

# *The Chimes*

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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, July 28  
Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, July 21

# *Pastor's Letter*

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

In February and March, life carried on for most of us in familiar routines. Little did we know what awaited us in mid-March, when state governors issued an unprecedented shutdown of nearly all societal public activity.

In our own time, the only events that approximate this shock for the American people are the aftermath of September 11, 2001, or earlier, the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy, and the riots following the beating of Rodney King by police. The recent killing of George Floyd and shooting of Rayshard Brooks, on top of the Covid-19 pandemic and quarantine, have sent shock waves through American culture, and have permeated every aspect of life.

During the past three months we have had to learn to do without, to retreat from habitual and meaningful patterns of commitment, and to withdraw from a high level of consumption and frenetic activity. Also, during this time people have become ill and died, and yet many have recovered. Families have lost loved ones; many others have re-found one another. Many have labored throughout this crisis, at the risk of their own and their families' health, to support the sick and our infrastructure. Many, many others have lost jobs and businesses. Faith communities like St. Paul's have found ways to worship and sustain outreach to our neighbors in need.

The following are some of the questions I have been reflecting on in response to our current milieu: What distractions have fallen away in my life during these weeks and months? What simpler, essential realities have become more visible as I have dwelt in this sheltering-in-place, including that of the call for justice in our society. How have I been changed? I invite you to reflect on these questions for yourself.

I both grieve the losses, which will continue, and look expectantly for what wisdom, creativity and new life will emerge from our collective grief and extended time of retreat. Perhaps a fruit of this time will be the replacing of our American consumerism with a simpler, more local commitment on the part of each of us to stand with and be present to one another in deeper, more compassionate, loving, human ways. May it be so . . .

Blessings on the Journey,  
Pastor Kris

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## 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); Tom Keyser, Derek Lauffer (son of Gail Feustel); 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); Allen Sack (uncle of Jason Sack); 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.

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## Death

**Dorothy Linderman** died on June 4. We pray for Dorothy's family and thank God for her life and the promise of the Resurrection.

# Thank You

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for your generous gift to the **COVID-19 Response Fund of the ELCA.**

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the COVID-19 Response Fund, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

The work of the ELCA looks different now, but it has not stopped, nor have the needs of our communities or the world. Your generous gift supports the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. Together, we will continue to minister to our members, those hurting and searching for peace, and those in need.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Executive for Development, Mission Advancement

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing support of our work at the **Coalition Against Hunger.** We are thankful beyond measure for your generous gift as it comes at a very crucial time. It will allow us to continue our efforts to meet the growing needs of those experiencing food insecurity during these unprecedented times.



We have shifted to a triage approach to best meet the needs of those looking for food resources.

1. We are connecting the growing number of individuals and families experiencing hunger with the food resources they need in their neighborhood by working with many local partners.

2. We are supporting food pantries and soup kitchens through our Race Against Hunger fundraising efforts and coordinating wellness calls to build a network of support during this challenging time.

3. We are helping individuals and families navigate the SNAP application process through our SNAP Hotline.

4. We are advocating for policies that provide food resources, creating education materials about changes to existing programs and providing training to local partners to help us all stay updated as food nutrition programs change in response to COVID-19.

Your dollars help us make a difference in the lives of people across the region who are struggling with food insecurity due to the tragic impact of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Michele Lofton  
Director of Development

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Greetings Sister Helene,

**On behalf of the Council and Congregation of Mediator**, we are eternally grateful for your answer to our call for assistance during this critical time for so many on several levels. Today, I was informed of the receipt of a check in the amount of \$6000 from the gracious Council and Congregation of St Paul's.

Trust, it was difficult to ask, however, scripture does let us know that we have not because we ask not. Your generous donation is certainly a blessing to us during this time and as always in the ways, you have supported us prior to my time as the pastor and most certainly during these times.

With our Council President, Treasurer and Finance Secretary we are shouting THANK YOU for standing in the gap for us. You are blessed to

be a blessed and because you have blessed us we pray a greater blessing upon each of you under the leadership of Pastor Laura.

Love and Blessings,  
Pastor Goodrich aka Pastor Gee

*If you wish to make a gift to Mediator Lutheran, please use the St. Paul's online giving form and designate your gift for Mediator Lutheran. You may also contribute by sending your check to St. Paul's and writing "Mediator Lutheran" in the memo line.*

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## Change of Address

Joy Binns  
20 South Sycamore Ave  
Aldan, PA 19018-3721

Eleanore Flom  
Dunwoody Village  
3500 West Chester Pk, 144 Cedars East  
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Linda Martin  
4808 Augusta Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23230-3624

Don and Bonnie Legreid  
5216 Green Valley Lane  
Noblesville, IN 46062-9360

## **St. Paul's Women's Gathering...Zoom Style**

**When:** Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Your house, you pick the room

**How:** Via Zoom

Contact the church office or Beth McElvenney for  
the link

## “Dear Church” – Book Study Group

With the events beginning with the killing of George Floyd on the streets of Minneapolis, there is a growing acknowledgement that systemic racism, white privilege and implicit bias have infected our country, our institutions and our churches.

