

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.



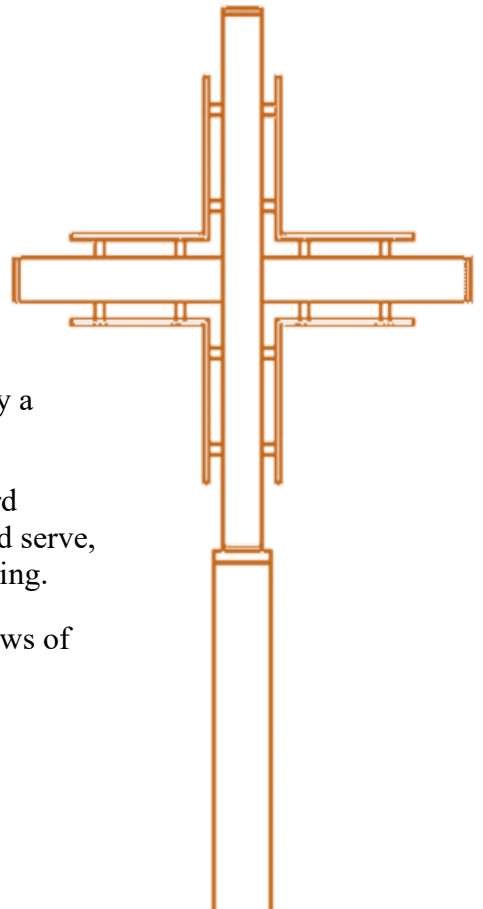
ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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>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 Trinity, Towanda; Good Shepherd, Wilkes-Barre; 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, Sandi Fassett, Marge Fritzinger, Jean Grube, Morgan Holbrook, Robert Kline, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Scheff, Carol Swanson, Jack Traver, Peter Wittkamp, 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 if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Robert Binger, Michael Bowanko, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Janice DeFebo, John Diel, Manfred Diel, Karen Evanish, Thomas Fortner, Rich Fufaro, Deacon Barb Gessner, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Jenny Graveira, Jenn Hubbard, Joe Hudak, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Bradley Kessler, Elsie Kosmach, Rebecca & Ryan Kozloski, Alice Laskowski, Lindsey Lattari, Carol Marker, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Bryant Mesick, Rob Merritt, Joe Miller, 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, John Roushey, Lisa Rowe, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Debbie Smith, Mark Sokolowski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Ed Stofko, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Bill Ward, Jerry Wilt, Karen Wise, Frank and Cheryl Wright, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Josh, Justin, Jim, Megan, April, Connie (no last names given).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

Noon on Sunday, August 17, 2025.

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Updates from the June 3, 2025 meeting:

Treasurer's report: The church's general fund has received a gift from the Dorcas Society; expenses for the Anniversary Pig Roast have been covered and the balance in the Pig Roast Fund were placed in the Roof Repair Fund.

Pastor's Report: Pastor thanked Gail Ide and Marissa Miller for attending the recent Synod assembly and representing St. Paul's at the meeting.

Landscaping Committee: The geraniums decorating the Sanctuary for Pentecost will be planted in church beds in a few days by members of Pyramid Health.

Christian Education: Committee members were notified that Prince of Peace may not be able to join with St. Paul's on a Vacation Bible School, and the members are considering other possibilities.

Head Start: The Finance Committee will be negotiating with Head Start on the possibility of a new PreK class to begin in the fall, which would use one of the two empty classrooms.

Property Committee: The font has been recaulked and sealed and is no longer leaking. Committee members are working on a plan to remove brush that is obscuring the church sign facing Rt. 118.

100th Anniversary Update: The May 25 worship service and pig roast went well and were well attended. The next anniversary event will be the Anniversary Quilt/Art Show and Tea on Saturday, July 26, followed by an outdoor movie on Saturday, August 23.

The next Council meetings will be on Tuesday, June 1 and August 5, at 7:00 pm.

A PATH OF RESISTENCE

Some Christian converts in an overseas village were diligent about daily prayer. In the thicket outside town, they each had a place where they prayed in solitude. Over time, these believers wore pathways through the brush to their special prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path."

How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Do you trust that God will answer your prayers, according to his good and gracious will?

When you grow weary, remember this promise in Galatians 6:9 (NIV). "At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

SPECIAL DATES

- Fourth of July, *Friday, July 4*
- 100th Anniversary Committee meeting, *Sunday, July 6*
- Labyrinth Walk, *Wednesday, July 16*
- Grief Support Group meeting, *Thursday, July 17*
- 100th Anniversary Quilt/Art Show, *Saturday, July 26*
- 100th Anniversary Committee meeting, *Sunday, August 3*
- Brotherhood meeting, *Tuesday, August 12*
- Labyrinth Walk, *Wednesday, August 20*
- Grief Support Group meeting, *Thursday, August 21*
- 100th Anniversary Outdoor Movie, *Saturday, August 23*

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"Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear."

