

# *The Chimes*

*March 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*

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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# Ash Wednesday March 6



*Holy Communion & Imposition  
of Ashes  
12:00 noon & 7:00 pm*

*Please join us.*

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

# Pastor's Letter



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Wednesday, March 6 marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a period of forty days of dedicated preparation that we might come to Holy Week and Easter prepared to enter once again into the story of Christ's death and resurrection.

For forty days, we mark the season of Lent. For forty days it rained on the ark; Moses fasted on Mount Sinai; the spies scouted out Canaan; Israel's armies were taunted by Goliath; Elijah walked on the strength of the angel's food to the mountain of God; the inhabitants of Nineveh repented; Jesus wandered in the wilderness; and Jesus appeared after the resurrection. Forty is always the space between, the journey to God, the time it takes for us to see that God is already with us.

Lent is a time of dedication and of renewal, of giving up and of gaining, of giving away and receiving. There are three classic Lenten disciplines: giving of alms to the poor, praying, and fasting. These are behaviors we may choose to adopt—not necessary commandments—that help remind us of the renewal of life that our baptisms call forth.

This Lent, our Wednesday evening services will feature readings of and reflections on Jesus' parables. Jesus used his parables to teach, but also to invite curiosity, surprise his listeners, and shift perceptions. Parables are, on face value, stories. But they're also so much more than that. Parables resist easy answers. Often, Jesus is asked a question, for example, "Who is my neighbor?", and rather than giving an answer, he tells a story. (In this case, the parable of the Good Samaritan.) Rather than being told what to think, we are invited into the story, to see and hear and learn for ourselves.

I hope you'll be able to join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 to hear our preachers' takes on a few of the parables. We're welcoming back old friends Rev. Regina Goodrich, Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson, and Rev. Dr. James Pollard to preach. And we have two newcomers, Rev. David Smith, from Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Tim Ness (who we know, but hasn't been with us to preach for a while). There are soup suppers before each service starting at 6:00.

You'll also have the opportunity to grab "Lent in a Bag" starting March 3. These are simple devotions that you can do on your own or as a family to help experience God's word in this season. The bags contain an object, Bible passage, and discussion questions for each of the five weeks of Lent and Holy Week, and they're good for all ages.

Whatever practices you engage in this Lent, know that God is with you. It is my prayer for this Lent that we may be drawn together, drawn closer to each other and God. May this season be one of baptismal renewal for you: finding our center in the death and resurrection of Christ.

In Christ,

*Laura J. J. J.*

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## 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); Erika Bierschwale, Robin Billings (friend of Missy Perry); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Sara Dimitri, Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Barbara Flom (daughter of Eleanore Flom); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); 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); Tom Keyser, John Krauss (friend of Bob Burns); Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); Teddy & John Markloff (friends of Penny Perry); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Barbara Meindl (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); 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); Luke Todaro (friend of Beth McElvenney); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Wendy Wood (friend of Beth McElvenney); June Wille, Margaret Yalenty (mother of Linda Stanton); 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

**Kaitlyn Pierce Cox**, daughter of Jackie and Adrian Cox, was baptized on January 13<sup>th</sup>.



### Deaths

Robert McNab died on February 12.

We pray for Robert's family and thank God for his life and the promise of the Resurrection.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 4

1:00 – 6:00 pm

Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



**American  
Red Cross**

## New Members Class & Luncheon

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



**New members will be received**

**on Sunday, March 17.** If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office ([carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org), 610-642-3211).

## Midweek Lenten Series



6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship

Our preaching schedule will be:

March 13: The Rev. Regina Goodrich, Mediator

March 20: The Rev. Tim Ness, St. Mark, Clifton Heights

March 27: The Rev. David Smith, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

April 3: The Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson, St. Timothy's, Aston

April 10: The Rev. Dr. Pollard, Zion Baptist

## *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 13      March 20  
March 27      April 3      April 10**

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

## **Change in Altar Flower Delivery**



The Worship and Music Committee has decided to change the procedure for flower delivery. Instead of members being assigned to deliver flowers after worship, the donor(s) of the flowers can take the flowers after the final service and decide where they should go—for example, on the grave of a loved one, to a family member or friend in the hospital, or in the donor's home. If the donor is not at worship or does not wish to take the flowers, Pastor Laura may take them with her on a visit the following week.

# **St. Paul's Women's Retreat**

Friday-Saturday, March 15-16

6 pm Friday -3 pm Saturday  
Franciscan Spiritual Center  
Aston, PA

**Register by:** Sunday, March 3  
**Payments due:** Sunday, March 10

**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 in new ways, to reveal how God has been at work in our lives as well.

