

The Chimes

January 2015



Sunday Worship Schedule

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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Mark your calendars –
Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Following worship at 9:30 am
(One service only; no Sunday school)

The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary;
A luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall.

All members are encouraged to attend this
important meeting
& the luncheon that follows.

**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, January 27**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, January 20**. Thank you!

Pastor's Letter



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

Best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year! The end of one year and the beginning of another is often a time to look back at what has been, and also to look into the future at what will be. Looking back may involve happiness and fond memories, but it may also involve regret or sadness. This is true for all of us, and true for St. Paul's as a church community.

The year 2014 brought many changes to St. Paul's—myself included! There are many things to look back on in 2014 with great joy: the beginning of the 250th Anniversary, wonderful guest preachers and programs, a successful capital campaign, new members, many great events at the church. The list could go on for quite a while!

Looking forward to 2015 brings the promise of more to come: the continuation and culmination of the 250th Anniversary, new families and baptisms, an exciting summer with VBS and a National Youth Gathering, some faithful events that happen every year, and some new and exciting things we may not even know about yet!

Often, our looking forward at the New Year involves making resolutions, promises to ourselves about how we are going to live our lives. I've made a few in my own life, and it is often a good and helpful way to hold ourselves accountable. But resolutions often end up being broken—not always, but a lot. We often break promises to ourselves more easily than those we have made to others. Most of us know the pain that broken promises can bring into our lives.

But as we begin the year 2015, moving forward from past mistakes and pains and looking forward to future joy and hope, we can always remember the promises of God, which are never broken. The promise of a Savior to redeem the nations, made at Advent and fulfilled through the Christmas story, is a promise that still holds true for us today. And it is a promise that we carry into the future with us.

So, as we look with joy and expectation to this New Year, 2015, let us remember not just our own promises to ourselves and others, but the promises of God to bring new life once again, and to guide us all our days.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Tamerred".

Pastor Laura

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: Miranda Bagent (friend of Beth McElvenney); Nell Banks (aunt of Amanda Vickrey); T. Chester Bright (father of Barb Henderson); Preston Lynn Darkes (friend of the Sacks); Andrew Eldredge (grandson of Hazel Pelletreau's friend); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Lindsey Francis (friend of Brendan Miller); Kara Granger (friend of Liz Cassidy); Freddy Grimm (friend of Millie Parker); Bill Hoffman (father of Diane Pringle); Gregg Martin (brother of Linda Martin); Sydney McVoy (friend of Runa Kennedy); John Messer (friend of Claudia Muller); Marion O'Kane (grandmother of Paul Trombello); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Russ Stevenson (father of Debbie Moran); Andrew Sutor (friend of Vicki & Jason Sack); Alexander Winn (friend of Runa Kennedy); Abigail Yabut (cousin of Belle Miller); Catherine (friend of Liz Cassidy); Samantha (friend of Dolly Henderson); Paul (friend of Claudia Muller); Anne (friend of Mary Lynn Kennedy); Kevin Maurer & Jim Schneider.

Baptism

Eleanora Johanna Stanley, daughter of Patrick & Katrina Stanley, was baptized on December 21, 2014.

Deaths

William Jones died on November 23, 2014

G. Bryan Jones died on November 24, 2014

Maria Simms died on November 24, 2014

Lorraine Zook died on November 30, 2014

We pray for the families of Bill Jones, Bryan Jones, Maria Simms and Lorraine Zook and thank God for their lives and the promise of the Resurrection.

Thank You

Dear Friends at St. Paul's:

Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers and all of your prayers, cards and well wishes. The prayers must be working because all of my therapists and visiting nurses are very pleased with my progress. Skip has been waiting on me hand and foot and our daughter Suzanne provided us with Thanksgiving dinner since I came home from the hospital on Thanksgiving Day. I feel very blessed to have so many friends praying for me.

Thank you again,

Love,

Pam McDowell



The tablecloth was placed, the decorations added, cake ready to be cut. Then child after child added a special treat to the table. What delicious surprises. My thank you to the children (and their parents) who added a treat. Our morning coffee hour following the church school pageant was an abundance of "yummy."



The staff wishes to thank Lisa Lexa for the wonderful staff lunch that was provided before Christmas!

Attention Committee Chairpersons

Annual reports on all activities for the year 2014 are due NOW. Please note that reports are expected from all committees, subcommittees and groups.