—Catherine of Siena

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



The church celebrates the Queen of Feasts, the fifty days of the season of Easter, with the lofty language and images of John's gospel. But with the fifty days behind us and back once again to the season after Pentecost and green paraments, we return to the featured gospel of Year C, Luke. This summer season of the church and discipleship will take us through

Jesus' ministry and teaching, parables and miracles from Luke's perspective. It's a story of hospitality and outcasts, prayer and peacemaking, discipleship and welcome. I look forward to sharing it with you throughout this summer season.

In the Spirit,
Pastor



JUST A REMINDER

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

NEW CROSS ON DISPLAY

We are delighted to receive a new addition to our Cross Currents display in the education wing hallway. Martha Kush returned from her European summer vacation with a cross from Cologne, Germany. It's a pewter cross featuring two-toned coloring and accented with jewels. Check it out along with the vast array of lovely crosses that are already part of the display the next time you take a walk down the hall.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

On Thursday, July 17 and Thursday, August 21, and on the third Thursday of each month, the Grief Support Group will meet at St. Paul's at 6:30 pm. These meetings are free and open to the public.

**God's work.
Our hands.**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

The Social Ministry Committee is looking forward to this day as an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

As in the past few years, the committee is asking for your donations of sneakers – youth sizes 9-12 – for boys and girls who will be filling our Head Start classrooms in the fall. There will be a Sneaker Display table in the Narthex starting on Sunday, July 27; please remember to attach your gift receipt to the shoes.

The committee will hold a meeting (date TBA) in August to discuss and plan other projects; if you are interested in joining the Social Ministry Committee, watch for future announcements in the weekly bulletins.

All members of St. Paul's are thanked for supporting Social Ministry projects!



LABYRINTH WALKS

On Wednesday, July 16 and August 20, 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.



NEPA SYNOD NEWS

The Northeastern PA Synod's new Strategic Intent, unveiled before the Synod Assembly, has been put on hold until after next year's synod assembly. This gathering will include the election of a bishop, to allow the synod council, staff, deans, congregations, and rostered leaders more time to develop the strategic intent and to implement it.

The Synod Council, in an emergency meeting the weekend before the assembly, took the action in light of growing concern and dissention about its implementation to date. With some staff changes already in place, there is a need now to redistribute the work formerly done by Executive Assistant Pastor Rachael Dietz, who resigned, among other staff members while Pastor Grube and the remaining associates serving Mission Districts will continue in their roles in facilitating congregational transitions. Two of those Mission District associates have resigned: Pastor Carl Shankweiler, serving Hazleton/Lehigh, and Pastor Drew Neidig, serving East and West Berks.

Work continues for the established ministries of 6261 communities and Licensed Lay Ministers.



JOIN US for the 100th Anniversary event "Fellowship in Art" on Saturday, July 26 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The event will include a quilt show, art exhibit, silent auction baskets and a tea, beginning at 12:30 pm, with cost of admission at \$15.00 for the tea.

For questions about the overall event, quilts or the tea, you can contact Annie Bisher by email at monarch1023b@hotmail. For questions about the art exhibit, you can contact Cynthia Mahalick at 570-466-5233, and for silent auction baskets, you can contact Karen Mertz at 570-762-1138. If

you are interested in helping with any of these projects please contact Annie, Cynthia, Karen, Julie Holbrook, or the church office.

SILENT AUCTION BASKET DONATIONS

The Anniversary Committee is looking for basket donations for the Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with the Art & Quilt Show/Tea on July 26. Some basket ideas include: Ethnic Foods (Italian, Asian, Mexican), Back to School Items, Tools, TV Night with Snacks, Drinks, Movies, Games, Baby Items, Coffee/Tea, Baking, etc. It's a good idea to choose a theme and begin shopping for the items a little at a time. Questions??? Call Karen Mertz at 570.762.1138. If you are in need of a basket, you may pick one up by stopping in at the church office.

ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH INFORMATION

The 100th Anniversary Committee is planning an anniversary buffet brunch to be held on Sunday, Sept. 21 immediately after worship that day. The brunch will be held at The Greens at Irem Temple Country Club. This event is a fundraiser for anniversary expenses; price of the brunch is \$32, payable to Annie Bisher, committee chair. Contact Annie for more information.

