

The Chimes

September 2017



Saint Paul's Summer Worship Schedule

(Through Rally Day, Sept. 10)

Sunday

9:30 Holy Communion

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Fall Schedule Resumes

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am Holy Communion

First Sunday of the month: Family Worship
(Service designed with children in mind)

Remaining Sundays: service concurrent with Sunday school

10:30 am: Holy Communion

Traditional liturgy

*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, September 26
Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, September 19.

Pastor's Letter



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” We recently read these words from Paul’s letter to the Romans in church. It is one of my favorite metaphors for the church: the body of Christ. We all serve our own function as members of the body, but we are needed and important to make the whole body work.

We see this in our own lives as a community of faith. It takes many people, with different gifts, serving various roles for our church to function as the body of Christ ought. Altar guild, flower delivery, worship assistants, singers, ushers, acolytes, coffee makers—all go into our Sunday morning gatherings.

But the church is not just Sunday morning. We also have teachers and learners, caregivers, advocates, gardeners and food preppers. As fall begins, many of our ministries that may have been in hibernation for the summer kick into full gear. I encourage you to consider getting involved in one of our many service opportunities through Social Ministry like the garden, serving at the Life Center or Food Pantry, or packaging some meals for Aid for Friends. Or think about joining us for a learning or fellowship time, like Women’s Christian Fellowship, We All Have Questions, or Pub Theology.

While it takes many different energies, interests, and talents for the whole church to function, sometimes it’s the most fun to use the whole body in one activity. This Rally Day, September 10th, we will be having a churchwide service project. Following the 9:30 service, we will package 10,000 meals to help fight hunger around the globe. There is something for everyone to do to help: measuring ingredients, sealing bags, packing boxes. All ages are welcome! Afterwards, we will share our annual church picnic together.

Your gifts, talents, and inspirations are a unique and important part of you. By sharing them with others, you make the body of Christ more complete. It is my hope that we can all find ways to express our gifts at St. Paul’s, and in the other areas of our life, that together we will better appreciate the fullness of God’s creation.

In Christ,



Pastor Laura

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially Mark Allen (son of Carol Henry); Shane Boston, Army ROTC (son of Kim Boston); 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’); Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Robin Billings (friend of Missy Perry); Nancy Blum (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jim & Susan Butt (friend of Mark Muller); Amy Carafa (daughter of Judi DellaBadia); Charlotte Conybear; Candida Davis (friend of Missy Perry); Sara Dimitri, Daniel Dry, Sr. (father of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Charlotta Fisher (friend of Linda Burns); Bob Geyer (brother of Barb Keyser); Dante Grasso (godson of Lisa Tintera); Derek Huey (cousin of Lisa Tintera); Barbara Johnson (wife of Jack Johnson); Christin Jones (grandmother of Shafiq Hicks); Johanna Karén (granddaughter of Dorothy Linderman); Stark Lash, Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); Gregg Martin (brother of Linda Martin); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Helen Moschella (mother of Lisa Tintera); Eric Muller (brother of Mark Muller); Holly Notaro (friend of Missy Perry); Bob Perry, Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Fred Risati (uncle of Pat Freestone); Claire Robinson, Norma Sands (sister of Bonnie Legreid); Alicia Sterling (friend of Missy Perry); Delores Stevenson (mother of Debbie Moran); Diane Wille Wenckebach (daughter of June Wille); Mary Ann Whalen (friend of Missy Perry); June Wille, Jan Williams (friend of Liz Cassidy); George Zucker (husband of Judi Zucker); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Maya (friend of Debbie Keyser) and Paige (friend of Missy Perry).

Baptism

Roman Zane Ciarllo, son of Laura Bickert Ciarllo and Alessandro Ciarllo, was baptized on August 13, 2017.

Paige Christine Simmons, daughter of Kristen and David Simmons, was baptized on August 27, 2017.

Change of Address

Bill & Barbara Henderson
1231 Denbigh Lane
Wayne, PA 19087-4646

Birth

Congratulations to Emily and Rob Hampson on the birth of their son **Alexander Simon** on August 27. Alexander joins his sister, Caroline. We rejoice with Emily and Rob and pray for God's blessings on their family.

