

# *The Chimes*

*March 2020*



## *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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# Midweek Lenten Series



## *Wilderness*

Our preaching schedule will be:

March 4: The Rev. Regina Goodrich, Mediator

March 11: The Rev. Dr. Bill Flippen, Director of Evangelical  
Mission for SEPA Synod

March 18: The Rev. Paul Hagedorn

March 25: The Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson

April 1: The Rev. Dr. James Pollard, Zion Baptist

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**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 31.  
Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, March 24.

# Pastor's Letter

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this article, it is just two days before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. As you read it, Lent has most likely already begun. This time of year, I hear the question again and again: “What are you giving up for Lent?” Or, perhaps a little more gently, “Are you giving anything up for Lent?”

The practice of ‘giving something up’ for Lent comes from one of the traditional practices of the season: fasting. But sometimes it seems as if this ancient practice has become trivialized. Lenten fasts become a second chance at failed New Year’s Resolutions, instead of practices aimed to draw us closer to God. That’s not say that they can’t be good and meaningful, just that we ought to keep the purpose in mind when thinking about them.

Lent is a time to return to the Lord. To assess the ways our lives have gotten out of sync with God’s intention. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving have been the three traditional practices of Lent that seek to help us do this. I’d like to share what I’ll be doing for each of these practices—not just fasting—for this Lent.

**Prayer:** St. Paul’s Stephen Ministry dedicated part of December and early January to creating a Lenten Devotional. For each day of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday, there is a suggested Bible reading, a short reflection, and a prayer written by our Stephen Ministers. You can pick up a copy of the booklet in the narthex. I’ll be starting my morning with these devotions throughout Lent.

**Fasting:** ELCA Young Adults and ELCA Advocacy has teamed up to encourage folks to fast from single-use plastics this Lent. That means no plastic bags at the grocery store, no plastic silverware in take-out orders, and no single-use water bottles (among other things). This is a fast that’s going to take planning, but its goal is to become more attuned to how our actions affect God’s creation and to help us be better stewards of the earth. I don’t expect I’ll succeed perfectly at this fast, but I do expect to learn and grow.

**Almsgiving:** Also known as charity. Every Lent, our Sunday School leads St. Paul’s in collecting for a specific charity. This year, we will be raising funds to help provide honeybees and training to people in Iraq and Syria through Lutheran World Relief. Bees are essential to our environment and keeping them for honey is a valuable skill and income source for refugee families.

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## Deaths

Sara Dimitri died on February 3, 2020.

Robert Perry died on February 14, 2020.

We pray for the families of Sara and Bob and thank God for their lives and the promise of the Resurrection.



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 4      March 11  
March 18      March 25      April 1**

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

# **Families with Young Children**

South Ardmore Park Outing

Sunday, March 22

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.*

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, March 9

1:00 – 6:00 pm

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



**American  
Red Cross**

## **2020 Congregation Council**

Cemetery	Carol Anderson
Christian Ed.	Helene Roth
Evangelism	Lynda McNab
Finance	Jason Baxter
Financial Secretary	Bill Henderson
Property	Stu Krissing
Social Ministry	Amy Badovick
Staff Personnel	Waneta Peart
Stewardship	Bill Wagner
Technology	Chris Geiger
Worship & Music	Belle Miller

### **Executive Committee**

President	Helene Roth
Vice President	Jason Baxter
Secretary	Chris Geiger
Treasurer	David Simmons

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

**Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, 2020**

**Register by:** Sunday, March 8  
**Payments due:** Sunday, March 15

**Location:** Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA

**Leader:** Pastor Maggie Ainsley

Pastor Maggie Ainsley is the Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital, where she supervises 45 paid and volunteer chaplains. Her husband Matt is a librarian at Temple University, and they are parents to Ben (16) and Isaac (13). They just moved to Swarthmore.

**Topic:** Vocation: Deepening your sense of calling at work and in life

**Description:** Ever feel like your life is in a rut? or that you're just going through the motions, working the to-do list, and blindly walking from day to day? This retreat will focus on calling us all back to the core of why we do the things we do. Come, be refreshed and revived in your sense of calling every day.

## **Schedule:**

Friday:

6-6:45 pm

Arrival and check-in

7-9

Program introduction

9- ?

