

# Good News

THE  
NEWSLETTER OF  
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## May 2025

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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](http://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.**



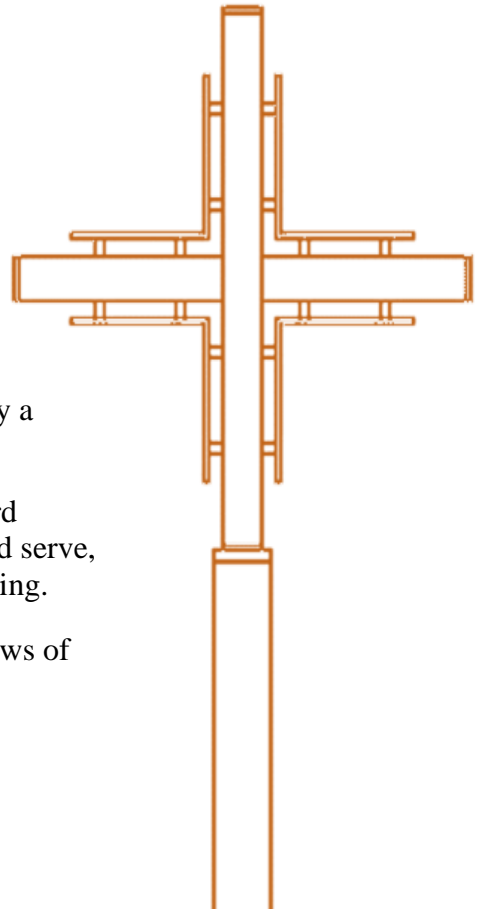
### ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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>2025/2026</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>	<u>2027/2028</u>
Cathy Ridout*	Frank Mariano*	Larry Pierce*
Don Kretchmer	Gail Smallwood*	Bruce Thomas
Tony Linnen	Marissa Miller*	Gail Ide
Julie Holbrook	Amanda Brezovsky	Pat Peiffer
*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	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.

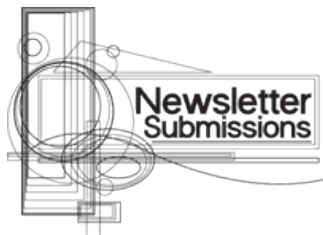
**Pray for the Congregations of Holy Trinity Kingston and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.**

**Pray for those suffering illness:** *Members:* Chris Bellezza, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Lee Fett, Marge Fritzinger, Jean Grube, Robert Kline, Karen Henderson, Catherine and Emilia Policare, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Scheff, Betty Schray, Gerald Siperko, Carol Swanson, John Thomas, Jack Traver, Alyson Wood, 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](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

**Family & Friends:** Robert Binger, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Janice DeFebo, John Diel, Manfred Diel, Gene Eyerman, Jeffrey Farley, Thomas Fortner, Rich Fufaro, Deacon Barb Gessner, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Jenn Hubbard, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Bradley Kessler, Elsie Kosmach, Rebecca & Ryan Kozloski, Alice Laskowski, Carl London, Todd Lozo, Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Debbie Maskalis, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Bryant Mesick, Rob Merritt, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Joe Reilly, Robin Rosencrans, John Roushey, Lisa Rowe, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Marilyn Roll Shaver, Nancy Shymanski, Debbie Smith, Mark Sokolowski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Ed Stofko, Benjamin Szostak, Raymah Tasco, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Bill Ward, Karen Wise, Woody Wolfe, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Josh, Justin, Jim, Megan (no last names given).

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the June 2025 issue and the deadline for all submissions will be

**Noon on Sunday, June 15, 2025.**

## SPECIAL DATES

- Spring Rummage/Bake Sale, *May 2-3*
- Mother's Day, *May 11*
- Roast Beef Dinner, *May 17*
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship and Pig Roast, *May 25*
- Memorial Day; church closed, *May 26*
- NE PA Synod Assembly, *May 30-31*

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### **Updates from the April 1, 2025 meeting:**

**Long Range Planning:** Grief Support meeting was well attended with eight people attending; the next meeting date will be Wednesday, April 16, so as not to conflict with Maundy Thursday evening worship.

**Communication:** Easter Ads have been placed in newspapers and new laptop has been purchased for Zoom services.

**Finance/Property:** Kitchen dishwasher is in need of repair – spring coil lifting the cover lid broke off; a certified Jackson equipment repair person has been called to make repairs and give the machine a thorough maintenance review. The committee will be meeting after Easter to review first quarter finances/expenses and discuss upcoming repairs still needed throughout the building; the lawn mower is also being maintained for the upcoming summer months; reviewed what may be placed in the recycling dumpster – we've been charged twice for unacceptable items found in dumpster during pickups.