Merbreier Bequest

Known to many in the Philadelphia region as Captain and Mrs. Noah, Patricia and Carter Merbreier were also known to those of us at St. Paul's as actively engaged members of the St. Paul's community, who graciously shared their time and talents. We are pleased to share news that their generosity has been extended by a wonderful gift to the church. St. Paul's has received a bequest of \$20,000 from the Merbreiers' estate, \$15,000 of which has been deposited in the Endowment Fund and \$5,000 of which has been applied to current operations. Pat and Carter's thoughtfulness and commitment to St. Paul's and its ministries will have an impact for years to come.

Stewardship and Finance Committees

Rally Day Reminders

Sunday, September 10

During the service on September 10 (**one service only, 9:30 am**) we will send children back to school with a blessing! Bring your backpacks to church on September 10 for the blessing of children and backpacks. Adults may bring their backpack or briefcase for a blessing as well!

We will also install our Sunday school teachers on the 10th with a special blessing.

Following Worship:

God's Work. Our Hands Day of Service

Everyone will participate in a service project for Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now). Packaging 10,000 non-perishable meals in Fellowship Hall.



Remember to wear your yellow GWOH shirts!

Following the Service Project:

Join us on the lawn for our annual picnic.

Rally Day Picnic

Hot dogs and burgers will be on the grill. Sign-up to bring your favorite appetizers, side dishes, veggies or dessert at



www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0448ADAC23A2FE3-2017
Or contact Stephenie Yeung (syeung850@gmail.com)

Volunteers for prep and clean-up are welcomed.
Grill masters are also needed!



Fall Picnic & Moonbounce!

First event of the season for Families with Young Children

Sunday, September 24
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Hot dogs, chicken nuggets & Pasta will be served

Families please bring the following:

A – M Desserts

N – Z Fruit/veggies

Please RSVP with the church office by Friday, Sept. 22

(610-642-3211 or carisa@stpaulsardmore.org).

Family & friends are welcome.

Free-will offering

Join Us in Sunday School

Children and youth, age 4 through 8th grades, are invited to attend Sunday School at 9 am **beginning Sunday, September 17.**

Bring your children, age 4 – 6th grade to the Fellowship Hall where we gather together at the beginning of each Sunday school session to pray and sing before going to classes. 7th – 8th graders meet in the Kugler Room. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning about God's love for us through Bible study, games, crafts and more.



We will continue the First Sunday celebrations (the first Sunday of each month) with family worship at 9:00, in a service designed with children in mind.

Sunday school Superintendents:

Melissa Krissinger (610-649-9993) melissakrissinger@gmail.com

Mary Lynn Kennedy (610-566-0213) mlmk.home@gmail.com

Opportunities for Musicians at St. Paul's

The word “liturgy” comes to us from the Greek *leiturgia*, which means “one who performs a public ceremony or service, or a public servant.” As singers, musicians and worshipers we are all liturgists, offering a sacrifice of praise to our living God through our liturgy.

Just as all in the Lutheran tradition (which, by the way, celebrates its 500th anniversary this year) are liturgists, we all are also invited to be leaders. Some do this as communion assistants, altar guild members, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Others are called to be the modern Levites, leading the congregation song. If you are one of the latter, please consider the following possibilities.

Adult Choir: the adult choir sings about 40 services a year, every week from September through June, as well as special services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and concerts. They are led by four section leaders, Jessica Lennick, Renée Schulz, Shafiq Hicks, and Jason Gagliardi. The adult choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm, and the choir sings mostly in the 10:30 service. **Rehearsals begin 9/7.**

Youth Choir: the Youth choir is made up of 6th through 12th graders. They sing about once a month, and their rehearsals are Sunday nights, 7:00-8:00 pm, about two rehearsals per month. The Youth choir also sings at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve and the 9:00 am service on Palm Sunday, with the Children's Choir. **Rehearsals begin 9/10.**

Children's Choir: this group has first through fifth graders [an occasional sixth grader too]. The children's choir practices every Thursday, September through May, except holidays, from 6:30 through 7:30 pm. They also sing at special times, such as the services with the Youth Choir above, and Lessons and Carols. **Rehearsals begin 9/14.**

Handbell Choir: the Handbell Choir is led by Gordon Downing, and practices on Sundays after the late service [11:30 am-12:30 pm]. They have the use of 3-1/2 octaves of Schulmerich Handbells, and three octaves of Malmark Choirchimes. The handbell choir plays about once a month.

