

The Chimes

January 14, 2014

Saint Paul's Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am: Holy Communion

*First Sunday of month: Family Worship
(service designed with children in mind);*

Remaining Sundays: service concurrent with Sunday School

10:30 am: Holy Communion

Traditional liturgy

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Mark your calendars —

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 2, 2014

***Following worship at 9:30 am
(One service only; no Sunday School)***

***The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary;
a luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall.***

***All members are encouraged
to attend this important meeting
& the luncheon that follows.***

***The Council Reorganization Meeting will be held
Thursday, February 6.***

**Chimes publication
information**

The Chimes, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published for the inspiration, education and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office.

The next issue of *The Chimes* will be published on **Tuesday, February 11**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, February 4**. Thank you!

Pastor's Letter



*Truly I tell you, just as you did it
to one of the least of those who are members of my family,
you did it to me.
(Matthew 25:40)*

Dear Friends:

As I write this month's message...it is **cold** outside! Really, really freezing cold! It is January 7, and we are experiencing the coldest day in recent history. I think I heard that all 48 of the contiguous states are having below-freezing temperatures.

At least it is warm inside. It's warm here in my office. My house was warm when I stepped out into the arctic cold to walk up to church. My coffee is warm. The heated office plus the warm drink immediately took the chill away. I'm comfortable.

But there are those who are not warm, not comfortable. I was just listening to the radio, and a reporter on KYW was interviewing a homeless man who was sleeping on a sidewalk under nine blankets! And he was still freezing cold. I've heard and seen reports like that many times and I know you have, but given these record freezing temperatures, somehow it really hit me this morning.

The above verse from Matthew 25 are the words of Jesus to those being welcomed into the kingdom of heaven. In the verses preceding this one Jesus says to the saints, "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me."

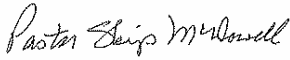
The astonished saints ask, "When? When did we do all this?"

Jesus answers, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of those who are members of my family, you did it to me!"

Thinking about that freezing cold man I heard on the radio got me thinking about the many outreach ministries here at St. Paul's that seek to fulfill these words of Jesus by reaching out to needy people – hungry, thirsty, estranged, stripped of dignity, sick, imprisoned...*and cold!* This community of saints serves people locally, nationally and globally.

I give thanks for your many ministries and your gifts of time, talents, and treasures.
May we continue to rise to the challenges to live out Jesus' commission.

In Christ,



Pastor Skip McDowell

2014 Congregation Council Nominees

The following individuals have been nominated to serve three-year terms on Saint Paul's Congregation Council. **The election of nominees will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2.**

Kevin Clouse
Andrew Horn

Paul DeLomba
Josephine Norquist

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially and Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns) and Brandon Mader (grandson of Wendy Black).

Prayers are also requested for: Fred Bauer (uncle of Carol Henry); Frank Costantini (friend of Barb & Tom Keyser); Richard DeFeo (friend of Millie Parker); Tammy Dormans (sister-in-law of Nan Dormans); Kara Granger (friend of Liz Cassidy); Barbara Johnson (wife of Jack Johnson); Bryan Jones, Mark Kelly (brother-in-law of Carrie Kelly); John Messer (friend of Claudia Muller); Brian Michonski (friend of Millie Parker); Miranda Ram-Nolte (friend of Colleen Kolb); Bob Paproth (father of Denette Stetler); Claire Robinson, Norma Small (friend of Linda Burns); Russ Stevenson (father of Debbie Moran); Charles Sweeny (friend of Judi DellaBadia); Joseph Tye (father of Nan Dormans); Heather (friend of Frank & Helene Roth); Bob (friend of Dolly Henderson) and Kristi (daughter of Judi DellaBadia).

Thank You

Thanks to all who went Christmas Caroling to the homebound! Twenty-six people formed three groups that went out and caroled to 9 of our 12 homebound members in their homes. Homemade cards and cookies made by Families with Medium Children were given to each of the visited members.

In Peace, Joy Baxter

Thank you for supporting the 2013 Lutheran Family Services Christmas Ingathering Program



Hundreds of gifts were purchased for 100 children in need. Special thanks go to Beth McElvenney and Carol Hammarberg who helped transport the gifts to the drop site in Upper Darby on December 1st.



2014 Envelopes

Envelopes for 2014 are available in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your support of St. Paul's!
Jason Sack, Stewardship Committee Chair

St. Paul's Book Club Resumes

On Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 pm in the Kugler Room the St. Paul's book club will resume. We will be discussing In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson. We anticipate a lively discussion of this historical book and how a supposedly resolved issue of our time once again has arisen from the past.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

On Sunday, February 2, the day of St. Paul's 2014 Annual Meeting, please help to fill the soup bowls that St. Paul's youth will be using to collect donations for Aid for Friends. Look for the collection bowls as you are leaving worship (one service only on Feb. 2, at 9:30 am).