**Christian Education:** A Palm Sunday event will be held in the SS Gathering area.

**Social Ministry:** Pat Kowalek has agreed to be the coordinator for the committee; Easter cards will be sent to members on the Care & Concern list.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm.

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## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

This coming June 15 will mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 also make your donation via our website [www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org) and click on the Online Giving link through Vanco.

## DEATH IS NOT THE END

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## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the single most important event in the Christian faith so that it takes a week of weeks plus a day to celebrate. Easter day is the single most attended day in Christian worship, which gives us a hint of the event's significance. But there's too much to notice, ponder, and celebrate beyond the empty tomb. So, from early days, the church has marked the season of Easter and the significance of the resurrection and appearances of the resurrected Jesus all the way to the 50th day, or Pentecost, when the culmination and consequences of Jesus resurrection reach their promise fulfillment in the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the whole community of believers. Matthew, Mark, and Luke relate how an angel reports to the women that Jesus "has been raised," or "has risen." However, the church declares "Christ IS risen," acknowledging that we continue to live in the presence of the still-resurrected Lord Jesus to this day. The resurrection is that important, and why every Sunday is ultimately a celebration of the Resurrection. Join in celebrating life - his and ours - in our regular worship of the risen Lord of Life.

The plans for it have been in the works for over a year, but this month will finally bring us the climax of our 100th Anniversary year celebration, the worship and pig roast picnic on Sunday, May 25. There will be no Saturday service that weekend. We are expecting some special guests that day who have been associated with the congregation over the years in a variety of ways. And leading us in worship and preaching will be our Northeastern PA Synod Bishop Christopher deForest. From its beginning, the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, first in Shavertown and now in Dallas, has been a strong presence in the Back Mountain church community, a marvelous community of disciples of Jesus, and a bold witness of mission and ministry. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our 100-year heritage and to set our sights on continuing that heritage for the next 100 years.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Pastor



## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

We will be receiving new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, and invite all who are interested in becoming members of St. Paul's to share your interest with the office or Pastor. Pastor will meet with those interested in membership for an orientation the previous Sunday, June 1, following worship at about 10:45. We will gather to learn about one another, about Lutheranism in general, about St. Paul's and its ministry in particular, and to prepare for the rite of Affirmation of Baptism which we'll celebrate Pentecost Sunday as we receive our new members. Please let us know if you cannot attend that orientation but are still interested in membership.

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Our regular weekly Bible study, The Bible This Week, resumes this month for a short stint before summer vacation break. We will reconvene Tuesday, May 6, and continue through the month each Tuesday morning, 10:30-11:30, ending June 3. We look at the readings we will hear the following weekend in worship and share our thoughts, reflections, and questions about them. It regularly gives those who participate a richer experience in worship and a deeper experience with the sermon. Our focus this Easter season will be on John's gospel, which always provides for rich conversation.

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## SHARED WORSHIP UPDATE

Our Holy Week worship with Prince of Peace Episcopal Church again this year was a wonderful experience as we celebrated Good Friday and the Easter Vigil services together. We joke that the away team won in both cases since the Good Friday service at Prince of Peace seemed to be attended mostly by Lutherans and the congregation for the Easter Vigil service at St. Paul's seemed to be prominently Episcopalians. In either case, the opportunity to share leadership and space and community in worship was a rich addition to the already significant celebrations of those holy Three Days. Our next shared worship will be our quarterly Healing Service at Prince of Peace on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm. Pray for both our communities as we share the gifts and resources we each bring to our life together in worship and service.

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First of all, I would like to thank all who helped with the Easter breakfast. This wonderful group helped with the set-up, serving and best of all with the clean-up! You did a great job and I thank you.

Also, thanks to all who made butterflies, the squares, the group of seven women from Masonic Village that helped me make the squares into butterflies. If you did not receive one on Easter Sunday, please see me; and, we will be giving them out again on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the pig roast.

Annie Bisher

**WOW**...May is here! It will be a busy month with the culmination on May 25 – our anniversary celebration. We encourage you, our members, to be here for the special service celebration with Bishop deForest presiding and preaching. It is a time to be together with the many families that have joined us to reunite with making St. Paul's the

church it is today. Take a stroll down memory lane and look at the pictures of our church from its beginning until now; you might catch yourself and your family in action! Our pig roast should be full of stories being shared and it will be a time to be honoring all those who came before and all those that are keeping faithful to St. Paul's and our Lord and Savior.

Thank you all for your support in this our 100th year of ministry. There have been successful events so far and still some to come.

God Bless from Annie and the Committee.

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## SUPPORT GROUP

We continue to join with Prince of Peace in offering a monthly Grief Support Group for people coping with grief. Not a formal class, this is a gathering with peers and experienced professionals to share experiences and bumps along the road of grief from loss open to anyone to come and go as they need, and not limited to congregation members, but open to the community. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's, with this month's meeting on Thurs., May 15, at 6:30 pm.

