

The Chimes

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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, June 30.
Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, June 23.

Pastor's Letter



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Sunday, May 31, we will be celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. One of the ways we describe the Holy Spirit is that of Comforter, who eases our distresses, encourages us, and comes to us in times of trouble to remind us of Jesus' presence and promises.

When we read the Pentecost story from Acts there's nothing particularly comforting about the rush of a "violent wind", let alone descending tongues of flame. And once the disciples take their new multi-lingual ability into the streets of Jerusalem, pretty much everyone who witnesses their activity is described as "bewildered," "amazed," and "astonished." The Spirit didn't comfort anyone but instead prompted the disciples to make a very public scene with the troubling good news that the person the crowds had put to death was alive through the power of God.

The Holy Spirit is as much agitator as advocate, as much provocateur as comforter. The word "paraclete" captures all these dimensions of the work of the Holy Spirit. Paraclete is a compound Greek word that literally means "to come alongside another." In this sense, the Paraclete can be an advocate – to come alongside to defend and counsel – or comforter – to come alongside to provide comfort and encouragement. The one who comes alongside of us to encourage and equip us for the task of ministry is such a perfect name for the Holy Spirit . . . especially in the uncertain and challenging times in which we are living.

In the Gospels Jesus says, "Go and make disciples," and "When you are caring for the least of these you are caring for me" and "Love one another as I have loved you." Since this kind of work can be difficult Jesus sends the Holy Spirit, the one who comes alongside us to encourage, equip, strengthen, provide and, yes, at times to comfort us so that we can get out there and do it all again. We have been joined by our Baptism into a community of faith that looks for – and expects – the Holy Spirit to come alongside us and shake things up, preparing and equipping all of us to share the disruptive, surprising, and life-giving word of grace of the God who will not rest until all people experience abundant life.

Come alongside, Holy Spirit! Come alongside . . .

Pastor Kris

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); Tina Brady (friend of 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); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); William Henderson (father of Bill Henderson); Violet Herring (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Jacob family (friends of the Miller's); Johanna Karén (granddaughter of Dorothy Linderman); Tom Keyser, Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); Dorothy Linderman, Jenn Lyons, Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Jen Ramos (friend of Emily Miller); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Norma Sands (sister of Bonnie Legreid); Greg Sciubba (neighbor of Hazel Pelletreau); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissingner); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Fin Parker.

Birth

Congratulations to Pastor Laura and Tim on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Emma, on May 18. We rejoice with Pastor Laura and Tim and pray for God's blessings on their family.

Death

George Zucker, husband of Judi Zucker, died on May 7. We pray for George's family and thank God for his life and the promise of the Resurrection.

St. Paul's Women's Dinner / Get Together - Zoom Style

When: **Wed, June 3th at 7:00 pm**

Where: **Your House -- *You pick the room***

How: **Via Zoom**

Contract the church office or Beth McElvenney to get the link.



Church Council News

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Family,

Baby Adeline Emma Tancredi-Ness was born on Monday, May 18th at 5:34 pm! She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21.5 inches tall. Baby Adeline, Pastor Laura, and Pastor Tim are all doing well, and we hope you will keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to help out Pastors Laura and Tim by providing meals during the first few sleepless weeks with baby Adeline, follow the link below to sign up for a particular day. In the *My Meal Contribution* box, please enter what dish you plan to contribute – just to avoid successive deliveries of the same meal! (FYI, Tim is allergic to shellfish.)

Obviously, due to social distancing, no contact has to be a priority for these deliveries. Please place your dish by the garage door/back door of the parsonage and then follow-up with a text to 215-260-7073.

Link for meal sign

up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448ADAC23A2FE3-meal>

As a reminder, Pastor Kris is to be contacted for all pastoral care and emergencies at 610-299-9909 (cell) or 610-789-7387 (home.) during Pastor Laura's parental leave. Pastor Kris can be reached by email at kris.peterson@stpaulsardmore.org. In addition, you can reach me at 610-324-3351 or Helene.roth@verizon.net. And, as usual, Carisa can be contacted at the church office at 610-642-3211 or carisa@stpaulsardmore.org.

Even though we are not meeting in person, Church Council has met biweekly with Zoom meetings since early March to stay connected during the statewide stay-at-home/stay safe orders. Virtual church has allowed our congregation to worship together from the safety of our homes but the committees have met virtually as well and the work of St. Paul's Council and its members has continued.

- The twelve beds of our community garden were planted on April 11 and greens were harvested and donated to the Ardmore Food Pantry in mid-May.
- In addition to our usual benevolence, Council made \$1000.00 donations to three charities working to help people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic on a local, national and global level: The Greater

Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, the ELCA Covid-19 Response Fund and Lutheran World Relief.

- The Evangelism Committee’s “Shepherds” have reached out to members of the congregation to provide one-on-one check-ins.
- Although in-person Vacation Bible School has been cancelled, virtual VBS is being planned for later in the summer. Look for more information about “Compassion Camp – Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You – a program for all of us to explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves and the world”
- A Task Force for Re-opening St. Paul’s comprised of Council and congregational members met the first week of May to establish guidelines for re-opening. Since our region is still in the red phase of the stay-at-home orders, we will continue to worship virtually and the church building is closed; however, Council and the Task Force want to be prepared for the next phase and the eventual re-opening of our church. The Task Force is exploring and planning for every contingency to prepare our church for re-opening safely – for worship, for meetings, for choir practices and for fellowship. Here is a link to a message from our bishop, Bishop Patricia Davenport, regarding the opening of churches in the Southeast Pennsylvania Synod.
<https://ministrylink.org/bishop-davenport-on-opening-churches/>

According to ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, “During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God.”