Aid for Friends, based in northeast Philadelphia, provides meals to homebound, isolated individuals in the Delaware Valley. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's with Aid for Friends on the memo line.

St. Paul's Nativity Display



Brunch Bunch in the Kitchen

If you would like to help create an easy but memorable brunch for the annual congregational meeting, please **contact Linda Bailey at 215-421-5112 or lindawbailey@comcast.net**. **Teams are needed for Saturday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m.** Looking forward to more fun in the kitchen!

New Members Class & Luncheon

A new member's class and luncheon will be held on **Sunday, February 9 from 11:45 am – 1:15 pm**. If you would like to attend, contact the church office (millie@stpaulsardmore.org or 610-642-3211). New members will be received on February 16.

Fantastic February is Coming

Now February will be remembered for more than cold weather, Valentine's Day and the Super Bowl. We have two fantastic events featuring young singers that you will want to see!

February 9, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm, there will be a concert featuring the choir of the **Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPA)**, Philadelphia, under the leadership of Dorina Morrow, who was a section leader at St. Paul's a few years ago. The choir is about 60 voices, and rivals many college ensembles. They are a frequent guest at the American Choral Directors conventions. The event will have an offering and refreshments. Please join us!

On Sunday, February 23, at 3:00 pm, the children's and youth choirs of Ardmore Presbyterian Church, Overbrook Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be singing a joint concert, held at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Lancaster Avenue and City Line Avenue. Please join us there and support our combined youth as they Praise God through music.

Mark these dates on your calendars, and be a part of our Fantastic February!

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

Dates: Friday – Saturday, February 21 & 22

Location: Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, Pa.

Title/Topic: Looking for God

One of the most compelling and mysterious desires shared by all human beings is the yearning that we have for the divine. We desire the acceptance, love and protection that a relationship with God can offer, and we harbor a deep hope that drawing close to this holy Mystery will help bring meaning to the mystery of our humanity. But how can we recognize God, Who is so mysterious? Where do we look and how? In this retreat entitled “Looking for God”, we will use presentation, interactive dialog and contemplative experience to explore what God is like, describing personal encounter with God and how to recognize the presence of God.

Retreat Leader: Rev. Leslie M. Richard

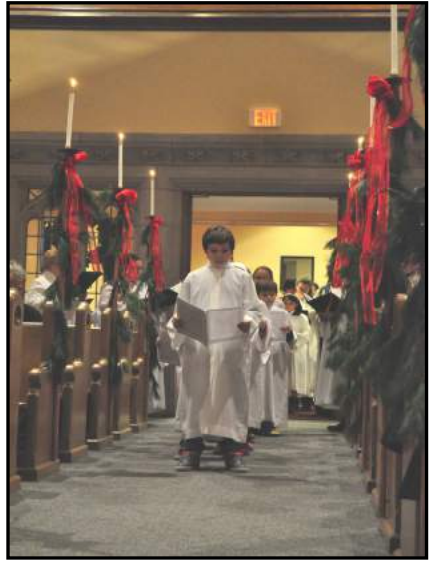
The Rev. Leslie M. Richard holds an MA in Holistic Spirituality and Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia. She serves a call to specialized ministry in the SEPA Synod ELCA as a Spiritual Director, and facilitates the SEPA Synod Faith Formation Team. Pr. Richard is a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield, Delaware County. Pastor Richard led the St. Paul's Women's Retreat in 2011 on the topic of “Experiencing the Holy Through the Lives of Women Mystics.”

Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 12 and submit your payment by Sunday, Feb. 16. RSVP to Diane Pringle (dianep@design.upenn.edu) or Millie Parker (millie@stpaulsardmore.org). If you have questions, please contact Diane Pringle.

Children's Christmas Pageant









St. Paul's Membership Directory – Online

Two years ago many of us participated in the St. Paul's Pictorial Directory. I hope you find it as valuable as I do. If you are in need of a copy please contact Joy Baxter at (610) 789-2408 or joybaxter@gmail.com.

The Evangelism committee is rolling out the online component of the same pictorial directory. The directory is safe and secure with individual family logins and passwords. The "St. Paul's membership directory" link is located on the bottom of our new website design.

Each family will receive an individualized login and password with their 2014 offering envelopes. The password can be changed to one of your choice once you login.

We hope this online component of the directory can further connect our community so that we can grow together in Christ and serve those in need.

The Evangelism Committee

Save the Date!