This group is an on-going group and is not time-limited; it is open to everyone in the community in need of support following a loss. Sessions also will be available on Zoom. For more information, please contact Frank at [fmm329@gmail.com](mailto:fmm329@gmail.com).

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“Sin cannot be undone, only forgiven.”

—Igor Stravinsky



## 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 via email at [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) and we will announce your great news in the June newsletter.

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## MISSION DISTRICT NEWS

We thank Gail Ide and Marissa Miller for serving as our congregation's voting members at the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District assembly that was held April 23 and the Northeastern PA Synod assembly to be held Friday and Saturday, May 30-31 at Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church in Stroudsburg. This will be a significant assembly as the synod is in the process of radical restructuring and re-staffing with a new Strategic Intent. Bishop deForest, the staff, and the synod council have been working since staff and council retreats in January for visioning and re-imagining the mission, purpose, structure, and operations of the synod. Part of the process is already underway with the resignation of Executive Associate of the Bishop, Pr. Rachael Dietz, and the phasing out over the coming months of the seven part-time Associates of the Bishop who serve congregational transitions in Mission Districts, including Pastor Grube. Big changes are coming. Pray for Gail and Marissa and the work of the assembly as well as the synod itself as we adapt to a new era in the church.

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## **BACK MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB COMMUNITY PRESENTATION**

**Owens, Jr.,** - Renowned local railroad historian presenting "Lincoln's Funeral Train Through Pennsylvania"

and

**Dr. Harrison Wick** – Author and Photographer of Trains & Trolleys in the area presenting "The Artwork of Sue Hand"

Saturday, May 10, 2025  
1:00 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
474 Yalick Rd., Dallas

Free Admission – Donations Appreciated.



## LABYRINTH WALKS

On Wednesday, May 21, 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 pm. Watch for reminders about the labyrinth in church bulletins.

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## BIBLES FOR PYRAMID

Thank you for your contributions to purchase Bibles for the community at Pyramid rehab center. We were able to purchase a case of Bibles and will distribute them as they are requested by the clients there. They are an important and critical tool for them in their recovery and they regularly share their profound gratitude for them when we are able to provide them.

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## Roast Beef Dinner!

St. Paul's Brotherhood will hold its second roast beef dinner of the year on Saturday, May 17, from 4:00-6:30 pm. This sit-down dinner will feature roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, two vegetables, a dinner roll, pepper hash, beverages and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children and will be available at the door the night of the dinner. Take-outs will begin at 3:30 pm.



## BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

Bear Creek Camp hosts a free Play Day and Open House on Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. This is your chance to explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, try out high ropes, and enjoy fellowship with the camp community. Cookout lunch is freely offered to all! You can register at no cost on the Bear Creek website, <https://bearcreekcamp.org>.

While you're there, you can explore the other opportunities beyond the regular summer camps for children and youth under the "Camps" and "Retreats" tabs on the home page. Meanwhile, registrations are rolling in for the summer camping season, which begins June 15, and thanks to your generosity, especially through the annual soup sale, we are able to help defray the cost of camp for our campers. Thank you!

So, if you plan on having a child attend Bear Creek Camp this summer, please bring a copy of the completed registration form which was submitted to the camp, to the church office so we can distribute the financial assistance.

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## FINAL EXAMS

A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."

—Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*





I forgot to bring the breast cancer beads to church. Sorry. They are there now.

In Love and Service and Gratitude,  
Gail Ide, member of the Health Ministries Team

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Hi Everyone,

From Mary Ehret see below:

### Essentials for Parenting

Whether you are a new mom, a new dad, a new grandparent or a new foster parent, the skill of parenting doesn't just come naturally. Parenting is a lot of work, whether they are a toddler, a preschooler or a teenager. Good news, there is help!!

The Center for Disease Control has a printable resource called "Essentials for Parenting." It is a free online resource that can either be read online, printed or shared. Essentials for Parenting includes: Articles with a variety of skills, tips, and techniques. It also has videos featuring parents, children, and parenting experts who demonstrate and discuss skills. There are free print resources like chore charts, and daily schedules.

The topics discussed include tips for communicating with your child, creating structure and rules. How to give directions, tips for discipline and consequences.

It is important to note that not every child and parent are the same. This isn't a one size fits all approach, but hopefully it will give ideas for parenting so that you can make the best decisions for you and your family.

Check it out by visiting [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), type in the search bar "Essentials for Parenting". Click on essentials for toddlers and preschoolers or essentials for parenting teens.

Thanks, Mary and glad Doug and you are going to be grandparents!

# Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYR (Matthew 2:11)

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ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
13 8 14 G F F G !  
15 4 16 10 17 3 18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth!  
A mother's love is a gift from God!