

The Chimes

August 26, 2014

Saint Paul's Worship Schedule

(Begins Sunday, September 14)

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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God's work. Our hands

September 7, 2014

(One service 9:30 am)

Day of service & Rally Day Picnic!

Nearly 10,000 congregations of the Lutheran Church will gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

St. Paul's service projects include:

South Ardmore Park Clean-up

St. Paul's Cemetery Clean-up

Filling AFF trays

Packaging toiletries for the Life Center of Delaware County

Service projects begin at 10:30 am

Annual picnic begins at 12:30 pm

**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, September 23**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, September 16**. Thank you!

Pastor's Letter



***First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because your faith is proclaimed throughout all the world.***

Romans 1:8

Dear Friends:

As we look toward September and the beginning of another "Activity Year," these words of greeting to the church in Rome- these words of thanksgiving for their partnership in ministry- are words that convey my thoughts about you at this time. I cannot remember a more exciting "New Year" beginning than this one.

First, we have **"God's Work, Our Hands" on Sunday, September 7th**. What a great celebration and experience that day is going to be! At the one service (9:30), we'll have the Blessing of the Backpacks and School Students, the Blessing of All Educators, and the Installation of the Sunday School Staff. Following the liturgy, we'll leave the building and go to one of four service projects where we will do "God's work" with "our hands." This will be a witness for the church serving the community. The service projects include cleaning up South Ardmore Park, sprucing up our cemetery, filling Aid for Friends food trays, and packing toiletries for the Delaware Life Center. After our projects, we'll all come back to the church lawn for our annual picnic.

In Paul's words, "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout all the world."

The other news that has me excited as we begin this "New Year" is the potential pending call of a new Associate Pastor. This call follows nearly three years of process. It all began when church council brought in an expert in strategic planning in May of 2012. One of the three areas we zeroed in on was Increased Pastoral Resources. A congregational survey was done in which calling a second pastor was overwhelmingly suggested by respondents.

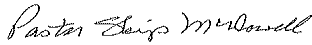
Our "Building on Blessings" campaign was established largely to meet this need. I am so personally grateful for all who responded to this opportunity. And I want to assure you that you can still do so!

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As Council President Bill Henderson reported last Sunday, the candidate has met with the Call Committee and then the Council. Both voted unanimously to have her preach a call sermon for a congregational vote. This will take place on **Sunday, September 28**.

I am very excited about this, and say again, using Paul's words, "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout all the world."

In Christ,



Pastor Skip McDowell

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: Marie Carroll (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Laura Conroy (daughter of David Bevan); Tammy Dormans (sister-in-law of Nan Dormans); Barbara Dunn (friend of Carol Hammarberg); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Kara Granger (friend of Liz Cassidy); Bill Hoffman (father of Diane Pringle); Barbara Johnson (wife of Jack Johnson); Bryan Jones; Mark Kelly (brother-in-law of Carrie Kelly); Pete McGee (friend of Carol Henry); John Messer (friend of Claudia Muller); Claire Robinson, Norma Small (friend of Linda Burns); Russ Stevenson (father of Debbie Moran); Joseph Tye (father of Nan Dormans); Abigail Yabut (cousin of Belle Miller); Samantha (friend of Dolly Henderson) and Anne (friend of Mary Lynn Kennedy).

Baptisms

Mason Andrew D'Antonio, son of Damien and Merissa D'Antonio, was baptized on July 6, 2014.

Thomas George Freestone, son of Patrick and Angela Freestone, was baptized on August 3, 2014

Get ready to serve!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014

On Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

Whether it's volunteering at a homeless shelter, cleaning up a public park, writing letters to military personnel serving overseas or supporting those congregations who fight for peace and justice in their communities every day, we are a church that boldly does God's work of restoring and reconciling communities.

"God's work. Our hands.' Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it's that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference."

— ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

To help increase the visual impact of the day of service, ELCA members will be wearing bright-yellow “God's work. Our hands.” T-shirts.

