

# *The Chimes*

*March 11, 2014*

## *Saint Paul's Worship Schedule*

### *Sunday*

#### **9:00 am: Holy Communion**

*First Sunday of month: Family Worship  
(service designed with children in mind);*

*Remaining Sundays: service concurrent with Sunday School*

#### **10:30 am: Holy Communion**

*Traditional liturgy*

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# Wednesday Evenings in Lent

*Soup & Bread Supper at 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall*  
*Worship at 7:00 pm, Sanctuary*

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| <b>March 12</b> | The Reverend Dr. Storm Swain<br><i>Associate Professor</i><br><i>The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia</i>                      | <b><i>The Healing of Estrangement</i></b> |
| <b>March 19</b> | The Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger<br><i>Director of the Library &amp; Professor</i><br><i>The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia</i> | <b><i>The Healing of Fear</i></b>         |
| <b>March 26</b> | The Reverend Regina Goodrich<br><i>Mediator Lutheran Church, Philadelphia</i>                                                               | <b><i>The Healing of Despair</i></b>      |
| <b>April 2</b>  | The Reverend Sanford Groff<br><i>Associate Chaplain, St. Paul's School, Brooklandville, MD</i>                                              | <b><i>The Healing of Sin</i></b>          |
| <b>April 9</b>  | The Reverend Dr. James Pollard<br><i>Pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore, PA</i>                                                           | <b><i>The Healing of the Nations</i></b>  |

## 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, April 8**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, April 1**. Thank you!

# Pastor's Letter



Dear Friends:

OK, enough already with the snow!

As I write, I think we have completed our 15<sup>th</sup> major snow storm of the season. As much as some of us like snow (and I do!), I know we're all tired of the inconvenience, the shoveling, the shifted schedules, the interruptions and delays, the changes of plans. (On a positive "snow note," our son-in-law is a snow plower so Pam and I rejoice that this winter has been good to him, our daughter, and our grandchildren!)

But maybe there is something "good" in all of this, something beneficial...maybe even something salutary. Major snowfalls force a halt in our lives; if not a halt, at least a slowing down. They force a change of pace, a redirection of energies. I have found myself spending more time in prayer and Bible reading during these "interruptions," mainly because I have had more time to do so. I heard from one member last week about how neighbors were calling to check on her. Some of you have spent more time with your kids and/or grandchildren building snowpeople and baking and doing other things as schools have been closed.

But now I'm looking ahead...toward spring. Pretty soon the snow will begin to melt, and I'm guessing the bloom and blossom this year will be extra spectacular due to all the snow we've had.

This is the time of Lent: when death dissolves into life, painting the landscape of our faith-lives with new bloom and blush. May this time of Lent be for you a welcome interruption, a time of "change of plans," when your prayer and devotional life is enhanced as you contemplate our Lord's sacrifice in his passion and death.

**Please continue to join us on our Wednesday evening Lenten journey, *The Healing of the Nations*. Soup and bread dinner begins at 6:00 pm and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.**

Palm Sunday is on April 13. We will begin each service down in front of the Parsonage (if those mountains of snow melt in time) with the Blessing of the Palms and Procession up into the church. Please remember the later service will start at 10:45 am.

Easter is on April 20 with a brass quartet at each service. The later service will begin at 10:45 am. This issue of *The Chimes* contains the complete schedule for Holy Week.

In Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Skip McDowell".

Pastor Skip McDowell

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## Prayers

**Please pray for our men and women in the armed services**, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda and Bob Burns) and Brandon Mader (grandson of Wendy Black).

