The Chimes
March 2017

Worship Schedule
Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 am: Holy Communion
First Sunday of month: Family Worship at 9:00 am (service designed with children in mind);
Remaining Sundays: 9:00 am service concurrent with Sunday School

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St. Paul’s Chick March

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

Beginning Sunday, March 5th, St. Paul’s Sunday School children (and members of the congregation, too) will collect coins to purchase chicks through the ELCA Good Gifts program. We will purchase one chick for every dollar we collect. We can also buy other animals like pigs, honeybees, rooster, goats, sheep or cows. In fact, last year, we collected over $700.00 and were able to purchase a Family Farm, which included a cow, goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds as well as agricultural training and support.

A big yellow chick “bank” will be in the Parish Hall to collect the money. The Social Ministry committee will count the money each week and for every dollar collected, a little chick sign will be hung on the walls of the Parish Hall. The chick march will show how many chicks we can buy from the ELCA Good Gifts program in support of God’s Global Barnyard and the ELCA World Hunger ministries.

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, March 28. Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, March 21.
Pastor’s Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever given something up for Lent? A Lenten fast, or abstaining from a particular thing during the season of Lent, has ancient origins in the church. You can find many examples of fasting throughout the Bible, and the act of denying oneself bodily is meant to draw one closer in prayer and meditation towards God.

Traditionally, Lenten fasting had to do with limiting the amount of food you consume, but more recently other types of fasts have become popular. Going without a particular vice—whether it is cigarettes, or alcohol, or something as harmless as chocolate—is one frequent route. Still others attempt to add a discipline to their lives during Lent, maybe going to the gym more frequently or taking focused time for prayer. Such fasts can certainly be helpful spiritually, especially when they point to that historical purpose of fasting: more time and attention paid to God.

This Lent at St. Paul’s, we will focus on what other things God calls us to “give up.” For the five Sundays of Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday, I will be preaching a sermon series called “Giving it Up.” Each week will focus on something God invites us to give up, not just for the forty days of Lent, but beyond.

March 5: Giving up Control
March 12: Giving up Expectations
March 19: Giving up Superiority
March 26: Giving up Enemies
April 2: Giving up Our Lives
April 9 (Palm Sunday): Giving up Popularity
April 16 (Easter Sunday): Giving up Death

I invite you to join us in learning from God’s word and in observing a holy Lent, through whatever means make it such for you. May our Lenten disciplines be acceptable in God’s sight and serve as a deepening of our relationship with God and one another.

In Christ,

[Signature]
Pastor Laura
Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially Mark Allen (son of Carol Henry); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda & Bob Burns); Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins); Justin Kolb (son of Melanie Kolb, grandson of Bill & Pat Miles) and Brandon Mader (grandson of Wendy Black).

Prayers are also requested for: Dick Ameisen (friend of the Burns'); Edward Andrews (friend of Bill Henderson); Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Amy Carafa (daughter of Judi DellaBadia); Nathaniel Chletsos (friend of Amanda & Andrew Vickrey); Charlotte Conybear; Daniel Dry, Sr. (father of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Aubrey Fells (friend of Christa Scheidly); Bob Geyer (brother of Barb Keyser); Jean Hunter (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Dante Grasso (godson of Lisa Tintera); Derek Huey (cousin of Lisa Tintera); Eustacia Jacob (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Barbara Johnson (wife of Jack Johnson); Johanna Karén (granddaughter of Dorothy Linderman); Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); Mary Jo Lynch (friend of Bill Henderson); Gregg Martin (brother of Linda Martin); Helen Moschella (mother of Lisa Tintera); Eric Muller (brother of Mark Muller); Leah Peart (mother of Waneta Peart); Kathleen Pierce (mother of Mark Pierce); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Janet Raynor (mother of Kim Boston); Steve Schmidt; Delores Stevenson (mother of Debbie Moran); Diane Wille Wenckebach (daughter of June Wille); Mary Ann Whalen (friend of Missy Perry); Jan Williams (friend of Liz Cassidy); George Zucker (husband of Judi Zucker); Marty (friend of Debbie Keyser); Maya (friend of Debbie Keyser) and Susan (friend of Beth McElvenney).

Baptism

Evaline Ruth Vickrey, daughter of Andrew and Amanda Vickrey, was baptized on February 19.

Death

Patricia Welsh, died on February 15. Services were held in York, Maine. We pray for Patricia’s family and thank God for her life and the promise of the Resurrection.
Attention Parents of Second Graders

First Holy Communion classes will be held on Sunday, April 9 from 11:45 to 1:30 pm for second graders and at least one parent per student. Lunch is included. The second graders will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 am service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions (610-642-3211).

MARCH TUESDAY NOON RECITALS:

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA  19010

The American Guild of Organists hosts weekly recitals as a gift to the public from the members of the Philadelphia Chapter. They are open to the public and are 30 minutes in length beginning at noon every Tuesday.