Instrumentalists: if you play an instrument, please tell me! We would love to use your talents in worship.

No prior experience is necessary to join a choir, just commitment and love of singing/playing. Contact me at andyheller@stpaulsardmore.org for more information.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Andy Heller

New Members Class

A new members class and luncheon will be held on **Sunday, October 1**, immediately following the 10:30 am service.

New members will be received on Sunday, October 15. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office (carisa@stpaulsardmore.org, 610-642-3211).

*You're
Invited*

St. Paul's Cottage Dinners

Come for fellowship, food and conversation about the vision
for St. Paul's.

Choose which dates (s) work for you and you will be assigned to
a host.

September 15, 6:00 pm
September 16, 6:00 pm
September 17, after the 10:30 am service
September 22, 6:00 pm
September 23, 6:00 pm
September 29, 6:00 pm

**RSVP to Carisa at 610-642-3211 or
carisa@stpaulsardmore.org
by Friday, September 8**

Your host will be in touch with you about the dinner and directions to
their home.

A great time was had by all last year! This is an opportunity to get to
know each other and talk about the future of our church.

Hope to see you at one of the dinners!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Friday, September 1	Office closed
Saturday, September 2	
9:30 am	We All Have Questions/Kugler Room
Sunday, September 3	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Monday, September 4	Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5	
8:30 am	Community Bible Study Leaders/Meeting Room
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
Thursday, September 7	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
6:30 pm	Social Ministry Meeting/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
Sunday, September 10	Rally Day
9:30 am	Holy Communion w/ blessing of children & backpacks, installation of Sunday school teachers
10:45 am	GWOH Day of Service for Rise Against Hunger/ Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Rally Day Picnic
Monday, September 11	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Greater Phila. Paper Pholders/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Impact 100 Meeting/Kugler Room
Tuesday, September 12	
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting/Meeting Room
Wednesday, September 13	
7:15 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, September 14	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
Saturday, September 16	
9:30 am	We All Have Questions/Kugler Room
1:00 pm	AGO Organ Class/Sanctuary
Sunday, September 17	Cooking for the hungry
9:00 am	Sunday school
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion

6:00 pm	Confirmation Class/Kugler Room
Monday, September 18	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
Tuesday, September 19	
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
Thursday, September 21	
1:00 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
Sunday, September 24	
9:00 am	Sunday school
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
11:45 am	Stewardship Luncheon/Kugler Room
4:00 pm	FwYC Fall Picnic & Moonbounce
6:00 pm	Confirmation Class/Kugler Room
Monday, September 25	
10:00 am	Ikebana/Meeting Room
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	Pub Theology/Iron Hill Brewery
Tuesday, September 26	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study Leaders/Meeting Room
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
Thursday, September 28	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
1:00 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

SEPTEMBER *Birthdays*

- 1 Susan Groff, Kevin Maurer, Annabelle McColgan, Peter Pavlenco, June Wille
- 2 Claudia Muller, Lillian Soung
- 4 Albert Lucas, Merri Lee Newby
- 5 Charles Bode, Jr., Ainsley Crowell, Kami Wendelken
- 7 Pauline Johnsen, Donald Parman
- 8 Mark Allen, John Kennedy
- 9 Elaine Hardenbergh, Eliza Joyce, Frederick Zimmer, Jr.
- 11 Kelsey Stanton
- 12 Nathaniel Barron, David Simmons
- 13 Patrick Cassidy, Paul Denman, Max Muller
- 14 Jane Knappe, Elizabeth Lieb, Debbie Moran, Elizabeth Williams
- 15 Damien D'Antonio, David Lynch, Jakob Scheidly
- 16 Nancy Groff
- 18 Marcus Gustafsson, Patricia Miles
- 19 Matthew McGeever, Allison Memmel
- 20 Bradford Badovick, Manfred Bierschwale, Betsy Buchanan, Kevin Copeland
- 21 Luke Boston, Amy Lukasiewicz, Steve Schmidt
- 22 Terri Maciolek
- 23 Lily Memmel
- 24 Kim Curtin, Mark Pierce
- 25 Sean Dewey, Lucy DiGuiseppe, Carolyn Joseph, Kristen McGuire
- 26 Christopher Black, Sr., Ellie Marshall
- 27 Rick Vanstone
- 28 Mark Johnson
- 29 Kristen Simmons
- 30 Bill Henderson, Jr

Stewardship Luncheon

On Sunday, September 24 a Stewardship Luncheon will be held in the Kugler Room beginning at 11:45 am.