To begin conversation at St. Paul’s, we will be reading the Rev. Lenny Duncan’s book “Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.” Pastor Duncan is a pastor in the ELCA and was a member at Temple Lutheran Church in Havertown.

**This book discussion group began on Sunday, June 28, at 11:15 am** following the coffee hour Zoom.

If you are still interested in participating, please contact Pastor Kris or Lynda McNab.

The reading schedule is as follows:

June 28	Intro, chapter 1
July 5	chapters 2, 3
July 12	chapters 4 ,5
July 19	chapters 6, 7
July 26	chapters 8, 9
August 2	chapters 10,1 1

Thank you to those who responded to the survey to reopen St. Paul's! The Task Force is reviewing the data and will make recommendations to Council for the July 8 meeting. More details to follow.



# Invitations from St. Paul's Green Team



## Blessed Tomorrow - Caring for Creation Today

Joy Baxter – ELCA Creation Care Ambassador and St. Paul's member

**Tue, June 30<sup>th</sup> 4 PM**

**Thurs, July 9<sup>th</sup> 7 PM**

Zoom link for either session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81117947174?pwd=L1dNOW55L1tTbU1YN0dJNXA3Z2xiZz09>

The goals of the 1-hour presentation are to...

1. Provide information about our changing environment and climate
2. Help you make the connection between faith and climate
3. Empower you with solutions

## Opportunity from outside the church

(Jason Baxter, St. Paul's member, will be a presenter)

### Solar Home Webinar and Virtual Tour

**Sat, July 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Free registration at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6391863920088027147>.

More info at:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000001aiLjAAI>

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/584294895774427/>



# Congratulations Graduates!

**Annie C. Williams** graduated from Temple University.

**Cayla L. Williams** graduated from Immaculata in 2018.

Annie and Cayla are the granddaughters of Claire F. Robinson.

## July Birthdays

- 2 Ryan Clifford, Maurin O'Neill
- 3 Manh Nguyen
- 4 Christa Scheidly
- 7 Gordon Downing, Gwen Lieb, Sarah Spengler
- 8 Caroline Brophy, Linda Van Horn, Allison Wilkes
- 9 Aileana Barron, Reid Iverson
- 12 Elissa Iverson, Helena Koerner
- 13 Ryan Baxter, Zoey Joyce, Carl June, Waneta Peart
- 14 Susan Bode
- 16 Laurie DeWarf, Eleanora Stanley
- 17 Terry Hopkins, Kassy O'Neill, Kylie Stetler, Jamie Williams
- 18 Sarah Schumacher
- 19 Renee DiGuseppe, Maryann Schimpff, Steven Talley
- 20 Linda Bailey, Joan Talley
- 24 Bob Burns, Bill Frey
- 25 Helene Roth
- 27 Brandon Foust, Shay Moran, Stephanie Yeung
- 28 Emily Miller
- 31 Sofia Norquist



# Bishop Davenport's Letter on Black Lives Matter Protests

June 9, 2020

Dear Beloved,

The question has been posed, “Is the bishop going to respond to the horrific death of Mr. George Floyd?” “What is the bishop’s response to the protesting, the rioting and looting throughout the city of Philadelphia?”

I *do* have a response, and it is not unlike that of Rachel: “*A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.*” (*Jeremiah 31:15*) I cried. I thought about “the talk” with my two sons, and my daily concern for 6 brothers and 4 grandsons. I cried more. I had no words, frustrated by over 400 years of senseless killing of Black men and women due to systemic racism. If I spoke, it would have been a reaction, leading to the false narrative of the “angry Black woman.” Even now I risk that every word I offer will be scrutinized and measured.

I have prayed through the pain, searched the scriptures for wisdom, and looked for words to help me to put pen to paper to send a clarion message in this time of pandemic and pandemonium unleashed by sequential deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arberry, Breonna Taylor and Dreasjon (Sean) Reed. These deaths were caused by systemic racism and White supremacy that has gone unaddressed for too long. What does this African American woman, who happens to be a bishop, have to say?

In the past week we have witnessed an expression of righteous indignation and opportunists creating havoc, which I strongly condemn. Yes, in cities across the country, protests have broken out and some have turned violent. Praise God, in many cases these

protests were peaceful. Thank you, the Holy Spirit is always at work, and my response is one of gratitude.