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BEAR CREEK NEWS

Another year of summer camp is among us at Bear Creek Camp. Seven week-long overnight camps for campers grades 1-12 along with special camps like Family Camp, Artists Retreat, and day camps fill the summer schedule at the camp. Thirty-seven people are included on the summer staff page, including our own Kendra Brosius, most of whom come from our Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods, but also from Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. Check it all out for yourself along with the special events scheduled through the summer and fall at the Bear Creek Camp website, bearcreekcamp.org.

Our Scranton/Wikes-Barre Mission District of the Northeastern PA Synod has experienced some transition recently. St. James, Hobbie, and St. James, Zenith, and their pastor, Oliver Brown, recently completed the intentional and prescribed course of action by which they have disaffiliated with the ELCA and will now be affiliated with the North American Lutheran Church. The synod council will ratify their action at their late June meeting. Meanwhile, the Indonesian Lutheran community that meets at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Scranton is investigating the process to become an official Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community (SAWC), which would make them an official community of the Northeastern PA Synod and our Scranton/Wikes-Barre Mission District.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

As our sister congregation, Prince of Peace Episcopal church, continues in this year of transition toward the unity of two dioceses, their own Diocese of Bethlehem and the neighboring Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, to become the Diocese of the Susquehanna, congregations from the two dioceses are being linked to nurture companionship and unity. Prince of Peace's sibling parish is Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Danville.

As you remember our partner congregation in your prayers, you may want to also add their sibling parish, Christ Memorial. The church is a vast community, yet a small world when we come to know one another and join together in the life and mission of Christ for the world.

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“Wonder is the heaviest element on the periodic table; even a tiny fleck of it stops time.”

—Diane Ackerman

Hi Everyone,

I know one of these days it will stop raining!



In case it does stop sometime this summer, please, be prepared for the heat! Check out this site from CDC: cdc.gov/heat-health/about. This is old but still very relevant: cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-114.

TICKS: ugh!!! I was a tasty meal for a tick a couple of years ago. I developed the bull's eye rash and had to undergo treatment. It was effective, thank goodness. But I have friends who have been dealing with the long-term effects from these nasty critters. Please check out cdc.gov/ticks/prevention/index for prevention. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page, you will see how to protect your pets. And at the bottom of that page, you will see what to do if you get bitten by one. All very important information.

Please enjoy the summer but stay away from too much sun, stay hydrated, and stay safe!

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

NEED A VOCATION VACATION?

“It is not more vacation we need,” said Eleanor Roosevelt. “It is more vocation” — in other words, something that God calls you to do. God uses his people to accomplish amazing things, even during the summer! Call it a “vocation vacation.” If you’re planning a trip, call ahead and offer to serve at a local homeless shelter or urban ministry. If you want to be outdoors, ask a Bible camp or recreation department if it needs volunteers. Other possibilities include assisting with programs that help elderly residents or people with special needs enjoy outdoor activities.

You’ll enjoy summertime fun (vacation) *and* the knowledge that God is working through you (vocation).

FROM THE MAILBOX

Pastor Grube and St. Paul's Congregation,

What a wonderful day with all of you as we celebrated 100 years of ministry at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's has been near and dear to me for over 30 years. You provided a great community in which to raise my sons. I will always appreciate that!

My spirituality deepened over the years and I found much peace within the building and sanctuary. Above all, however, is the love, friendship, support and community felt from each of you.

I enjoyed the day, the service, the pig roast, and visiting with so many of you.

God's peace to all,
Carol Staats

Dear Rev. Grube and St. Paul's Church,

Thank you so much for your support and kindness on the passing of my mom, Betty Schray. St. Paul's was such an important part of her life for so long. She shared many fond memories of her friends and activities she enjoyed with her church family. Rev. Grube, you did an excellent job in bring comfort and insight during her funeral service. Thank you so much!

Debbie Schray & Family

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"Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed."

—Cavett Robert



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Brotherhood meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 pm
- 100th Anniversary Outdoor Movie, August 23, 7:00 pm
- Sunday School Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 7
- Dorcas meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1:00 pm
- Healing Service, Wednesday, Sept. 10
- Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, Sept. 13
- Harvest Home, Sunday, Sept. 14
- God's Work. Our Hands Day, Sunday, Sept. 14
- 100th Anniversary Brunch, Sunday, Sept. 21
- Dorcas Rummage/Bake Sale, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 3-4

PASSAGES

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, St. Paul's welcomed into membership through Affirmation of Baptism the following new members: Sandra Weaver Charney, Jodi Sprau, Wayne and Sandy Fassett, Edward and Raelene Napierkowski, Sabrina Pericich, Rocco Pericich and Lena Pericich. We pray that they will be strengthened for their ministry at St. Paul's.

† IN MEMORIAM †

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

**Elizabeth (Betty)
Schray**

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