2015 Council Nominees

The following individuals have been nominated to serve three-year terms on Saint Paul's Congregation Council. **The election of nominees will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 8.**

Linda Martin
James Schneider

Louise Pierce
Linda Stanton

A Heritage to Keep: St. Paul's Celebrating 250th Anniversary

Upcoming Guest Preachers & Special Events

Sunday, January 11

Rev. Julie DeWerth, guest preacher at both services

Sunday, February 15

Hymn-fest at St. Paul's. An anthem commissioned for St. Paul's & written by Robert Hobby will be presented. Co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter, American Guild of Organists. **Adults \$10.00**

Sunday, February 22

Rev. Greg Shreaves, guest preacher at both services

2014 Ingathering



Thank you to all who participated in this year's gift collection. Gifts were purchased for 101 children. They were blessed on Sunday, December 7, 2014 and delivered to the Lutheran Children and Family Service site later that day.

Children, Go Where I Send Thee



St. Paul's Women's Retreat

Dates: Friday, Jan. 23 & Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015

Location: Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA

Cost: \$80.00

Title/Topic: What do Lutherans Believe?

Nearly 500 years ago, a reluctant but studious monk, Martin Luther, stood up to the church and inadvertently began the Protestant Reformation. He cried for reform from within the church so that God's love might be clearly proclaimed so that the consolation of grace may be felt and celebrated among all of God's people. Lutherans today trace their theological and church roots to this brilliant and oftentimes quirky German monk who still shapes our practice and belief in the Lutheran church. We will explore Luther, his theology, and his humor as we respond to the question, "What do luther-ans believe?" (Please bring your Bibles).

Retreat Leader: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikainen

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps Ollikainen served as vicar of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore (1999-2000), Associate Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield (2002-2007) and Associate for Worship Resources at the national church-wide office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (2007-2010). She is currently called as Executive Director of Lutheran Congregational Services, an affiliate of Liberty Lutheran Services which is a social ministry organization that serves people in need throughout the southeastern Pennsylvania area. She holds a Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology in New Testament, and a Doctor of Ministry in worship renewal from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's, with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line and dropped off in the church office or given to Diane Pringle.

Please register by Wednesday, January 7 and submit your payment by Sunday, January 18. RSVP to Diane Pringle (dianep@design.upenn.edu) or Millie Parker (millie@stpaulsardmore.org).

Building
on
Blessings
for **250** years
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Nancy Reagan had “Just Say No.” Nike had “Just Do It” and now St. Paul’s has its own “just” slogan,

Just Pledge!

One of the three goals of the Building on Blessings campaign was to build a fund to use for future repairs and renovations which will no doubt arise in our beautiful but aging building. The bell tower and the roof are likely suspects in the near future as are electrical upgrades and painting the sanctuary. All are expensive but necessary projects needed to maintain our property.

As we celebrate the greatest gift we have all received, the birth of Jesus Christ, we ask you to make a one-time gift to St. Paul’s for our Building on Blessings fund. We worship in a sanctuary we did not build on land we did not purchase because of the largesse of past congregational members. A one-time gift to the fund will allow St. Paul’s to move into our second 250 years and provide funds to preserve and improve our church property for the next generations of worshippers at our wonderful church. Be a part of that history.

Just Pledge!

Was one of your New Year's Resolutions to volunteer more?



Well it doesn't get much easier to fulfill that this ... IHN

It's only an hour or two, and right in Ardmore, a few blocks from St. Paul's.

Here's what we need:

On **Wednesday, January 14th** members of St. Paul's will be at St. Mary's Church in Ardmore. Providing dinner and babysitting the children in the program while their parents are in a class.

It's a great way to help others so close to home. It's also a great family activity.

Dinner: 6:00 – 7:00 (*or drop off part of the dinner, if you can't stay*)

Babysitting: 6:30 – 7:30 (*parents are required to attend parenting & money management classes*)

Hosting: 7:30 – 9:00 (*just a responsible adult to be there until the overnight host arrives*)

If you are 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)

If you can't help in January, here are other dates for 2015 are: April 8, June 14, Aug 26, and Nov 11.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a wonderful organization that is committed to helping homeless families in our community to achieve lasting independence.

Groups Resuming in January

Women's Christian Fellowship, led by **Pastor Laura** meets every **Thursday** from 1-2:30 pm in the Kugler Room and will resume **January 8**. All women are welcome!

Evening Christian Fellowship meets every other week at 7:30 pm in the home of Devany & Bob Penne. **Meetings resume: Wednesday, January 7**. Contact Devany Penne (devanyp@comcast.net or 610-649-7510). All are welcome.

