

# *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, August 25  
Your articles are due in the office no later than Tuesday, August 18

# Pastor's Letter



Dear Siblings in Christ,

I've been reflecting this past month on the brokenness which is all around us – especially in our institutions and in our society.

We see brokenness everywhere we look. White racism is breaking black lives. National leaders are breaking our laws and institutions. Our “closed” economy is breaking the poor. Our fear of each other is breaking our communities. Our denial of reality is breaking our hope for a better world. We see gaping cracks in our political institutions, our social order, our healthcare and educational systems, our food supplies and clean water sources. The brokenness can feel overwhelming and hopeless.

In Japan, they've made an art form out of restoring broken things. An ancient practice called *kintsugi*, meaning “golden joinery” or “to patch with gold” is an age-old custom of repairing cracked pottery with real gold, not only fixing the break but greatly increasing the value of the piece. Though it was once broken, now it not only has history, but a new story.

The foundation of our faith is that God took the brokenness and pain of crucifixion and transformed it into new life through the resurrection. God made something new, something more beautiful in the risen Christ. We can trust God to do this with us AND our broken institutions. From brokenness, new life is possible.

I need that promise to be true because the world feels desperately broken right now. I am feeling broken-hearted by not being together in person to worship. I am feeling broken-hearted by the people dying too early from COVID-19. I am broken-hearted by the ways vulnerable people are made even more vulnerable when our systems fail. I am broken-hearted (and angry) by the way fear is being used by our politicians to divide people.

So, here is my prayer: I pray that the brokenness of our collective heart allows for a breaking open of a new Spirit among and within us. I pray that our brokenness breaks open a new world that is more just and generous and compassionate. I pray that our brokenness might actually be the opening through which we find our global healing.

Brokenness and new promises. Death and resurrection. Life . . . death . . . and life again.

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); 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); Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); 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. We also pray for Bill Henderson and family upon the death of his father.

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## Thank You

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,300.00 to the **Ardmore Food Pantry**. Donations such as yours are vital to the Pantry as everything we offer to our guests is acquired solely through in-kind and financial donations. The Ardmore Food Pantry does not receive government assistance.

From 2009 to 2012, the Pantry served an average of 30 guests each week. Currently, the Ardmore Food Pantry usually serves 75 or so guests each Monday. However, during the past months the number has increased to over 100. We have seen an increased growth of 167% in 6 years and the numbers are continuing to climb.

Thank you for supporting the Ardmore Food Pantry and the residents of Lower Merion who rely on it support every week.

With many thanks,

The Rev. Sean Lanigan  
Rector  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Deacon Karen Kaminskas  
Associate in Ministry  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*In addition to financial contributions, St. Paul's community garden provides produce for the Ardmore Food Pantry. In July we harvested 134 ½ lbs! Our total harvest for 2020 is 302 ½ lbs. Currently we have many green tomatoes starting to ripen and the eggplant and green peppers are growing nicely!*

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## Thank You

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$1,000.00 to **Lutheran World Relief**. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

Kapinga Eudoxi, 43, lives in a village in the Democratic Republic of Congo that is plagued with water-borne diseases like typhoid. Children and adults were getting sick—some dying—and the community needed help.

With your support, villages like Nsange-Nyembwe are receiving access to safe water. “It is the delight of our hearts to change our village,” exclaims Kapinga. Your gift made a world of difference in reaching over 271 villages in the region—that’s 244,964 people impacted.

That’s just one example of how your gift changes lives around the world. Go to [LWR.org](http://LWR.org) and sign up for E News to receive the latest updates. On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard  
President and CEO

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## Thank You

St. Paul's says thank you to Pastor Kris Peterson for serving as our Bridge Pastor during Pastor Laura's parental leave.

We are grateful for your words of comfort and wisdom to our members and your support and encouragement to Church Council during this time. Your missives in the weekly announcements and your sermons were thought-provoking and gave us gentle reminders that we are all children of God and are not alone, especially in these times of a pandemic and racial injustice. We are especially grateful for your leadership with the Women's Christian Fellowship group and your Sunday book discussion of *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the United States* by Lenny Duncan.

St. Paul's was blessed to have you as our Bridge Pastor for the last few months.



## August Birthdays

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- A colorful graphic with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in large, multi-colored letters. Each letter has a small birthday candle on top of it.
- 1 Lisa Tintera
  - 2 John Curtis, Jayleb D'Antonio
  - 4 Sanford Groff, Josephine Norquist
  - 5 Lindsay Cannon, Dan Joseph, Andrew Roth
  - 6 Andrew Isenberg, Frances Wilson
  - 7 Nicholas Dormans, Anastasia Groff, Bill Miles, Jr., Annika Storey
  - 8 Barbara Dieter
  - 9 Belle Miller
  - 10 Rick Sander
  - 11 Tom Keyser, Mara Penne
  - 12 Robert Allman, Joan Swan
  - 14 David Stanton
  - 15 Jason Baxter, Laura Erickson, Ava Jacobsen
  - 16 Natalie Carstens
  - 17 Mary Ayres
  - 18 Harry Kaufman
  - 19 Gus Johnson, Gail Ruehr, Molly Schimpff, Toni Whaley
  - 20 Mary Lynn Kennedy, Robert Pavlenco
  - 21 Liz Marren, Kate Trombello
  - 22 Cynthia Chester
  - 23 Cole D'Antonio, Lyn Sander
  - 24 Dane Hopkins, Evaline Vickrey
  - 25 Kevin Clouse, Caroline O'Mara, Colin Soung
  - 27 Barb Curtin, Analiese Gale, Alexander Hampson, Michael Joyce, Bill Lukasiewicz
  - 28 Andrew O'Mara, Elisabeth Wagner
  - 31 Owen DeLar, Amanda Ertner, Emily Hampson, Chase Iverson







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