

# *The Chimes*

*February 2015*



## *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*

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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# **2015**

## ***Annual Meeting***

***Sunday, February 8***  
***Following worship at 9:30 am***  
***(one service only on 2/8)***

***The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.***

***A congregation luncheon will follow  
in Fellowship Hall.***

***All members are encouraged to attend  
the meeting and the luncheon.***

### **2015 Congregation 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                      Louise Pierce  
James Schneider                Linda Stanton  
Bill Henderson (one year completing Jason Sack's term)

#### **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, February 24**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, February 17**. Thank you!

# Pastor's Letter



Dear Friends:

The time of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with the Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and 7:00 pm. On the succeeding Wednesdays we will meet at 7:00 for Holden Evening Prayer, and some outstanding preachers. As we celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, our 2015 Lenten theme will be...

## ***The Lord Has Anointed Me!***

*What Does it Mean to Be the Church?*

This year as we travel together on these Lenten Wednesday evenings we will focus on what is God calling me to do? What is God calling the church to be? Our overarching focus will be this passage from the Gospel of Luke:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release for the captives,  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.  
(4:18-19)*

## **Lent 2015 Calendar of Preachers The Lord has anointed me to...**

February 25...***bring good news to the poor...***

The Reverend Larry Smoose, former pastor of Reformation, Media

March 4 ... ***proclaim release to the captives...***

The Reverend Timothy Ness, pastor of St. Mark's, Clifton Heights

March 11 ... ***proclaim the recovery of sight to the blind...***

The Reverend Regina Goodrich, pastor of Mediator, Philadelphia

March 18 ...***let the oppressed go free...***

The Reverend Dr. Kris Peterson, interim pastor of St. Luke's UCC, Trappe, PA

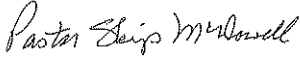
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March 25 ...**proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

The Reverend Dr. James Pollard, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Ardmore

Soup and bread suppers will be at 6:00 each Wednesday evening. Holden Evening Prayer will begin at 7:00.

In Christ.



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:** Miranda Bagent (friend of Beth McElvenney); Nell Banks (aunt of Amanda Vickrey); Charlotte Conybear; Donna Curry (wife of Dave Curry); Preston Lynn Darkes (friend of the Sacks); Jennifer DeHardt (friend of Debbie Keyser); 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); Bill Hoffman (father of Diane Pringle); Barbara Johnson (wife of Jack Johnson); Johanna Karén (granddaughter of Dick & Dorothy Linderman); Gregg Martin (brother of Linda Martin); Sydney McVoy (friend of Runa Kennedy); Marion O'Kane (grandmother of Paul Trombello); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Delores Stevenson (mother of Debbie Moran); Russ Stevenson (father of Debbie Moran); 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); and Anne (friend of Mary Lynn Kennedy).

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## Death

Trent Stetler died on Sunday, January 11. We pray for the Stetler family and thank God for Trent's life and the promise of the Resurrection.

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## Birth

**Congratulations to Jennifer and John Curtis on the birth of their son Luke Christopher Thomas Eric Alden Curtis**, on January 15. Luke joins a brother, Dylan. We rejoice with Jennifer and John and pray for God's blessings on their family.

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## Change of Address

### **Stark & Betty Lash**

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Apt. D 316  
Media, PA 19063

### **Carol Anderson**

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### **Anna Ellmer**

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Ardmore, PA 19003

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## Congregation Luncheon: Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, and clean-up for the congregation luncheon following the annual meeting. Specifically I am looking for helpers on **Saturday, Feb. 7 in the afternoon, and Sunday the 8th before and after the lunch.** Please contact Stephenie Yeung at 267-974-1183 or ([syeung850@gmail.com](mailto:syeung850@gmail.com)) and be a part of this annual time of fellowship!

