

The Chimes

January/February 2019



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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Mark your calendars –

Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2019

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 & luncheon that follows.

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

Pastor's Letter



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A blessed and happy New Year to you! Perhaps, like me and Tim, you did some traveling over the holidays, or hosted family and friends in your home. (We managed to do both.) Being both a guest and a host got me thinking about hospitality. How do we offer it? How do we receive it?

I try to do everything I can to make guests feel welcome—the basics like clean sheets and fresh towels, but also extra toiletries, a candle burning in their room, the Wi-Fi password upon arrival, stocking up on food and drinks I know they like. These are the things that are meaningful to me when I'm a guest.

I know that when I'm staying in someone else's home, I often feel out of place. Not unwelcome, but perhaps a little unsure. I don't know which cabinet to open to find the coffee cups. I'm not sure if I'm hanging up my towel in an inconvenient spot or sitting in someone's special spot on the couch. It honestly never matters to my hosts if I do these things wrong, but I'm always worried.

It made me wonder about the hospitality we offer as a church. How are we welcoming guests into our congregational home? What are the little things that we do (or could do) to make people feel at home?

Wearing our nametags, which makes it easier for guests and longtime members alike! Taking time to share the peace with someone you don't know, or don't recognize. Making sure guests are included in the passing of the peace and in communion. Speaking to and including new and different people at coffee hour.

A lot of these things we're already doing, which is great! But when I think of myself opening five cupboards to find a cup, I wonder what things we're overlooking or taking for granted. Is worship accessible? Is our signage clear and easily noticed? Do parents know where to find the nursery, or the right classroom for their child?

In the new year, I always like to consider a few "intentions" for myself, both personally and professionally. ("Resolution" seems so intimidating to me, I like the language of "intention," better.) This year, one of my intentions will be to focus on hospitality at St. Paul's, and I invite you to join me!

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2). Who knows what gifts and blessings we will receive in sharing a welcome with others!

In Christ,

Laura J. J. J.

Pastor Laura

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially Shane Boston, Army ROTC, Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins) and Justin Kolb (son of Melanie Kolb, grandson of Bill & Pat Miles).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Horst Bierschwale (uncle of Claudia Muller); Robin Billings (friend of Missy Perry); Charlotte Conybear; Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Sara Dimitri, Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Barbara Flom (daughter of Eleanore Flom); Christina Garcia (family of the Miller's); Nan Gustafson (sister of Barbara Keyser); Christina Helms (daughter in law of Hazel Pelletreau); Johanna Karén (granddaughter of Dorothy Linderman); Peggy Keyser (sister-in-law of Tom and Barb Keyser); Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); Teddy & John Markloff (friends of Penny Perry); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWurf); Barbara Meindl (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Sherry Moman (friend of the Miller's); Helen Moschella (mother of Lisa Tintera); Eric Muller (brother of Mark Muller); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Bob Perry, Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Claire Robinson (wife of Ted Robinson); Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Norma Sands (sister of Bonnie Legreid); Greg Sciubba (neighbor of Hazel Pelletreau); Alicia Sterling (friend of Missy Perry); Delores Stevenson (mother of Debbie Moran); Luke Todaro (friend of Beth McElvenney); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Wendy Wood (friend of Beth McElvenney); June Wille, Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); George Zucker (husband of Judi Zucker); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Steve (friend of Barbara Parman).

Baptism

Fiamma Athena Bacik, daughter of Meredith Brisco-Bacik and Bradley Bacik was baptized on December 16, 2018.

St. Paul's picture directories have arrived! Pick up your copy (one per family) in the narthex. If you would like a directory mailed to you, please contact the church office (610-642-3211 or carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)

LifeTouch

Ingathering 2018

Thank you to all members of St. Paul's who contributed to the 2018 Christmas Ingathering benefitting the KenCrest Rev. Harvey Davis Family Fund.

We reached our goal with well over 100 educational gifts including \$700.00 in gift cards. Christmas morning will be much more joyful with all your gifts!

And a special thank you to Linda and Kelsey Stanton for initiating the Christmas Ingathering at St. Paul's many years ago.



Winter Rally Day Recap

Winter Rally Day 2019– we deep cleaned the kitchen, took down Christmas decorations, made 30 bedside kits for CHOP, and made 13 fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief!
Thanks for all your hard work!





Attention Committee Chairpersons

Annual reports on all activities for the year 2018 are due by Friday, January 18. Please note that reports are expected from all committees, subcommittees and groups.

Phanatics: A Sermon Series

January 13

Trust the Process



January 20

We're All We Have,
We're All We Need



January 27

Gritty



February 3

High Hopes



St. Paul's Women's Dinner

When: **Wed, January 23 at 6:00 pm**

Where: **Tip O'Leary's,**

300 West Chester Pike Havertown, PA (next to Kohl's)

We'll be on the back porch

website: <http://www.tipolearyshavertown.com/>

Start 2019 off right, with the wonderful women of St. Paul's!
We'll be ordering off the menu, everyone will pay their portion, *plus 25% for tip and tax.*



Please RSVP to the church office or Beth McElvenney, so we can give them an idea how many will be coming.