You work hard to help make your community a better place. Now let's do this work together!

Consider which of the following activities at St. Paul's you would like to participate in on 9/7.

- **South Ardmore Park Clean-Up**
- **Aid for Friends - filling trays**
- **St. Paul's Cemetery Clean-Up**
(weeding in the Cremation Gardens)
- **Packing toiletries for the Life Center of Delaware County**

More Rally Day Reminders

September 7th service will include:
(9:30 am service only)

Blessing of children & backpacks:
Bring your backpacks to church on September 7th!

Blessing of educators
Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers

God's Work. Our Hands

St. Paul's Picnic

Join us **Sun., Sept. 7th** for an old-fashioned church picnic after we complete our Rally Day service projects. **Please bring your yummy side dish, appetizer, veggie, or dessert to the basement kitchen before worship.** Lutheran Church Basement People welcomed for food prep and as food runners. Contact Linda Bailey: lindawbailey@comcast.net, 215-421-5112.

Women's Christian Fellowship Resumes

Women's Christian Fellowship will resume on **Thursday, September 11**, from 1 - 2:30 pm in the Kugler Room.

We All Have Questions: Resumes September 13th

The first meeting of the new season for the Saturday morning "We All Have Questions" group will be **September 13th at 9:30 am** in the Kugler Room. We will continue our discussion of the 23rd Psalm.

Evening Christian Fellowship

Evening Christian Fellowship will resume on **Wednesday, September 17** at 7:30 pm in the Penne home.

Birth

Congratulations to Christa Scheidly on the birth of her daughter, Aine Maye McGarrigle, on July 31. She joins brother Jakob. We rejoice with Christa and pray for God's blessings on her family.

WE WANT ST. PAUL'S TO GROW – WITH YOUR HELP

Invitation is one our most powerful evangelism tools. The Evangelism committee thanks all that have so far participated in this past season's Bring a Guest to Church. Can you think of some friends, colleagues, family, or neighbors that you could invite to church? How about inviting them to a small group like Families with Young Children (FwYC) events?

We have brochures of the church available in the narthex as well as the welcome station. Consider giving one with a handwritten note of invitation with the date on the brochure. In addition, for those of you on the email list we will be sending out a sample email that you can make your own and send for an invitation.

We ask that you think of at least three people to invite to church with you for **Rally Day, September 7th** and then take it to God in prayer.

God give us the strength to invite others to church with us, to share what worshipping You at St. Paul's means to us, and to be accepting that some invitations may not be accepted. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Upcoming Bring a Guest to Church days:

September 7th (last 9:30 service): Rally Day Picnic, Blessing of the Backpacks, Service Projects (no Sunday school)

Month of September: Bring a guest to all appropriate events. Usually attend one of our small groups? Invite someone to join you, e.g for a FwYC event, bring some friends along.

Christmas: Bring a guest to church

Easter: Bring a guest to church

Other Bring a Guest to Church dates will be advertised accordingly.

Fall Schedule Resumes

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9:00 am: Holy Communion

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Financial Update

July offering: \$30,782.76

YTD offering: \$263,158.49

Summer Family Fun Wet & Wild





Building on Blessings

Last month we wrote about two of the Building on Blessings aspirations (1) to raise at least \$500,000 so that we could increase pastoral resources and benevolence and plan for future building maintenance, and (2) to have every member of St. Paul's contribute to the campaign. This month we have good news on a third goal of our campaign: to grow the Endowment Fund.

A major impetus to starting the Building on Blessings campaign was a concern that our reliance on the Endowment Fund to get us through some lean years would soon cause it to be depleted. Created and grown through the generosity of many St. Paul's members, the Endowment Fund was established with the hope that it would provide long-time financial support by providing income on an annual basis and capital on an as needed basis.

