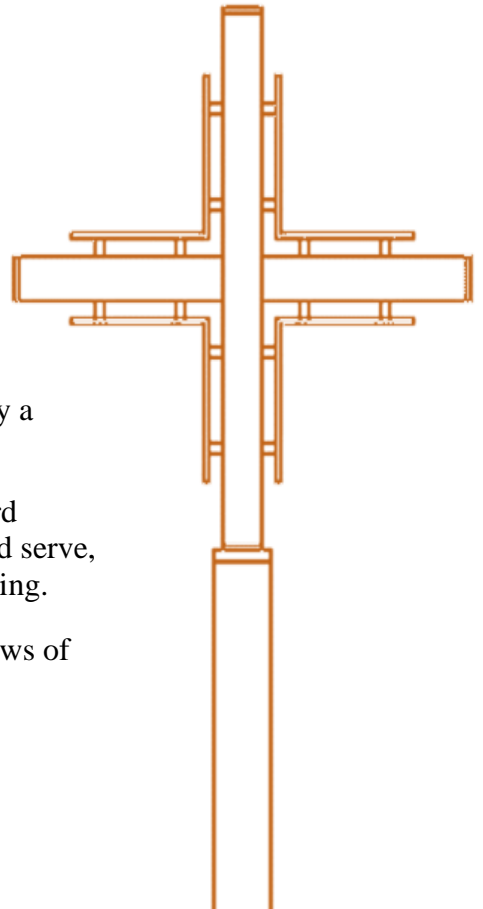
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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	
Youth Choir Dir.	Jean Grube	
Minister of Technology	Marissa Miller	
Sexton	James Madonna	
Sunday School Superintendent	Tony Linnen	
Financial Secretary	Ruth Ide	
CONGREGATION COUNCIL		
<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>
Larry Pierce	Cathy Ridout*	Frank Mariano*
Bruce Thomas	Don Kretchmer	Gail Smallwood*
Gail Ide	Tony Linnen	Marissa Miller*
Pat Peiffer	Julie Holbrook	Amanda Brezovsky
*Final Term		
CONGREGATION OFFICERS		
President	Rev. Charles H. Grube	
Vice-President	Frank Mariano	
Secretary	Gail Smallwood	
Treasurer	Carol Fett	
STANDING COMMITTEES		
Christian Education	Marissa Miller, Tony Linnen, Julie Holbrook & Amanda Brezovsky	
Communications	Marissa Miller/Gail Smallwood	
Evangelism	Gail Ide	
Fellowship	Julie Holbrook, Larry Pierce	
Finance	Bruce Thomas, Pat Peiffer, Carol Fett	
Head Start/Early Intervention	Carol Fett	
Health Ministry	Cathy Ridout & Gail Ide	
Landscaping	Tony Linnen	
Long Range Planning	Frank Mariano/ Don Kretchmer, Amanda Brezovsky	
Property	Bruce Thomas, Pat Peiffer, Carol Fett & Frank Mariano	
Salary Review	Frank Mariano	
Social Ministry	Larry Pierce	
Staff Support	Frank Mariano, Don Kretchmer	
Worship & Music	Pat Peiffer	
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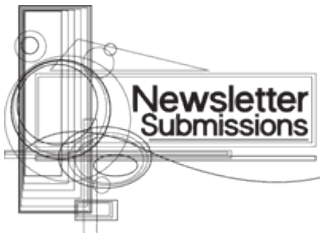
PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregation of Holy Trinity, Kingston.**

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Linda Ash, Hope Beisel, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Bowman, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Marge Fritzing, Lois Hardisky, Robert Kline, Marge McCarty, Rachele Pryor, Ann Sabol, Bill Smith, 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.

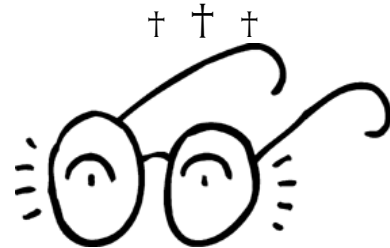
Family & Friends: Zoey Olson, Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Gwen Bartolecci, Robert Binger, Kathy Boston, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Paul Davis, Jr., Janice DeFebo, Gene Eyerman, Jeff Farley, Candyce Fike, Sally Harris, George Hrubowchak, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Bradley Kessler, Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Ernie McCarty, Rob Merritt, Baby Miles, Patty N., Andrea Nielsen, Tim Nulton, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Febe Quintanar, Donna Reistetter, Judy Roeder, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Edward Sabol, Judi Shaver, Nancy Shymanski, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold & Jean Thompson, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Alice, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Paul, Kim, Josh, Chloe, and Paul (no last names given).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the June issue and the deadline for all submissions will be

Noon on Sunday, May 19.