Peace and Blessings,

Helene Roth
Church Council President

Women's Christian Fellowship

During the months of June and July the Women's Christian Fellowship will be exploring the metaphor of "pilgrimage" as it relates to our spiritual journey. We usually associate a pilgrimage with visiting sacred sites, but life itself offers up many opportunities to embark on a pilgrimage. We might embark on a pilgrimage because of an illness or a transition in our lives. We find that we are moving into new inner territory where old structures no longer hold. This is the place where we find ourselves in the midst of this pandemic.

Beginning Thursday, June 4, Pastor Kris will be facilitating this 9-week exploration into the many facets of pilgrimage. **The group will be meeting by Zoom from 12:45 – 2:15 pm.**

All women are invited for conversation and sharing. You may contact Waneta Peart at wanpeart@verizon.net for the Zoom link. The "GPS" for our journey together is as follows:


June 4	On the Journey
June 11	Hearing the Call and Responding
June 18	Packing Lightly
June 25	Crossing the Threshold
July 2	Making the Way by Walking
July 9	Being Uncomfortable
July 16	Beginning Again
July 23	Embracing the Unknown
July 30	Coming Home

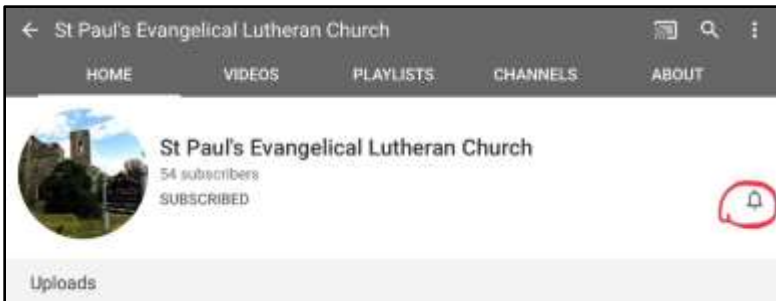
For any questions, please contact Pastor Kris.

If you're watching our virtual service on YouTube, we urge you to subscribe to our YouTube channel, as follows:

- 1) Search of **St. Paul's Ardmore** on YouTube
- 2) Click on the word **SUBSCRIBE** next to St. Paul's picture logo (see photo) and follow the instructions.



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If you know of any of our members who do not have access to YouTube for our virtual worship or needs further assistance in accessing the site, please notify St. Paul's Worship & Music Committee (stpaulsworshipandmusic@gmail.com). Alternatively, please call the church office if email is not an option.



Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

High School Grads

Lindsay Katherine Cannon is graduating from Harriton High School and will attend Northeastern University in the fall.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

(1 Peter 4:8)

Abigail Anne Krissinger is graduating from Haverford High School and will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

(1 John 3:18)





Abigail Erin Lynch is graduating from the Baldwin School and will be attending Grinnell College in the fall.

I smiled on them when they had lost confidence; my cheerful face encouraged them.

(Job 29:6)

Ava Victoria Sack is graduating from Harriton High School. She is going to Harvard in the fall and is committed to row for the Harvard - Radcliffe Women's Lightweight Rowing team.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast.

(Psalm 139:9-10)





Spencer Steven Schumacher is graduating from Great Valley High School and will be pursuing a sports management degree at Kutztown University.

Have patience God isn't finished yet.

(Philippians 1:6)

Courtney Rachel Tintera is graduating from Haverford High School and is planning to attend Delaware County Community College for nursing.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

(Luke 11:9)



Frances Elizabeth Wilson is graduating from the Baldwin School and recruited to swim for Hobart and William Smith colleges in Geneva, NY where she plans to study psychology.

For the Spirit God gave us
does not make us timid, but
gives us power, love, and
self-discipline.

(2 Timothy 1:7)



College Grads

Patrick Cassidy graduated with honors from West Chester University with a Bachelor of Science in Business/Marketing and a minor in Political Science.

Kendall Henderson graduated cum laude from Elon University with dual major B.S. in Finance and Marketing and a minor in Economics. She has accepted a full-time position with BlackRock Financial in Princeton, NJ.

John Tintera graduated from Millersville University with a double major in Political Science and Education.

June Birthdays

- 1 Jane Brophy
- 2 Louisa Vickrey
- 3 Lovisa Gustafsson, Andy Heller
- 4 Katherine Erickson
- 5 Scott Ruehr
- 6 Olivia Luistro, Alexa Scherzer, Edward Tintera IV
- 7 Daniel Kaufman
- 8 Mary Ellen Frey, Erik Johnson
- 9 Brian Cronin, Stefan Muller
- 11 Eleanore Flom, Shane Leinhauser
- 12 Joan Copeland
- 13 Linda Bjorkquist, William Lukasiewicz, Thomas Stellwagen, V, J.B. Tintera
- 15 Carleen Aleari, Abigail Krissinge
- 16 Paige Simmons
- 17 Dillon Perry
- 18 Kevin Pringle, Linda Stanton
- 19 Jackie Cox, Nancy Walton
- 20 Jeffrey Conybear, Lisa Lexa, Chloe Schmeiss
- 21 Melanie Kolb
- 22 Spencer Schumacher
- 25 Don Legreid, Margaret Tintera
- 26 John Tintera, II, Courtney Tintera
- 27 Vicki Sack, John Weldon
- 28 Anna Manning, Gerd Naydock
- 29 Karen Joyce



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