We All Have Questions group meets every other Saturday at 9:30 am in the Kugler Room. **Meetings resume January 10**. Our topic will be what good things do we want to keep with us from 2014 and have we made any resolutions for 2015. Contact Hazel Pelletreau (doerun@comcast.net or 610-284-6835). All are welcome.

St. Paul's Book Club

The St. Paul's book club will meet on **Tuesday, January 27 at 7:30 pm in the Kugler Room** to discuss *Bomb* by Steven Sheinkin. A young adult book that was still strongly recommended for general readership, it tells the story of the development of the atomic bomb from 1938 until its successful use over Japan.

St. Paul's Youth News



On Sunday, December 14, Maxwell Koerner was awarded the distinguished award of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Less than 4% of scouts receive this award. Max's Eagle Scout service project included repairs to St. Paul's sanctuary in preparation for our 250th Anniversary.

Christ Caring for People through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to Pastor Skip, Pastor Laura or a Stephen Leader (Beth McElvenney, Hazel Pelletreau)

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 Aiden Gale, Morgan Gale, Alexandria Schuster, Andrea Schuster, Virginia Vitty
- 3 Charlotte Miller
- 4 Sarah Krissingner
- 5 Madeline Hamilton, Virginia Mace
- 6 Kari Draper
- 7 Alexa Foust, Giang Nguyen, Nancy Snyder, Christine Stallkamp
- 8 Olivia Osborne
- 9 Beth McElvenney
- 10 Eugene Bright, Jr., Andrew Horn
- 11 David Harkins, Frank Roth
- 12 Zoe Bozman, John Mullin, III
- 15 Rebecca Dewey, Kendall Henderson, Louise Pierce, Molly Trombello
- 18 John Nagle, Jim Van Horn, III
- 19 Russ Carstens, Jason Sack, Patricia Welsh
- 20 John Martin, Isabel Montgomery, Grady Walters, Anthony Wilkerson, Jr
- 22 Melanie DeWarf, Eleanor Jacobsen, Christina Wagner
- 23 Barbara Orwig, Grady Walters, Jr
- 25 Andrea Scota
- 27 Jim Schneider
- 28 Denette Stetler
- 29 Paige Badovick, Ben Brophy
- 30 Vernon Newhouse
- 31 Kimberly Hunt, Charlotte McColgan, Elisabeth Ritaldato

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).

JANUARY CALENDAR

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

The Handbell Choir practices in the Sanctuary every Sunday following the 10:30 am service.

Sunday, January 4

8:40 am

Matins choir warm-up

9:00 am

Family Worship (No Sunday School)

10:30 am

Holy Communion

8:00 pm

NA/Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 5

12:30 pm

Mahjong/Kugler Room

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 am

Community Bible Study leaders

7:00 pm

AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 pm

Evening Christian Fellowship/Penne Residence

Thursday, January 8

9:00 am

Community Bible Study/throughout church

1:00 pm

Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room

6:30 pm

Children's choir rehearsal

7:30 pm

Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, January 10

9:30 am

We All Have Questions/Kugler Room

Sunday, January 11

8:40 am

Matins Choir warm-up

9:00 am

Sunday School

9:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion

Guest Preacher: Rev. Julie DeWerth

4:00 pm

Pastor Laura's Installation

6:00 pm

Confirmation class

8:00 pm

NA/Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 12

12:30 pm

Mahjong/Kugler Room

Tuesday, January 13

9:00 am

Community Bible Study leaders

7:00 pm

AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 14

6:00 pm

IHN at St. Mary's Ardmore

Thursday, January 15	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 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
Sunday, January 18	
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, January 19	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, January 20	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study leaders
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 21	
7:30 pm	Evening Christian Fellowship/Penne Residence
Thursday, January 22	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, January 24	
9:30 am	We All Have Questions group/Kugler Room
Sunday, January 25	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
6:00 pm	Confirmation class
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 26	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
Tuesday, January 27	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study leaders
7:00 pm	AA/2 nd floor Meeting Room
7:30 pm	St. Paul's Book Club/Kugler Room
Thursday, January 29	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 pm	Women's Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

Sunday, February 1

**2nd-8th grades will visit the *Mud Room* in Ardmore!
We will meet there at 10:30 am. Need a Valentine's Day gift for someone? Why not make a nice pottery or glass item at the Mud Room!**



Approximate cost is \$15.00.

**RSVP is required. (610-642-3211 or
millie@stpaulsardmore.org)**

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

On **Sunday, February 1**, St. Paul's youth will be using soup bowls to collect donations for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring! Look for the collection bowls as you are leaving worship. The receiving organization will be announced soon!

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Time Dated Material