Feel free to invite to your friends.

Who couldn't use an evening out with some wonderful women?



St. Paul's Women's Retreat

Friday-Saturday, March 15-16, 2019

Location: Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA

Leader: Rev. Lydia Posselt

Pastor, Family of God Lutheran Church, Buckingham, PA

Topic: "Her-Stories"

How do our stories fit into God's story? Together, we will explore how we tell stories to make and find meaning in our lives, along with how women's lives have been told in the Bible. Using a little creativity, we discover a little bit more about these faithful women by re-imagining their narratives. Then we will try out how to tell and imagine our own stories a new way, to reveal how God has been at work in our lives as well.

Schedule: The retreat runs from 6pm on Friday through Saturday at 3pm.

Cost: \$80 (scholarships available) Please note that the registration fee includes overnight accommodations, breakfast, lunch, meeting space rental and the retreat leader's expenses and honorarium.

More details to be announced.

Please contact Diane Pringle (dianepringle101@gmail.com) if you need more information or have any questions.

Bear Creek Trip

March 22-24

The E-SPY Bear Creek trip is scheduled for **March 22 - 24**.

E-SPY is elementary St. Paul's Youth, 3rd – 8th grade.

St. Paul's youth are invited to a fun filled 2 days of camp that include games, team building exercises, sledding (weather permitting) and s'mores by the fireplace.

Contact the church office or Claudia Muller for more information.



January Birthdays



- 1 Aiden Gale, Morgan Gale, Michael Ruehr, Virginia Vitty
- 4 Sarah Krissing
- 5 Virginia Mace
- 6 Kari Draper
- 7 Alexa Foust, Giang Nguyen, Nancy Snyder
- 8 Olivia Osborne
- 9 Beth McElvenney
- 10 Eugene Bright, Jr., Andy Horn
- 11 David Harkins, Frank Roth
- 12 Zoe Bozman, John Mullin III
- 15 Luke Curtis, Kendall Henderson, Louise Pierce, Molly Trombello
- 18 Chris Geiger, John Nagle, Jim Van Horn
- 19 Russ Carstens, Jason Sack
- 20 John Martin, Isabel Montgomery, Grady Walters, Anthony Wilkerson, Jr.
- 22 Melanie DeWarf, Eleanor Jacobsen, Christina Wagner
- 23 Barbara Orwig, Grady Walters, Jr.
- 24 Timothy Lyons
- 28 Denette Stetler
- 29 Paige Badovick, Ben Brophy
- 30 Vernon Newhouse
- 31 Charlotte McColgan

Gifts of Flowers for the Altar

Consider becoming a weekly sponsor of altar flowers for Sunday morning worship. The cost of the flowers is \$35 per week. 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).

February Birthdays



- 1 Ben Barron, James Conybear, Jim Scherzer
- 2 Dan Dry
- 3 Debbie Keyser, Connor Perry, Genette Wendelken
- 4 Andrea Dormans-Halloran, Noah Isenberg
- 5 Thomas Freestone
- 6 Colleen Schramm
- 7 Rolf Johnson
- 8 Susan Janasik, David Williams
- 9 Laura Bickert Ciarllo
- 10 Charlotte Conybear, Sean Hopkins
- 11 Dottie Buchanan
- 12 Tyler Kunza, Lisa Nagle
- 13 Eleanor Nagle, Hannah Nagle
- 14 Grant Gale, Ellie Krissinger
- 15 Jennifer Curtis, George Koerner
- 16 Anders Lauersen, Sarah Scherzer, Lee Berry, Adam Trombello
- 17 Lillian Aleardi, Colin Marshall, Arianna Martino, Devany Penne
- 18 John Byrne, John Denman, Sharon Robinson
- 20 Sara Dimitri, Bonnie Legreid, Paul Trombello
- 21 Elizabeth Lash
- 22 Nanette Dormans
- 23 Paul Schimpff
- 24 Joanne Cooper
- 26 Melissa Gale
- 27 Michele Allman, Sarah DeLar, Charlotte Memmel, Rebecca Memmel
- 28 Ronan Badovick, Lauren Baxter, Kristen June, Derek Lauffer, Ariel Shaw



Sunday Counters

An essential volunteer activity at St. Paul's is counting the donations each Sunday. Although most of us may not be aware of this effort, it really is important.

Currently there are 10 teams (with a Captain to guide things) and each team is working approximately 5 Sundays a year.

The Counters meet in the Finance Room (on the second floor next to the Library) immediately after the conclusion of the second service. They organize and count the offerings, document the funds, and prepare the proceeds to be deposited in our bank.

The entire process takes about 30 minutes.

What do Counters get from this? They are helping with an essential, although not high-profile function at St. Paul's. You get to meet and work with other members in a regular rotation.

If you would like to serve in this function, please contact David Wilson either at Church or via e-mail: dlwjr67@verizon.net.

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Time Dated Material