WANTED: To Go Containers

Please wash and save your DURABLE plastic take out containers for the Life Center. They will be repurposed to provide an extra dinner for those who are cold and hungry. Drop them off in the office or kitchen. Thanks so much.

Lisa Lexa
baldwin2020@gmail.com
Lenten Midweek Series:
Luther’s Small Catechism

2017 marks the international observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In honor of that anniversary, our Wednesday Lenten series is built around Luther’s Small Catechism. Luther wrote the Small Catechism in 1530, as a teaching tool of the faith. It covers the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the sacraments.

Each week of Lent, along with our guest preachers, we will look at a major section of the Small Catechism in turn. It will offer us a Lenten discipline of studying the basics of our faith and pondering God’s word together.

Our schedule will be:

**March 8:** The Ten Commandments
Guest Preacher:

**March 15:** The Creed
The Rev. Timothy Johansen, Temple Lutheran

**March 22:** The Lord’s Prayer
The Rev. Regina Goodrich, Mediator

**March 29:** Baptism
The Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson
April 5: Holy Communion
The Rev. Dr. James Pollard, Zion Baptist

We invite you to join us this Lent, as we study the Catechism together! There will be a soup and bread supper at 6:00, and the services will begin at 7:00. Sign-ups for soup and bread are on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Soup & Bread Suppers in Lent

Soup and bread suppers are being planned for Wednesdays during Lent. If you would like to bring soup for about 10 people, or a loaf of bread, on any of the following dates, please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten suppers will begin at 6 pm followed by worship at 7 pm.

March 8    March 15

March 22    March 29    April 5

If you are preparing soup, please provide a list of ingredients to assist those with allergies.
Stephen Ministry ....

It's Okay to Be Human . . .

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders Pastor Laura, Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444) or Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

To make an appointment, please contact Elisabeth Wagner at 610-209-9154 or elisabeth.arianna@gmail.com
Families with Young Children
Easter Celebration!

Saturday, April 8
9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Annual breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts & a picture with the Easter Bunny! Please bring 6 hard-boiled eggs to dye & decorate, and a basket for all your goodies!

Families, please bring the following:

A – G (bagels & cream cheese)  P – Z (fruit)
H – O (muffins)

Please register with the church office by Wednesday, April 5 (carisa@stpaulsardmore.org or 610-642-3211).

Family & friends welcome. Free-will offering.
The Augsburg Confession

The Augsburg Confession, written in the midst of the Reformation tumult, is the core statement of what Lutherans believe. It was produced in 1530, thirteen years after young professor Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg. A lot had happened in those thirteen years. Thanks to Luther’s creative exploration of the gospel and its implications, his colorful personality (opponents had other adjectives), and the availability of the printing press, his views on religious matters as well as the politics of the day had been widely distributed. In many parts of central Europe, people were responding favorably, to the consternation of the Church of Rome, which had been accustomed to being the single expression of the Christian church in that region.

In the sixteenth century there was no nation called Germany. Rather, the various duchies and electorates made up a key part of the Holy Roman Empire, a remnant of the European territory once governed by ancient Rome. For much of Reformation times, Charles V governed as Holy Roman Emperor. He had watched his empire become increasingly fractured by divisions among princes favorable to Luther and other reformers, and those who kept their loyalty to Rome and the pope. The emperor needed the princes to be unified, not least because a Turkish invasion of Europe had reached the gates of Vienna. And so, in January 1530, the emperor called for a diet, or general assembly, in the German city of Augsburg. He asked the German princes and imperial cities to explain their religious convictions.
And so, reforming theologians and the rulers who supported them headed for Augsburg—among them, Luther's colleague Philipp Melanchthon and his pastor, Johannes Bugenhagen. Luther himself could not accompany them because he had been named an outlaw at a previous diet. He had also been excommunicated by the pope. He was, however, consulted on the final text via mail.

Upon their arrival in Augsburg, Melanchthon, consulting with previous preliminary documents, composed the final text of the confession. The German princes who favored the Reformation viewpoint agreed to it and signed it. On June 25, 1530, the Augsburg Confession was read aloud in German before the emperor and presented in written form in both German and Latin.

The Augsburg Confession (sometimes called Augustana from its Latin title) is now found in a larger collection of Lutheran confessional writings called The Book of Concord. It contains twenty-eight parts, or articles. The first twenty-one of these stress points of agreement with the Roman Church of the time, though sometimes with crucial differences. In the last seven, the writers lay out what they see as abuses committed by the church.

The Augsburg Confession continues to guide the teachings of Lutheran churches to this day. Though a product of troubled times, it is filled with witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
An old tradition is being revived!! Come hang out with your fellow St. Paul’s Youth at Bear Creek. We will have fun adventures such as hiking, low ropes course, and games.