ECLIPSE GLASSES NEEDED – Our companion Synod in Argentina will be experiencing a solar eclipse in October and is in need of glasses. If you have a pair of glasses, please bring them to church and place them in the basket in the hallway between the Narthex and Social Hall. Thank you!

SPECIAL DATES

- National Day of Prayer, *May 2*
- Alzheimer's Support Group, *May 2*
- Rummage/Bake Sale, *May 3 & 4*
- Ascension Day, *May 9*
- Mother's Day, *May 12*
- Labyrinth Walk, *May 15*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 18*
- Brotherhood Roast Beef Dinner, *May 18*
- Pentecost, *May 19*
- Victoria Day (*Canada*), *May 20*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 26*
- Memorial Day, *May 27*
- Church office closed, *May 27*



Updates from the April 2, 2024 meeting:

Property and Finance Committees: the Elderhorst Bell Company should be coming to the church during the first or second week of April to determine why the bell has not been working. The broken window in the Head Start classroom has been replaced; the window was damaged during a break-in attempt. Council received an estimate of \$4,500 to install outside security cameras and set up a monitor in the church office. Drawings for a new handrail for the predella have been approved and a search will begin for a tradesperson to build and install it. A plumber has been called to determine the source of a leak in the font.

Worship and Music: Pastor Grube noted the Holy Week collaboration with Prince of Peace Episcopal Church was successful, and more collaborative efforts between the two congregations will be explored.

Health Ministry: The new AED machine and bleeding kit have been received and installed. Gail Ide will work on setting up training sessions for CPR and the AED machine. **Fellowship:** the

committee will host a reception on May 19 for the church's three confirmands and will provide lunch for the Mission District Assembly at St. Paul's on Saturday, April 27.

Fellowship: committee will host refreshments for the Mission District Assembly on Saturday, April 27, and will have a reception on May 19 for the confirmands.

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100th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The Anniversary Committee is looking for crocheters to crochet squares to be made into butterflies. The squares should be 20 double stitches by 10 rows in size. Cotton yarn is best but we can use any yarn, preferably variegated. Contact Annie Bisher at monarch1023b@hotmail.com for more details. Thanks for supporting the Anniversary Committee!

100th ANNIVERSARY "FUN FACT"

Did you know that in 1924, a group of volunteers including R.J.W. Templin began canvassing the Back Mountain Community to see if there were enough families to support a Lutheran Church. Of 524 families scattered throughout rural Shavertown, Dallas, and Trucksville, 38 families would support a new Lutheran church. It was a beginning!

(To be continued...)

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The final culmination of the resurrection is the celebration of the presence of the resurrected Lord of life in us in

the person of the Holy Spirit, poured out on God's followers at Pentecost. The Spirit guides and inspires those followers to proclaim the good news of Jesus in the language of their whole audience from nations across the known world. That Spirit, poured out on us in baptism, enables us to share that same good news with the wide variety of people we encounter in our own daily living.

May we continue to thrive as disciples of Jesus and bearers of God's word and life in the power of that Holy Spirit of God.

In the Lord of life,
Pastor Grube

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BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

With the approach of Pentecost Sunday and our congregational summer season this month, our regular weekly Bible study, The Bible This Week, will come to its summer season break. Our final study will be Tuesday, May 14. Until then, you are encouraged to take advantage of this weekly gathering around the word of God proclaimed in the coming weekend's worship. We gather at 10:30 am each Tuesday morning. The readings are included in each weekend's worship bulletin and will continue throughout the summer so you can read ahead if you like, but that is not necessary.



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GRADUATION SEASON

Graduation season is fast approaching! Do you have a soon-to-be-graduated family member from either high school or college? Please let the

church office know (570-675-3859) or stpaul@epix.net) and we will announce your great news in the June newsletter.

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CONFIRMATION



We are delighted to be able to celebrate with three of our young members as they confirm their faith and affirm the baptismal promises their parents made for them at the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Nadia Definnis, Nate Linnen, and Sora Miller have completed

their two-year confirmation program. As they affirm their baptism, we will lay our hands on them and pray for the Holy Spirit to be stirred up in them to guide and sustain them in the faith. We'll gather for a reception in their honor that day after worship. In the meantime, keep them in your prayers.

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Bible Quiz



What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan D. Tigris
- E. Ganges F. Euphrates

Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)

JOINT WORSHIP UPDATE

It was a blessing for both our congregations to share Holy Week liturgies with our sisters and brothers of Prince of Peace Episcopal church. We hosted the Good Friday service and they hosted the Easter Vigil service, and the experience was warmly received. We have made plans to do the same next year, alternating the locations of those two services. In addition, we have planned services of Healing together quarterly through the coming year on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, with Prince of Peace hosting the first service Wednesday, June 5. September's service will be

here at St. Paul's, and services scheduled for December and March are likewise in alternating locations.