**Prayers are also requested for:** Fred Bauer (uncle of Carol Henry); Mark Coville (friend of Bill Henderson); Richard DeFeo (friend of Millie Parker); Tammy Dormans (sister-in-law of Nan Dormans); Kara Granger (friend of Liz Cassidy); Joann Hoke (friend of Evelyn Reider); Daniel Jackson (friend of Christine Faust); Barbara Johnson (wife of Jack Johnson); Bryan Jones, Mark Kelly (brother-in-law of Carrie Kelly); Jean Krohn, John Messer (friend of Claudia Muller); Brian Michonski (friend of Millie Parker); Barry Morton (brother-in-law of Carol Henry); Miranda Ram-Nolte (friend of Colleen Kolb); Bob Paproth (father of Denette Stetler); Norma Small (friend of Linda Burns); Russ Stevenson (father of Debbie Moran); Marge Tomarelli (our Cemetery Business Manager) and Joseph Tye (father of Nan Dormans).

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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

### THANK YOU!

The response to the Cooking for the Hungry Souper Bowl of Caring was terrific. You donated a total of \$688, which we are fortunate this year to have matched for fifty cents on the dollar by Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans.

Much gratitude to those who donated and those who participate in cooking, serving, or scheduling for this worthy program. Please be in touch with someone in Social Ministry if you are interested in getting more involved with this ministry.

*The Social Ministry Committee*

## Book Club

St. Paul's book club will meet on **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm** in the **Kugler Room**. We will discuss *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz-Weber.



## CAPA Concert

**Sunday, March 30 at 4:00 pm**, St. Paul's will host a concert featuring the choir of the **Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPA)**, Philadelphia, under the leadership of Dorina Morrow, who was a section leader at St. Paul's a few years ago.

The choir is about 60 voices, and rivals many college ensembles. They are a frequent guest at the American Choral Directors conventions. The event will have an offering and refreshments. Please join us!



# Stephen Ministry ....

## It's Okay to Be Human . . .

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment.

That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Skip, Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444) or Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

We are also thinking about having another training class for Stephen Ministers in the fall. While it is a major commitment, it is also a wonderfully rewarding experience. If this is something you might be interested in, let us know.



# Interfaith Hospitality Network

St Paul's will be helping the homeless in the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) program on **Monday, March 31** when they are at St. Mary's church in Ardmore for the week.



We serve dinner around 6:15. The adults have a budgeting class that night from 7-8 so we need help babysitting the kids in the program. This is something your family can do together. You can bring some toys and the kids can play together.

As of now there are three moms and their children (two 1 year old boys and a 6 month old girl) in the program.

If you would be interested in helping provide a part of the dinner or can stop over for an hour or two, **please contact Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444 or [bethmcelvenney@yahoo.com](mailto:bethmcelvenney@yahoo.com))**

Future dates for 2014 are: June 18, Sept 3, and Nov 5.

## Financial Update

**February offering: \$22,893.70**

**YTD offering: \$ 92,410.94**

# St. Paul's 2014 Women's Retreat



*Front row l-r:* Esther Garcia de Yebenes, Boofie Younkin, Denette Stetler, Diane Pringle, Pastor Leslie Richard, Joy Baxter, Lorie Foust, Christine Faust; *middle row l-r:* Linda Stanton, Barb Keyser, Margie Widmann, Barb Henderson, Toni Whaley, Carol Hammarberg, Chris Jerpbak, Belle Miller; *back row l-r:* Beth McElvenney, Barb Curtin, Joan Munyon, Sarah Curtin, Yvonne Wagner, Mary Lynn Kennedy, Anita Engh with Tessa, Liz Cassidy, Linda Burns, Helene Roth, Gail Feustal, Carolyn Ashburn; *not pictured* Nan Dormans.



Twenty nine women, including members of St Paul's, sisters, friends, a baby and a dog attended this year's women's retreat on Friday evening and Saturday, February 21 and 22. We also celebrated Nan Dormans' birthday with two home made cakes! St Paul's Women's Retreats were initiated by Pastor Julie in 1998 and have been held annually since then, so 2014 was the 17th year that we have held a women's retreat. Pastor Julie organized them for the first 10 years and we have been coordinating them ourselves with lots of help from Millie since then. We shared some of the reasons that we enjoy going to the women's retreats, which included contemplation and discussion of the topic (of course), getting away from our over-stressed lives for a day, learning new things about each other, the food and fellowship on Friday night and throughout the day on Saturday, and the delicious sticky buns served in the Franciscan Center cafeteria!