Fellowship

Saturday:

8:30 am-3 pm

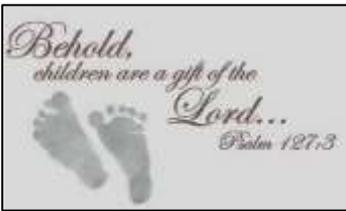
Retreat programming

(includes breakfast & lunch)

**Cost:** \$80, includes meeting space rental, overnight accommodations, breakfast and lunch, the leader's honorarium, accommodations, and meals. \$50, Saturday only registration.

Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran and left on Carisa's desk.

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



*Join us as we shower  
Pastor Laura with Love  
and*

*welcome her baby into our church family!*

*Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 - 2:00*

*In the Fellowship Hall Brunch will be served*

*All -Men, Women, Children- are invited!*

*We will present Pastor Laura with a group gift  
from the congregation.*

Please no individual gifts.

If you'd like to contribute, make checks payable to St. Paul's with *Baby Shower* on the memo line and deliver to the office or place in the offering plate by Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

*We are also helping little ones in our community  
We will be collecting formula and diapers for the  
Ardmore Pantry.*

Bring any time to the church office or bring on the day of the shower.

*If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the church  
office, or sign up on the sheet in the  
Fellowship Hall.*

For planning purposes, we'd appreciate your RSVP and gift donation by Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**If you have questions or if you'd like to volunteer to help with cooking, set-up, or clean-up, contact Waneta Peart (phone:215-321-5388 email: wanpeart@verizon.net)**

Have you ever tried canoeing? If not, would you like to? You can join one of the most established interest groups in the country for girls your age!

The Mean Green Canoe Team is about to start its 43<sup>rd</sup> season of teaching leadership and confidence to young women, all while they become great canoe paddlers. **No experience necessary** – just an interest in flat-water canoe racing and a weekly commitment to teamwork with the goal of participating in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta in Bainbridge, NY over Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25, 2020).

Participation in team events is prioritized based on commitment and attendance as well as capability and skills compatibility. Team members must attend rain-or-shine practices every Sunday afternoon (except Easter Sunday) from mid-March through May 17, 2020, on the Schuylkill River in Linfield, PA.

**An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (right here at St. Paul's) at 7pm**, followed by a pool practice on Sunday, March 8 (Dunwoody Village), and an overnight at Camp Laughing Waters from Saturday, March 14, to Sunday, March 15 (these 3 events are **mandatory**). Then weekly practice begins.

A \$110 fee covers the pool practice, overnight, and all but 2 meals during the Regatta weekend. Contact Barbara Curtin at 610.896.7365 or [curtinbarb@aol.com](mailto:curtinbarb@aol.com) for more information.



# Dishwasher Host to help with Reusable Cups/Mugs Program at St. Paul's

The Green Team has purchased reusable cups, additional dishwasher racks, and thanks to the kind donations of many members we now have plenty of mugs to be used at coffee hour and other church events. The use of the reusable cups and mugs has been going well but as the coffee hour host can't be in two places at the same time **a new service opportunity at St. Paul's has been formed: Dishwasher Host.**

This easy job is explained in detail below and involves wheeling the cart from the basement kitchen to the Fellowship Hall before coffee hour, turning on the dishwasher an hour before running it, and running two racks after coffee hour (about 5-10 minutes total). There is flexibility in the timing of these tasks so being a Dishwasher Host is easy for attendees of either service, including choir members.

Please let Joy Baxter ([joybaxter@gmail.com](mailto:joybaxter@gmail.com)) or Carisa Cantor ([carisa@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:carisa@stpaulsardmore.org)) know if you are interested in helping. Someone from the Green Team will walk you through the steps. We will make sure that you aren't scheduled for multiple jobs on the same Sunday. Thank you in advance for helping St. Paul's with creation care.