We are delighted to report that the history of generosity of our members continues with a large gift from the estate of Wenner Smith. Wenner and his wife Cynthia were long time active members of St. Paul's whose commitment to St. Paul's caused them to make a \$200,000 gift. Wenner's and Cynthia's generosity, along with that of the many past contributors to our Endowment Fund, is a reminder to us all how important this fund is to our sustainability and our need to preserve and grow it so it can provide support to our ministry for many years to come. Our Building on Blessings campaign will do just that. We hope you will consider making a pledge by October 1, 2014.

Join Us in Sunday School

Children and youth, age 3 through 8th grades, are invited to attend Sunday school at 9 am **beginning Sunday, September 14.**

Bring your children, age 4 – 6th grade to the Fellowship Hall where we gather together at the beginning of each Sunday school session to pray and sing before going to classes. Three year-olds go directly to their classroom on the lower level, and 7th – 8th graders meet in the Kugler Room. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning about God's love for us through Bible study, games, crafts and more.



We will continue the First Sunday celebrations (the first Sunday of each month) with family worship at 9:00, in a service designed with children in mind.

Sunday school Superintendents:

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Pastor Skip & the future of St. Paul's!



L to R: Lucia Ciarlello, Thomas Freestone, Louisa Vickrey

SEPTEMBER *Birthdays*

- 1 Susan Groff, William Jones, Keven Maurer, Annabelle McColgan, Peter Pavlenko, June Willie
- 2 Claudia Muller
- 4 Albert Lucas, Merri Lee Newby
- 5 Charles Bode, Jr, Kami Wendelken
- 7 Pauline Johnsen, Don Parman
- 8 Mark Allen
- 9 Elaine Hardenbergh, Frederick Zimmer, Jr.
- 11 Kelsey Stanton
- 12 Nathaniel Barron
- 13 Paul Denman, Jr., Max Muller
- 14 Lois M. Connell, Jane Knappe, Elizabeth Lieb, Debbie Moran, Elizabeth Williams
- 15 Damien D'Antonio, David Lynch, Jakob Scheidly
- 16 Nancy Groff
- 18 Marcus Gustafsson, Patricia Miles, Heidi Rodrick-Schnaath
- 19 Matthew McGeever, Allison Memmel
- 20 Bradford Badovick, Manfred Bierschwale, Elizabeth Buchanan, Kevin Copeland
- 21 Luke Boston, Amy Lukasiewicz, Steve Schmidt, Lorraine Zook
- 22 Terri Maciolek
- 23 Lily Memmel
- 24 Kim Curtin, Mark Pierce
- 25 Sean Dewey, Lucy DiGuiseppe, Carolyn Joseph, Kristen McGuire
- 26 Ellie Marshall
- 27 Richard Vanstone
- 28 Mark Johnson
- 30 William Henderson, Jr.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Please join us every Sunday for coffee fellowship at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 1	Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, September 2	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 3	
6:00 pm	IHN/St. Mary's Ardmore
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
Thursday, September 4	
6:30 pm	Social Ministry Meeting/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Sunday, September 7	<i>God's Work. Our Hands & Rally Day picnic</i>
9:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Work with 1 of 4 service project teams
12:30 pm	Rally Day Picnic
1:30 pm	Picnic clean up
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 8	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Greater Phila. Paper Pholders/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 9	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 11	
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Church Council Meeting
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 13	
9:30 am	We All Have Questions/Kugler Room

Sunday, September 14	Fall Schedule Resumes
8:40 am	Matins Choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 15	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
Tuesday, September 16	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 17	
7:30 pm	Evening Christian Fellowship/Penne home
Thursday, September 18	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 21	
8:40 am	Matins Choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
1:00 pm	Cooking for the Hungry/Basement kitchen
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 22	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
Tuesday, September 23	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Thursday, September 25	
1:15 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 27	
9:30 am	We All Have Questions/Kugler Room
3:00-5:00 pm	Congregation Meet & Greet with our perspective new Associate Pastor Laura Tancredi
Sunday, September 28	
8:40 am	Matins Choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Laura Tancredi's Call Sermon, Congregational vote immediately following
7:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 29

12:30 pm

Mahjong/Kugler Room

Tuesday, September 30

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).

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