Our topic this year was “Looking for God,” led by Pastor Leslie Richard. Among many other things, we discussed the awe in God’s creation and the ways we can recognize and experience God’s presence in our lives. Pastor Leslie also led our retreat in 2011 on the topic of “Experiencing the Holy Through the Lives of Women Mystics.” She holds an MA in Holistic Spirituality and Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. She serves a call to specialized ministry in the SEPA Synod ELCA as a Spiritual Director, and facilitates the SEPA Synod Faith Formation Team. Pastor Richard is a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield, Delaware County.

Next year’s retreat will be held Friday evening and Saturday till 3pm, February 6 & 7, 2015 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center and will be led by Pastor Jennifer Ollikainen again.

For those of you who really like to plan ahead, we are holding the following dates for the Women’s Retreat at the Franciscan Spiritual Center:

February 19 & 20, 2016 and February 10 & 11, 2017

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us next year!

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## Attention Parents of Second Graders

First Holy Communion classes will be held **Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6 from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm for second graders and at least one parent per student.** Lunch is included. The Second Graders will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30 am service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions (610-642-3211).

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## FALL 2014 HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR TWO MEXICAN YOUTHS

The chair of the Greater Philadelphia Latin American Studies Consortium and Director of Latin American Studies at Villanova needs our help. **Temple University is bringing two Mexican young-adults here this fall semester (late August – mid December) to study English with scholarships.** We are looking for a loving family to welcome a student into their home.

**Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas,** sends Dr. San Juana Mendoza, M.D. across the border to Juarez, Mexico, daily. She runs a free medical clinic built on the site of a former dump. Many young Mexican volunteers are trained there to promote health in the community. Dr. Mendoza has chosen these two volunteers to study at Temple.

**The two students coming here are:**

**Eric Medellin, male, age 23, and**

**Teresa Ambrosi, female, age 21. They need sleeping accommodations and meals but not transportation, from late August to mid December 2014. Sharing your home with them would be a kind act of international friendship.**

**To volunteer or receive more information, call (610-525-4499) or email Joe Betz(joseph.betz@villanova.edu).**

# Holy Week Schedule

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*Palm Sunday, April 13*

*9:00 am and 10:45 am*

*Holy Communion*

*Church Council hosting reception following 9:00 am service*

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*Maundy Thursday, April 17*

*12:00 noon and 7:00 pm*

*Holy Communion*

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*Good Friday, April 19*

*7:00 pm*

*Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Reading  
at Saint Paul's*

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*Easter Sunday, April 20*

*9:00 and 10:45 am*

*Holy Communion*

*Reception following both services*

# Save the Date

**Lutheran Night at the Phillies**

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

**VS. THE NEW YORK METS**

**TICKET INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**



## St. Paul's Fifth Annual Talent Show

**June 1, 2014, 6:00 pm**

Mark your calendar and plan your act.

**Theme: There's no business like show business!**

If you can-- sing, play or dance to a show tune,

**BUT...** all acts are welcome!

Stay tuned for details.



## Have you noticed the CareNotes booklets in the narthex?

They are booklets on various topics and can offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting. A few topics include: Suffering, Prayer, Illness and Grief.