Where: Bear Creek Lutheran Camp, Wilkes-Barre, PA
We will be staying in the Retreat House, which has separate boy/girl facilities.

When: Friday, March 31 (leave St. Paul’s around 4 – 4:30 pm) – Sunday, April 2 (arrival time at St. Paul’s around 11 am)

Who: 3rd – 8th grade St. Paul’s youth
Approximately 5 - 6 chaperones will be on the trip, including Pastor Laura

Cost: $ 70 per youth camper
Includes camp fee, food, transportation and activities at the camp. Scholarships are available. Please see Pastor Laura.

RSVP: The Church office (610-642-3211) or contact Claudia Muller at cmmuller@comcast.net
Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 9**  
9:00 am and 10:45 am  
Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**  
7:00 pm  
Holy Communion

**Good Friday, April 14**  
7:00 pm  
Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Reading  
at Saint Paul’s

**Easter Sunday, April 16**  
9:00 and 10:45 am  
Holy Communion  
Reception between services
"I am about to do a new thing," says the Lord in Isaiah 43:19. The Worship and Music Committee is also doing a new thing. Instead of the talent show, our fundraiser for the Music Fund this year will be a cook-off, featuring dishes from all cooks in the congregation who wish to participate.

Date: Sunday, May 20  
Deadline to register as a cook: Sunday, March 19  

Categories of food:  
Appetizers  
Main dishes  
Salads and other sides  
Desserts

All volunteer cooks will be randomly assigned to one of the four categories!

Tickets will be sold and all who attend will get to sample some of everything (caveat: don’t eat dinner before you come!) and then vote on the best dish in each category.

The silent auction will be held as usual.

Mark your calendars and remember the advice of the teacher in Ecclesiastes 8:15, who said “…there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves…”
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Friday, March 31
Youth leave for Bear Creek

MARCH Birthdays

1 Mason D’Antonio
2 Katrina Riggs
3 Trinh Tran
4 Dorothy Linderman, David Miller, Tyler Stellwagen, Savina Tintera
5 Aurora Shaw
6 Lorraine Gricevics, Jeanne Nelson
7 Roberta Hoose
8 Donna Carstens
9 Elizabeth Lucas, Kelly Mazzanobile
10 Joanne Betz, Kai Isenberg, Christine Jerpbak
11 Abigail Lynch, Kimberly Schumacher
12 Tuygen Nguyen, Susan Osborne
13 Caroline Conybear
14 Katherine Bode
15 Christine Fritton
16 Mark Foust, Alexander Norquist
17 Sarah Gutman, Julia Manning
18 Shane Boston, Michael Burns, Sarah Curtin, David Wilson, Jr
19 Kerri DiGuiseppe, Erika Gibb, Thomas Stellwagen IV
20 Judi DellaBadia, Kate Schmeiss
21 Kristin Carroll, Colin McFillin
22 Colleen Kolb, Jason Kunsa
23 Andreas Gustafsson, Hanna Gustafsson, Alexa Schommer, James Stetler
24 Laura Balcer, Gail Feustel, Missy Perry, Abigail Venezia
25 Rebecca Cronin, Caleigh Foust, Luca Norquist, Bill Wagner
26 Kristin Copeland, Donald Reimer III
27 Richard Schmeiss
28 Abigail Frey
29 Lorie Foust, Ava Sack, Samuel Vettori, Irma Walters
30 Christine Cannon, Carolyn Stellwagen
31 Brendan Miller
April 2, 2017
4:00 pm

Duruflé Requiem
Mozart Vespers

Choirs from Ardmore Presbyterian Church, Overbrook Presbyterian Church and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church with Orchestra

At Ardmore Presbyterian Church
5 West Montgomery Ave, Ardmore
offering received
Easter Decorations & Music

I/We would like to share in decorating Saint Paul’s for Easter, as indicated below:

In loving memory of ______________________________________________________

In honor of ____________________________________________________________

Name(s) of donor(s): _____________________________________________________

_____ Potted Easter lilies @ $10.00 per plant = $__________enclosed

Contribution toward decorations = $__________enclosed

Total = $__________enclosed

I/We would like to sponsor a musician for the Easter services:

In loving memory of _____________________________________________________

In honor of ____________________________________________________________

Name(s) of donor(s): _____________________________________________________

_____ Brass instrumentalist(s) @ $250.00 = $__________enclosed

Entire brass ensemble @ $1000.00 = $__________enclosed

Donation in any amount = $__________enclosed

Any funds received in excess of the actual cost of the brass ensemble will be used to support the music program at Saint Paul’s. Names of all contributors will appear in the Easter bulletin.

The church office must receive your completed form and check payable to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church no later than Friday, April 7, in order to include your information in the bulletin.