**Cost:** \$80, includes meeting space rental, overnight accommodations, breakfast and lunch, the leader's honorarium, accommodations, and meals. (Please ask if you need financial assistance)

\$50, Saturday only registration. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran and left on Carisa's desk.



Please contact Diane Pringle ([dianepringle101@gmail.com](mailto:dianepringle101@gmail.com)) or Carisa Cantor ([carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)) if you have a financial hardship or have any questions.

**SCHEDULE:**

Friday:

6-6:45 pm   Arrival and check-in  
7-9           Opening worship and program introduction  
9- til         Fellowship

Saturday:

8:30-9:30   Breakfast/group photo  
9-12         Morning prayer and retreat program  
12-1         Lunch  
1-2:30       Retreat program  
2:30-3       Closing Worship with Holy Communion  
3pm          Departure

Directions will be sent the week of the retreat.

**Please join us!**

Mark your calendars...

## St. Paul's Women's Dinner

When: **Tues., March 19, at 6:00 pm**

**Wed., May 15, at 6:00 pm** (\$15 bottles of wine on Wed nights)

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/>

We had 21 wonderful women at our last dinner. We'd love to have you join us. 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.*



# **Families with Young Children**

South Ardmore Park Outing

Sunday, March 17

10:30 am



**RSVP to the church office**

**Families with last names:**

A-J bring snacks, K-Z juice or water

*A decision to hold the event will be made closer to the date depending on the weather forecast.*

## **2019 Congregation Council**

Cemetery	Carol Anderson
Christian Ed.	Helene Roth
Evangelism	Stephenie Yeung
Finance	Jason Baxter
Financial Secretary	David Wilson
Property	Stu Krissing
Social Ministry	Emily Hampson
Staff Personnel	Carolyn Ashburn
Stewardship	Bill Wagner
Technology	Chris Geiger
Worship & Music	Belle Miller

### **Executive Committee**

President	Helene Roth
Vice President	Stephenie Yeung
Treasurer	David Simmons
Secretary	Chris Geiger

# March Birthdays



- 1 Mason D'Antonio
- 3 Trinh Tran
- 4 Dorothy Linderman, David Miller, Tyler Stellwagen, Savina Tintera
- 5 Aurora Shaw
- 6 Lorraine Gricevics
- 7 Roberta Hoose
- 8 Donna Carstens
- 9 Kelly Mazzanobile
- 10 Jody Betz, Kai Isenberg, Christine Jerpbak
- 11 Mara Gutman, Abigail Lynch, Kimberly Schumacher
- 12 Tuyen Nguyen, Susan Osborne
- 13 Caroline Conybear
- 14 Katherine Bode
- 15 Chris Fritton
- 16 Mark Foust, Alex Norquist
- 17 Sarah Gutman, Julia Manning
- 18 Shane Boston, Michael Burns, Sarah Curtin, David Wilson, Jr.
- 19 Kerri DiGiuseppe, Erika Gibb, Thomas Stellwagen, IV
- 20 Judi DellaBadia, Sally Foster-Chang, Kate Schmeiss
- 21 James Dean
- 22 Colleen Kolb, Jason Kunsu
- 23 Andreas Gustafsson, Hanna Gustafsson, Alexa Schommer, Jim Stetler
- 24 Laura Balcer, Gail Feustel, Missy Perry, Abigail Venezia
- 25 Rebecca Cronin, Caleigh Foust, Luca Norquist, Bill Wagner
- 26 Kirstin Copeland
- 27 Richard Schmeiss
- 28 Abigail Frey
- 29 Lorie Foust, Ava Sack, Samuel Vettori, Irma Walters
- 30 Chris Cannon, Carolyn Stellwagen
- 31 Brendan Miller

If your name is missing from the birthday list, please call  
the church office 610-642-3211 or email

[carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)

## Help keep our records current

Have you changed your email address? Moved? Have a new telephone number? Please share updates with the church office by calling 610-642-3211 or email [carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)

### *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).

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## Attention Parents of Second Graders

**First Holy Communion class will be held on Sunday, April 14 from 12:00 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, May 5 at the 10:30 am service. Parents of second graders will receive additional information in the coming weeks. Please contact the church office if you have any questions (610-642-3211).

# 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 @ \$12.50 per plant	= \$ _____ enclosed
Contribution toward decorations	= \$ _____ enclosed
<b>Total</b>	= \$ _____ 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 12**, in order to include your information in the bulletin.

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Change Service Requested  
Time Dated Material