**Sunday, February 2: FwMC (gr. 3-8) following the annual meeting luncheon ice skating at the Skatium.
\$10 covers admission, rental & pizza.**

**Sunday, February 9: FwYC Valentine's Party
5:30 pm. More info to follow.**

FEBRUARY *Birthdays*

- 1 Benjamin Barron, James Conybear, David Scherzer
- 2 Daniel Dry, Jr.
- 3 Debbie Keyser, Connor Perry, Ginette Wendelken
- 4 Andrea Dormans, Noah Isenberg, Donald Reimer
- 5 Samantha Hansell, Jennifer Reimer
- 6 Colleen Schramm
- 7 Rolf Johnson, Benjamin Lucas
- 8 Susan Janasik, David Williams
- 9 Laura Bickert Ciarllo
- 10 Charlotte Conybear, Sean Hopkins
- 11 Dorothy Buchanan, Marja Nevalainen
- 12 Tyler Kunsu, Lisa Nagle
- 13 Eleanor Nagle, Hannah Nagle
- 14 Grant Gale, Elizabeth Krissing
- 15 Jennifer Curtis, George Koerner
- 16 Lee Berry Sullivan, Pamela Carroll, Anders Lauersen, Sarah Scherzer, Adam Trombello
- 17 Lillian Aleardi, Colin Marshall, Devany Penne
- 18 John Byrne, Jack Denman, Sharon Robinson
- 20 Sara Dimitri, Bonnie Legreid, Paul Trombello
- 21 Elizabeth Lash
- 22 Nanette Dormans
- 23 Paul Schimpff
- 24 Joanne Cooper, Mariana Curtin
- 25 Wenner Smith II
- 26 Melissa Gale
- 27 Charlotte Memmel, Rebecca Memmel
- 28 Ronan Badovick, Lauren Baxter, Kristen June, Derek J. Lauffer

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1

9:30 am

We All Have Questions/Kugler Room

Sunday, February 2

9:30 am

Annual Meeting & Souper Bowl of Caring

Holy Communion (Family Worship – No Sunday School)

11:00 am

Annual Meeting/Sanctuary

12:00 pm

Congregation Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm

NA/Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 3

6:30 pm

Greater Philadelphia Paper Pholders/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am

Community Bible Study

7:00 pm

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

7:00 pm

AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Thursday, February 6

9:00 am

Community Bible Study/throughout church

1:00 pm

Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room

6:30 pm

Children's Choir rehearsal

7:15 pm

Council Reorganization Meeting/2nd floor Meeting Rm

7:30 pm

Adult Choir rehearsal

Sunday, February 9

8:40 am

Matins choir warm-up

9:00 am

Adult Bible Study

9:00 am

Holy Communion

10:30 am

Holy Communion

11:45 am

New Member's Class & Luncheon

2:30 pm

CAPA Concert

5:30 pm

FwYC Valentine's Party/Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm

Confirmation Class

8:00 pm

NA/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 11

9:00 am

Community Bible Study

7:00 pm

AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 12

7:30 pm

Evening Christian Fellowship/Penne Home

Thursday, February 13

9:00 am

Community Bible Study/throughout church

1:00 pm

Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room

6:30 pm

Children's choir rehearsal

7:30 pm

Adult choir rehearsal

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am Matins Choir warm-up
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:00 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Holy Communion/New Members received
TBA Cooking for the Hungry/Basement Kitchen
8:00 pm NA/Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 17

President's Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 am Community Bible Study
7:00 pm AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Thursday, February 20

9:00 am Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 pm Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Adult choir rehearsal

Sunday, February 23

8:40 am Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Bible Study/2nd floor Meeting Room
9:00 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Holy Communion
3:00 pm Children & Youth Choir Concert/Overbrook
Presbyterian Church
8:00 pm NA/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am Community Bible Study
7:00 pm AA/2nd floor Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 pm Evening Christian Fellowship/Penne home

Thursday, February 27

9:00 am Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 pm Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Adult choir rehearsal

Gifts of Flowers for the Altar

Consider becoming a weekly or monthly sponsor of altar flowers for Sunday morning worship. The cost of the flowers is \$25 per week, \$100 or \$125 per month. A sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers is available in Fellowship Hall, or you may call Dottie Buchanan at 484-420-4969. The dedication(s) for your flowers will be published in the appropriate Sunday bulletin(s).

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help assemble the printed version of the *Chimes* newsletter each month. This involves being available the morning the Chimes is published and coming to the office around 9:00 am for about an hour to attach address labels and postage. If you are interested, please contact Carisa Cantor at carisa@stpaulsardmore.org or 610-642-3211.

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Time Dated Material