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Always Inspired is a newly formed Back Mountain quartet who perform soft and folk-rock instrumentals and vocal arrangements covering favorites from the 1960s to the 1980s. *Always Inspired* will perform at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, on Sunday, May 19, at 7 p.m. This free

performance is open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted and all proceeds will be donated to local charities. You are invited.

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HELP NEEDED

It's **FLEECE BLANKET** making time! Please join the Social Ministry Committee in the social hall to make fleece blankets for the children attending Grief Camp at Hillside Farm this summer. No special skills are needed. We will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays on the following dates: May 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Mancke.

Thanks for your help,
Marianne

TIME TO SERVE THE ROAST BEEF!



St. Paul's Brotherhood will sponsor a "sit-down" dine-in spring Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, May 18. Serving will be from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and they will be available at the door the night of the dinner.

Take-outs will be available starting at 3:30 pm

As always, your help is needed to make sure this dinner is a success! Please check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed to help make pepper hash, set up tables, work the steam tables and help in the kitchen, wait on tables, clean up, and bake desserts, to name but a few areas where you could help. Remember, no experience is necessary; on-the-job training is gladly provided!

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WORSHIP & MUSIC UPDATE

The committee would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for your continued response to the Hymn Request Cards.

The following requested hymns will be used during the month of May:

5/5: 595 – Jesus Loves Me
838 – Beautiful Savior
836 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

5/12: 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together

5/26: 781 – Children of the Heavenly
Father

Hymn Request Cards may be found in the pew holders; place your card in the yellow box in the Narthex. Please continue to submit your requests.



LABYRINTH WALKS

On Wednesday, May 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 -6:00 pm. Gail Ide will be present to offer guidance on walking the labyrinth. Watch for reminders about the labyrinth in church bulletins.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you are changing your phone number, or if you are dropping your landline in favor of using your cell phone number, please let the church office know. We will update our records and thereby provide a more accurate annual church directory. Reminder: the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

In the song “What Did He Die For?” Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day – and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America’s freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world. Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we’re challenged to live so as to honor Jesus’ supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our ‘priceless liberty” using our blessings to bless others.

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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 3, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 4, 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, April 29	9:30 am-5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 30	9:30 am-7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 1	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Thursday, May 2	9:00 am-2:00 pm

(Donations not accepted after 2:00 pm 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 pm on Thursday, May 2 so they may be packaged and priced.

DO YOU KNOW that St. Paul’s sponsors an Alzheimer’s Support Group? This caring and compassionate support group meets the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 am, in the Narthex (next meeting will be held in the choir room due to the rummage sale). The meeting is free of charge and is open to anyone caring for a loved one.

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BLANKET SUNDAY REMINDER

Please remember to return your envelope from the April newsletter no later than Wednesday, May 5th.

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FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

This coming June 16 will mark the 21st year of our Father's Day appeal which was an idea by our former Finance Committee member, Bob Rogers, as a way to encourage donations to the general fund. We hope you will take this opportunity to honor or remember the fathers in your life by making a special donation again this year which will benefit the ministries of St. Paul's.

A special envelope and order form are included with this newsletter and your honorarium or memorial will be printed in a special bulletin listing on Father's Day. You may place your form/payment in the envelope provided and place it in the offering plate or mail it by June 10 to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Att'n: Father's Day, PO Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612. One final option is to make a donation online by visiting St. Paul's website at www.stpaulsdallaspa.org and click on the Online Giving link. You will be directed to the Vanco online site where you can make a donation to the Father's Day Appeal and enter the name of your loved one for the bulletin insert.



Hi Everyone,

Some years ago I used to have a written list of all monthly/weekly/daily health issue observances that I could use for article

ideas and resources. I can't find it. The Health.gov website, my old source, now only lists the previous months, not future months; not much help to me as I'm writing this in April. But I did find this item from National Institutes of Health (NIH) website:

www.niams.nih.gov/community-outreach-

initiative/health-observances for May. This links to articles about arthritis, Lupus, National Women's Health, National Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Island Heritage, and National Osteoporosis. There were some good links there if you're interested. Don't worry men; if you scroll down to June you'll find health issues for you.

Exploring further in MedicalNewsToday, another interesting list with links for different May health issues (too many to list here) can be found at www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/health-awareness-months#may. Both links are worth investigating!

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

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FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you so much for the Easter goodies – I really appreciated them. And to the Members & Friends of St. Paul's – thank you so much for the Easter and get well cards and especially for all the prayers. You all are the best – to you, it may have been a little thing...to me, it was huge!

God Bless,
Linda Ash

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