I am so Godly proud of our rostered ministers and lay leaders who have raised their voices and taken to the streets, posted on social media condemning White supremacy, racism and the murder of Black and Brown people. I have witnessed our pastors and deacons leading the protest decrying the hunting, profiling and killings that have happen recently reflecting hundreds of years of unanswered lynching, imprisonments and deaths of people of color.

Hold fast, St. Paul tells us: *“No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; God will never let you be pushed past your limit; God will always be there to help you come through it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

Beloved, keep the faith. We will get through the pandemic and the pandemonium as we do what is required of us as disciples, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. Our God, who loved each of us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God’s only son, who gave us this command above all the rest: Love. Love God; love and serve our neighbors.

My response beloved, bottom line, is well done is better than well said! SEPA Synod, let’s go to work dismantling racism, speaking against White supremacy, changing one heart at a time. We can truly do more together than we can alone in the name of Jesus!

Love in Christ,

The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport, Bishop

# Phishing Emails & Computer Security

The technology committee has prepared some guidelines to help you recognize spam, online scams and some easy steps to keep yourself safe online and to make things harder for scammers and spammers.

These include:

- Recognizing and Avoiding Phishing Scams
- Computer Security best practices
- Password Guidance (it's not as hard as you think)

If you have specific questions or concerns about phishing, scams, computer security the technology committee would like to hear from you. Send us an email with your question to [stpaulstechcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstechcommittee@gmail.com). While we can't guarantee that we can respond to each an every request, we will try to compile common questions and make reputable resources available.

## Recognizing and Avoiding Phishing Scams

The Federal Trade Commission has guidance on [How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams](#). Phishing emails can take many different forms including:

- [Impersonating religious leaders](#) to solicit donations in the form of gift cards
- Impersonating popular websites to reset passwords, make a payment, confirm details, etc.
- Eligibility for a refund, fraudulent invoices or coupons for free stuff
- Requests for urgent assistance

Scammers continue to get more and more sophisticated, so it is important to keep up your guard. Here are some things to pay attention to:

- Look for incorrect spelling and grammar
- Check that the "From" address appears to belong to the company or entity that is purportedly sending the email
- See if you are being addressed generically
- A sense of urgency (stated or implied)

Here are some things to do if you receive a suspect email:

- Do not click on the link in the email, instead visit the website directly
- Do not call any phone number listed in the email, rather search for the company's main number online or via a trusted source such as a print publication or the back of a credit card
- Contact the person or organization with contact information that you already have on file to confirm the legitimacy of the email or request

If you would like to learn more here are some resources:

- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/online-security>
- <https://www.cisecurity.org/blog/a-short-guide-for-spotting-phishing-attempts/>
- <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/phishing.html>

## Computer Security

You can also work to keep yourself safe online by practicing computer hygiene

- Use unique passwords on each website (see below for easy ways to do this)
- Keep your computer software up to date with automatic updates
- Protect your data by backing it up
- Turn on [Multi-Factor Authentication](#) (aka Two Factor Authentication)

These will go a long way to protecting your computer and online identify.

### Password Guidance

By now, we've all heard that we are supposed to use unique, complex passwords for each website. But just like exercising, driving the speed limit or other good habits the vast majority of us fail. Here are some EASY ways that you can turn the corner on password hygiene.

**Option 1:** Use a password manager. A password manager is secured with one "master password" that isn't used anywhere else and holds,

generates and automatically fills in your passwords online. There are several reputable, free password managers that you can choose from including [LastPass](#), [Dashlane](#), [1Password](#), [KeepPass](#), and [BitWarden](#).

Getting a password manager set up takes a small amount of work but it offers the best security.

**Option 2:** Keep your list of passwords in a notebook. You need to work to keep all of your passwords unique but writing them down will help you remember them. Make sure that you do memorize a few really important, unique passwords including your email and bank accounts. While keeping a password notebook is better than using the same password everywhere, it's not foolproof. Keep your notebook safe, make a copy and give it to a trusted person and if your employer tells you to not write your work passwords down, heed that guidance.

**Option 3:** Add some website-specific characters to a common password. For example, add the last three letters of the website to the end of your password to make it unique per website. If your common password was **12SquirrelsFlyToday#** then your passwords might be:

- Netflix: **12SquirrelsFlyToday#lix**
- Google: **12SquirrelsFlyToday#gle**

Use your imagination and come up with your own scheme. First and last letters placed into the middle of the common password; First three letters but shift your hands on the keyboard left by one letter and tack on the end.

With this method, it is also good practice to have tiers of passwords. You may use the same common password for [beaniebabies.com](#) and [audubon.org](#) but a different common password for [amazon.com](#), [etsy.com](#) and other online merchants.

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