## Instructions for Dishwasher Host

**Coffee Hour Setup** - can be done any time before coffee hour starts (10 am)

- 1) Turn on dishwasher pressing "ON" button - display should light up
- 2) Setup in Fellowship Hall:
  - a) On drinks table:
    - Put out 1 rack clean mugs and 1 rack clean cups
    - Put out signs to show that these are the clean cups/mugs
  - b) On cart:
    - Set up funnel/tube/reservoir for discarding leftover drinks
    - Put out 1 empty dish rack with dividers for dirty cups, 1 empty dish rack without dividers for dirty

mugs; both of these need a towel underneath to catch drips

- Make sure signs are there indicating that these racks are for dirty cups/mugs, and pointing to funnel for discarding leftover drinks

**Coffee Hour Cleanup** - can be done any time after coffee hour ends (10:45 am)

- 1) Load dirty dishes into racks:
  - a) Collect any used cups/mugs that people have left out - check Fellowship Hall, both kitchens, downstairs play area. (People leave stuff everywhere!)
  - b) Make sure all dirty cups/mugs are upside down in racks
  - c) Optional: Other items can be sanitized in the dishwasher as long as there are no large pieces of food on them:
    - Drink pitchers (upside down), flatware, and serving utensils - use rack without dividers
    - Plates and platters placed vertically in rack with pegs
- 2) Sanitize dirty dishes in the dishwasher (one rack at a time) - see *Instructions for Using Dishwasher* (next page)
- 3) While dishwasher is running: Empty reservoir with discarded drinks; wash out funnel, tube and reservoir with water (no soap necessary). Leave on cart to air dry.
- 4) Sanitized dishes can be left in racks on the cart to air dry.
- 5) Shut down the dishwasher before you leave - see *Instructions for Using Dishwasher* (next page)
- 6) If the towel for catching drips looks dirty, take home and wash and bring back next week.



## **Instructions for Using Dishwasher**

Dishwasher is located in basement kitchen to the right of the 3 sinks. Our dishwasher rinses and sanitizes (no detergent). Coming up to temperature takes a while, but the cycles are fast - 32 racks can be run in one hour. There are only three buttons on the dishwasher: ON, OFF and Wash

- 1) With the dishwasher door closed, Press “ON” at least 30 minutes before you want to run the cups. The dishwasher will start making noise and show the temperature on the display. It is ready to be used once the display shows the wash temperature (165°F).
- 2) Run one rack at a time. For each rack:
  - a) Insert loaded rack; for plastic tumblers place an empty rack on top to prevent cups from flipping; then close the dishwasher door.
  - b) Press “Wash”. Display will blink “Wash” then “Rinse” after it gets to sanitizing temperature.
  - c) Once the cycle is done (after ~2 min), the display will show the wash temperature (~165°F) again. Open door and let steam dissipate; tip rack (it will be hot) to pour off water that has pooled on the tops of cups/mugs.
  - d) Take out wet rack (it will be hot) and set out to air dry.
- 3) When you are done for the day: close the dishwasher door, press “Off”, and then leave the door open so the dishwasher can dry out.

If the dishwasher is not behaving as expected, contact Anita Engh ([anita.m.ENGH@gmail.com](mailto:anita.m.ENGH@gmail.com)).

## March Birthdays

- 1 Mason D'Antonio
- 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 Kelly Mazzanobile
- 10 Jody Betz, Kai Isenberg, Christine Jerpbak
- 11 Mara Gutman, Abby Lynch, Kimberly Schumacher
- 12 Tuyen Nguyen, Susan Osborne
- 13 Caroline Conybear
- 14 Katherine Bode
- 15 Christine Fritton
- 16 Mark Foust, Alex Norquist
- 17 Sarah Gutman, Julia Manning
- 18 Shane Boston, Michael Burns, Sarah Curtin, David Wilson, Jr
- 19 Kerri DiGuissepe, Erika Gibb, Thomas Stellwagen, IV
- 20 Judi DellaBadia, Sally Foster-Chang, Kate Schmeiss
- 21 James Dean
- 22 Colleen Kolb, Jason Kunsu
- 23 Andreas & Hanna Gustafsson, Alexa Schommer, Jim Stetler
- 24 Laura Balcer, Gail Feustel, Missy Perry, Abby Venezia
- 25 Rebecca Cronin, Caleigh Foust, Luca Norquist, Bill Wagner
- 27 Richard Schmeiss
- 28 Abigail Frey
- 29 Lorie Foust, Ava Sack, Sam Vettori, Irma Walters
- 30 Christine Cannon, Hayley O'Neill, Carolyn Stellwagen
- 31 Brendan Miller



# 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 3**, in order to include your information in the bulletin.

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