

The Chimes

October 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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The Rev. Laura M. Tancredi, Pastor
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Pastor Laura's blog: pastortancredi.wordpress.com*



The Stewardship Team would like to remind you that the October Cottage dinners are coming! An invitation was sent via email and includes a link for a survey response to

let us know which dinner you can attend. The link is included here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPMP8V7>

Here are the Cottage dinner/lunch dates:

- Sat. Oct. 12, 6:00 pm
- Sun. Oct. 13 (after church)
- Fri. Oct. 18, 6:00 pm
- Sat. Oct. 19, 6:00 pm
- Sun. Oct. 20 (after church)
- Sat. Oct. 26, 6:00 pm

You will be contacted by your host at least 1 week before your dinner.

Please respond by October 3.

If you don't have email access, you can also RSVP by calling the church office 610-642-3211.

If you have come to a previous dinner, we encourage you to come again!

**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, October 29. Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, October 22.

Pastor's Letter



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, October 6, Christians around the world will celebrate “World Communion Sunday.” This a day that began in 1933, with one Presbyterian church in New Jersey and has grown into a worldwide movement, celebrated on the first Sunday of October. At St. Paul’s, we celebrate communion every Sunday, so worship might not even feel any different. But churches that don’t have weekly communion try to have it on this day, so that the entire body of Christ, across the globe and across denominations, might celebrate communion together.

It’s a great day to think about our links to one another. Faith is not an individual enterprise. Being a Christian means being part of something bigger than yourself—being part of a community. Every time we celebrate communion, it is honestly world communion Sunday. During the communion preface each week, I say the words: “And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

With the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven is a poetic way of saying that in this holy meal we are joined to all people of faith, living and dead. We are united at God’s table with those near and far, with loved ones who are no longer with us, and with countless saints whose names are known only to God. It truly is a foretaste of the day when all peoples shall feast with God on the holy mountain, together.

We are not in this alone. We live in such an individualistic society, sometimes this is hard to remember. We want to respect each other’s privacy and not be nosy, but that means that we sometimes miss seeing how we can support each other. We are part of a great communion, and our own congregation makes up a small piece of that. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, we are called to “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” The community of the church is here to support and uphold one another through difficult times and to celebrate with one another in good times.

I give thanks to God for this community of faith. I am thankful for the many ways that we take care of each other, and I am thankful that God continues to push us to see where we have fallen short in this. If you have a joy to celebrate or help and support that you need, that is one of the things the church is here for. You are not alone. None of us is, because we are all one in Christ.

In Christ,



Pastor Laura

Death

June Wille died on August 23, 2019.

We pray for June's family and thank God for her life and the promise of the Resurrection.

Change of Address

Mark & Lorie Foust
325 Penn Road
Unit 130
Wynnewood, PA 19096-1448

Tom & Barb Keyser
Dunwoody Village, Apt. A313
3500 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Counting Volunteers Needed



Every Sunday, volunteers count and report the proceeds of that Sunday's offerings.

We need additional volunteers for this effort. You would serve on a team with others on a regular basis. Each team normally "counts" two Sunday's in a row about 3 times a year. The process takes about 30 minutes after the later service.

If you are interested, please contact David Wilson (dlwjr67@verizon.net).

Thank you for helping St. Paul's in this effort.

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans); and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Robin Billings (friend of Missy Perry); Dottie Buchanan, JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Eleanore Flom, Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Misty & Gary Granzow (friends of Claudia Muller); Christina Helms (daughter in law of Hazel Pelletreau); Elaine Jacob (friend of the Miller's); Johanna Karén (granddaughter of Dorothy Linderman); Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); Robert Long (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Jeff Lyon (friend of the Sack family); Jenn Lyons, Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Barbara Meindl (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Helen Moschella (mother of Lisa Tintera); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Bob Perry, Kris Peterson, Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Norma Sands (sister of Bonnie Legreid); Alison Schaefer (friend of the Miller's); Greg Sciubba (neighbor of Hazel Pelletreau); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Philip Sheldrake (friend of the Miller's); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); George Zucker (husband of Judi Zucker); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); Steve (friend of Barbara Parman); Don, Kim and Fin Parker and Millie Parker



Rally Day blessing of backpacks

Rally Day Wrap Up

September 8, 2019

The weather was perfect on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8 as members of St. Paul's gathered for an afternoon of community service and fellowship.

The ELCA designates the first Sunday after Labor Day as a national day of service and is an *"opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor."*

The Social Ministry committee coordinated the service projects and the church building was busy with members wearing their bright yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" shirts as they participated in the following service projects:

1 – 10,000 meals were packaged with "Rise Against Hunger," an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable citizens. Some of the meals packaged will be distributed to those affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

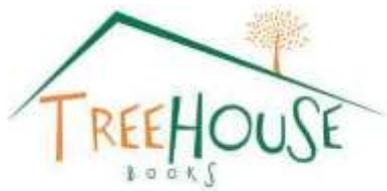
2 – 770 children's books were collected and boxed up for "Tree House Books," whose *"vision is that every child in Philadelphia has access to books, and every opportunity to pursue their dreams"* The books were delivered and will be distributed by Tree House books to families with limited or no access to books.

3 – 16 fleece blankets were prepped by trimming and fringing the fleece for Winter Rally Day which will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Following the service projects, members gathered for the annual Rally Day picnic. A delicious meal was prepared, served and coordinated by the Evangelism committee.