*Feel free to take one (or more) to read or share with friends.*



## **APRIL Birthdays**

- 1 Julia Carstens, Madison DeLar, Sandra Farina, Justin Kolb
- 2 Merissa D'Antonio, William Marlin
- 3 Paul Scota
- 4 Barbara Henderson, Luke Reimer, Michael Sack
- 5 James Denman
- 6 Dakota Bramble, Jane Downing
- 8 Oakley Riggs
- 9 Kathryn Dormans
- 10 Bennett Cooper, Dan Kunsu
- 12 Sara Denman, Donald Doll
- 13 Elena Isenberg
- 14 Eryn Cronin, Emma Kilbride, Maxwell Koerner, Herbert Wendelken
- 16 Steven DeWarf, Grace Weldon
- 17 Emily Curtin
- 19 Arlene Bjorke, Evelyn Reider
- 20 Jameson Stalkamp
- 21 Katie Schnaath
- 22 Diane Pringle
- 23 Katelyn Lieb
- 24 Sonya Jacobsen
- 25 Kimberly Dieter, Todd Hart
- 28 Paul Denman, Sr.
- 29 Douglas Carroll, Amy Horn, Dylan McGuire

## APRIL CALENDAR

**Tuesday, April 1**

9:00 am Community Bible Study/Kugler room  
7:00 pm AA/Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 2**

6:00 pm Lenten soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Holy Communion – Guest preacher:  
Rev. Sanford Groff  
7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting

**Thursday, April 3**

9:00 – 11:30 am Community Bible Study / throughout church  
1:00 – 2:30 pm Women’s Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room  
6:30 pm Children’s choir rehearsal  
6:30 pm Social Ministry meeting  
7:30 pm Adult choir rehearsal

**Sunday, April 6**

8:40 am Matins Choir warm-up  
9:00 am Holy Communion (Family Worship—*no Sunday School*)  
10-10:30 am Coffee Fellowship/Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Holy Communion  
11:40 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
11:45 am First Holy Communion class for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
8:00 pm NA/Fellowship Hall

**Monday, April 7**

6:30 – 9:30 pm Philadelphia Paper Pholders/Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, April 8**

9:00 am Community Bible Study/Kugler Room  
7:00 pm AA/Fellowship Hall  
7:45 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

**Wednesday, April 9**

6:00 pm Lenten soup & bread supper  
7:00 pm Holy Communion- Guest preacher:  
Rev. Dr. James Pollard

**Thursday, April 10**

9:00 – 11:30 am Community Bible Study / throughout church  
1:00 – 2:30 pm Women’s Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room  
6:30 pm Children’s choir rehearsal  
7:15 pm Council Meeting/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
7:30 pm Adult choir rehearsal

**Saturday, April 12**

9:30 am FwYC Easter Egg Hunt  
9:30 am We All Have Question/Kugler Room

<b>Sunday, April 13</b>	<i><b>Palm Sunday</b></i>
9:00 am	Alternative Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10-10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Church Council
<u>10:45 am</u>	Holy Communion
11:40 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	
9:00 am	Outside group/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, April 17</b>	<i><b>Maundy Thursday</b></i>
12:00 pm	Holy Communion
7:00 pm	Holy Communion
<b>Friday, April 18</b>	<i><b>Good Friday- Office closed</b></i>
7:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy and Passion Reading
<b>Saturday, April 19</b>	
10:00 am	Decorate for Easter
<b>Sunday, April 20</b>	<i><b>Easter Sunday</b></i>
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10-10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship/Fellowship Hall
<u>10:45 am</u>	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the Hungry /St. Paul's basement kitchen
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, April 21</b>	Office Closed
<b>Tuesday, April 22</b>	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, April 24</b>	
9:00 – 11:30 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 27</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10-10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship/Fellowship Hall



10:30 am	Holy Communion – (Second Graders receive First Holy Communion)
11:40 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Jessica Lennick Recital/St. Paul's Sanctuary
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 28	
9:00 am	Outside group/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room
Tuesday, April 29	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall

### *Gifts of Flowers for the Altar*

Consider becoming a weekly or monthly sponsor of altar flowers for Sunday morning worship. The cost of the flowers is \$25 per week, \$100 or \$125 per month. 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).

# 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 @ \$10.00 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 11**, in order to include your information in the bulletin.



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Time Dated Material