Hosted by Pastor Laura Tancredi, Carol Hammarberg and Bill Henderson; Stewardship Committee Co-chairs

Topics will include:

Estate planning & Living Wills
(William Frey, ESQ)

Living in retirement & beyond
(Michael Ghelardi, Financial Strategist, Thrivent Financial)

Funeral Planning
(Rodger McKinney; Funeral Director of Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home)

Burial information
(Louise Pierce, Chair St. Paul's Cemetery Committee)

Lunch will be provided by Thrivent Financial.
Friends and family welcome.

RSVP by Monday, September 18th to the church office
carisa@stpaulsardmore.org or 610-642-3211

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Lutherans around the World

Wittenberg was a small provincial town on the edge of the empire when professor and pastor Martin Luther lit an evangelical spark that illuminated God's grace and prompted reform in the Western church. Over the next five hundred years the good news spread far beyond Saxony and Europe. Today the family of Lutheran churches includes both the Lutheran World Federation (with 72 million congregants in 145 church bodies in ninety-eight nations) and the International Lutheran Council (with thirty-five member bodies in over thirty nations).

People, printing, and politics—all played a part in this process. Students from across Europe and Scandinavia, such as the Swedish brothers Olaus and Laurentius Petri, were drawn to Wittenberg. They participated in lively theological debates and were influenced by

Luther and his colleagues. Returning home, these students carried new gospel insight and the movement for reform. They also carried books and soon were producing more, including translations of the Bible and Luther's works into their own languages. Lutheran ideas and practices were established and endured where those gained support from powerful persons, such as Christian III. Having witnessed Luther's defense at the Diet of Worms, he introduced Lutheran reforms in his duchy in the 1520s and then into the whole of his realm when he became king of Denmark.

Lutheranism was also spread by migration as Lutherans joined in the global movements of commerce and colonization that followed the so-called age



Immigrants arrive at Ellis Island

from pre-Revolutionary time into the early twentieth century. Nonetheless, Lutheran migrants packed their Bibles, catechisms, and hymnbooks in their trunks. Upon arrival, they formed congregations, established institutions of mercy and education, and organized synods. Among the oldest congregations in the Western hemisphere is Frederick Lutheran in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Other Lutherans migrated to Australia, Brazil, Argentina, and southern Africa. In each place they adapted to unfamiliar customs, a new language, and being a minority denomination without government support.

Other Lutheran churches have their origin in missionary work begun in the early eighteenth century. Pietists' concern for holistic, personal faith generated both inner mission work close to home and the impulse to carry the

gospel to people who had not heard it. First in south India, then around the world, the Bible and the catechism, translation and schools, were among missionaries' primary evangelical tools. As the churches have matured, local Lutherans take responsibility to articulate the gospel and address their own social concerns. In the twenty-first century, these growing Lutheran churches are providing leadership to and enriching the global communion.



Worship in Johannesburg, South Africa

L. DeAne Lagerquist

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Stephen Ministry

10 Years Ago, Hazel Pelletreau and Beth McElvenney spent a week of their summer vacation in Pittsburgh learning how to bring Christian Caring to people going through hard times and how to become a Stephen Minister.



What a blessing this ministry has been to so many in our congregation and community.

As the logo suggests, a care receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness is through the cross of Jesus. In this way, it illustrates "Christ caring for people through people," which is the Stephen Ministry motto.

If you or someone you know is experiencing loss (empty nest, grief, job) or facing an issue that is hard to talk about (illness, addiction, family relationships) maybe having a Stephen Minister, a confidential listening ear might help.

We are here to walk with you. For more information, contact the church office, Pastor Laura, Hazel Pelletreau or Beth McElvenney. You are not alone. You are Loved!

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