St. Paul's was blessed with an abundance of leftovers from the picnic and 70 meal trays were filled for Aid for Friends, a program that delivers meals to homebound members of the community. What a great day!





Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Here is a receipt for your records as well as a massive thank you for supporting Tree House Books with your donation of 770 books! Without you, we truly could not fulfill our goal of creating and sustaining a community of readers, writers, and thinkers. The books that you have so generously donated will find their way into the homes of families and children, changing lives through reading and mitigating the Philadelphia literacy crisis.

Our Books in Every Home campaign promotes a love of reading by encouraging families and children to self-select books that excite and inspire them to become life-long readers. We take pride in our ability to facilitate this process and provide a direct access to books to the families and children in our communities. Without your contribution, none of this would be possible.

It is our hope that you continue to walk with us to promote life-long readership and access to high-quality books for every child. We have many ways that you can continue to stay involved with Tree House Books: volunteer in our library, become a literacy coach, serve on a committee, or become a donor!

Thank you, St Paul's Lutheran Church! Hope to see you here again soon. As always, do not hesitate to respond with any questions.

Emma Goldstein
Access to Books Director





The Finance Committee welcomes the congregation to provide input for drafting the 2020 budget, either at the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, October 7 at 7:30 pm in the Kugler Room or by contacting Jason Baxter.

Families with Young Children Event
Halloween Party
Sunday October 27, 2019
4-6 pm



Come join us and enjoy trick or treating in your costume and fun games

Lasagna will be served

Families with last names:

A-J bring fruits or vegetables and **K-Z** dessert

An offering will be collected

RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 25

October Birthdays

- 2 Colin Cox, Stephen Soung
- 4 Rolf Hoyer
- 5 Judith Harkins
- 7 Bobbie King, Jack Trombello
- 8 John Berry, Randy Claney, Graci Gill, Jessica Soung
- 9 Lynn McCall, Fred Schramm
- 10 Jane Marshall, Bob Penne
- 11 Connor Crowell
- 12 Anna McGuire
- 13 Bernhard Dietzschold, Bob Ertner
- 14 Earl Pendergrass
- 15 Laura Naydock, Jeremy Sattaur
- 16 Jennifer Luistro, Ian McGuire
- 17 Kellyn Wilkes
- 18 Wesley Bozman, Torgny Gustafsson
- 21 Michael Ashburn
- 22 Kathryn Santilli
- 25 Christine Faust, Brian Heller
- 26 Judi Zucker
- 28 Jacob Aleardi, Roger Bjorkquist, Nancy Marlin
- 29 Linda Burns
- 30 Kari Legreid
- 31 Ruth DeLomba, Gavin Spangler



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

St. Paul's Visitation Program

St. Paul's has a two-part visitation program. It is composed of 1) social calls and 2) Communion. While we cannot bring the beautiful music or stained-glass windows to our members, we can offer opportunities for fellowship and Communion.

Social calls occur at least quarterly and often more frequently. They include delivery of devotion booklets and small gifts. They may be brief or as much as an hour depending on the wishes of the visitants.

Communion is taken monthly by our volunteers as a supplement to the times it is delivered by Pastor Laura. Each of our group has undergone special training to create a meaningful and personal experience. We use a service of home Communion that follows our four-part pattern of worship: gathering, word, meal and sending.

We are pleased to make these services available to any of our members who are unable to attend St. Paul's regularly for any reason. Members can request either or both types of visits.

For more information or if you know of someone who might appreciate visitation, please call the church office.

Pub Theology
Monday, October 28
7:00 pm
Iron Hill Brewery



With so many new members over the last few years, we thought it might be a good idea to remind everyone about our Stephen Ministry Program at St. Paul's.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a system through which lay members of our church are trained and organized to help provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This multiplies the amount of caring ministry St. Paul's can provide by giving us a whole team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life.

Why Lay Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians. God has given us all gifts for this ministry. It's these gifts along with training that bring Christ's love to people in need.

Why Stephen Ministry?

We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. Stephen Ministry expands on the care St. Paul's can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who need it most.

Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everyone benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our leadership benefits because the caring ministry is expanded, and fewer people will “slip through the cracks.” Most of all you, as members of St. Paul’s will benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. This ministry makes St. Paul’s an even more caring place!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10

If you or someone you know is facing any of these challenges, please contact Pastor Laura or a Stephen Leader (Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444) or Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835).

We have trained Stephen Ministers who WANT TO HELP.



A Discussion on Depression



Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join us as we discuss how to:

- Bust the Stigma of Mental Illness
- Help Family and Friends who are suffering
- Identify Signs and Symptoms in our Youth

*There will be speakers from Minding your Mind
and OC87 Recovery Diaries*

This program will be open to the public.
Please share with your family and friends.

In Crisis? Call: 1-800-273-TALK

For More Information: Contact the church office
(610-642-3211) or Beth McElvenney: 610-853-2444 or
bethmcelvenney@gmail.com

This program is sponsored by St. Paul's Stephen Ministry

***Financial Update**

August offering: \$23,731.00

Monthly amount needed toward budget: \$39,773.00

YTD offering: \$285,336.00

YTD offering needed toward budget: \$312,052.00

*Subject to final audits & corrections

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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Change Service Requested
Time Dated Material