## Pastor Laura's Installation January 11, 2015





(1<sup>st</sup> row l-r: Pastor Leslie Richard, Pastor Tim Ness, Pastor Laura, Bill Henderson, Barb Keyser. 2<sup>nd</sup> row 1-r: Frank Roth, Pastor Skip, Jim Schneider)



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

*On Sunday, February 1, please help to fill the soup bowls that St. Paul's youth will be using to collect donations for Aid for Friends. Look for the collection bowls as you are leaving worship.*

*Aid for Friends, based in northeast Philadelphia, provides meals to homebound, isolated individuals in the Delaware Valley. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's with Aid for Friends on the memo line.*

## A Heritage to Keep: St. Paul's Celebrating 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Upcoming Guest Preachers & Special Events

**Sunday, February 15, 4:00 pm** Hymn-fest at St. Paul's. An anthem commissioned for St. Paul's & written by guest organist 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

**Sunday, March 8** Rev. Tony Campolo, guest preacher at both services

**Sunday, March 8, 4:00 pm** CAPA Concert at St. Paul's.  
Philadelphia High School for the Creative & Performing Arts





## Happy Birthday St. Paul's!

Families with Young Children, it's time to celebrate our 250th birthday! **We will celebrate our anniversary with a cake, piñata and other traditional birthday party games.** St. Paul's is 250 years old. How old is that? We will have fun with that question and have a timeline game for parents. Don't miss the celebration!

**When:** Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm

**Where:** St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

**Pizza and pasta will be served.**

**Please bring a side dish to share.**

**RSVP to the church office by Friday, February 6  
(610-642-3211 or [millie@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:millie@stpaulsardmore.org))**

**Family & friends are welcome  
A free will offering will be collected**



## St. Paul's Hymn-Fest with Robert Hobby

As part of St. Paul's Lutheran Church's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the congregation will be hosting a hymn-fest featuring Robert Hobby, guest organist. **The event will take place at 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 15.** The event is co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A \$10 donation will benefit Lutheran Charities and Aid for Friends [American Guild of Organists members and children are free]. Also appearing at the event are St. Paul's Adult Choir and the training ensemble for the American Boy Choir.

A new composition for choir and organ, "Come, Share the Spirit" will be premiered at the event. The piece was written by Mr. Hobby and commissioned by St. Paul's members Kevin Maurer and James Schneider specifically for the event.



Robert Hobby is Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he plays the organ and oversees the music and arts program. He received his Bachelor of Music degree at Wittenberg University, and a Masters of Organ Performance at Notre Dame University. Mr. Hobby has over 150 compositions in print, and his music has appeared on syndicated radio programs *The Lutheran Hour*, *Pipe Dreams* and *Sing for Joy*.

As a performer he has appeared at the national conventions of the Hymn Society of America and Canada, the Organ Historical Society, and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. He is also a featured soloist with the Fort Wayne symphony, and a past Dean of the Fort Wayne chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He has also performed concerts and Hymn-fests throughout the United States.

## People of St. Paul's: Michael Ashburn

We're back for the new year with our continuing series of People of St. Paul's member profiles. As noted when we kicked off this series, one definition of stewardship is our response to God for the gifts that God has given to us. You'll read elsewhere about financial contributions but contributions of time and talents are an important dimension to our own religious experience and those contributions can also enrich the experience of our fellow church members. That potential for enrichment underlies the **Worship + Two** initiative. Everyone is encouraged to worship regularly and to contribute in at least two other roles at St. Paul's.

Those "plus two's" can take a wide variety of shapes and help make St. Paul's a special place. This month's spotlighted member – **Michael Ashburn** – shares his time and his unique talents in a variety of ways that contribute to life at St. Paul's.



**What first attracted you to St. Paul's?** The church came first, and then our house. Carolyn and I met Boofie Younkin in late 2006 when we started preparing for our move from Utah to Philadelphia. During the course of house hunting, we mentioned that we were Lutheran (yes, there are a few in Utah). Boofie introduced us to St. Paul's, and we will be always thankful to her for that. We attended our first service at St. Paul's during one of our house-hunting trips from Utah. After the warm welcome, we told Boofie that St. Paul's would be our church and we hoped to find a home close by.

**Which volunteer activities have you been involved with?** Carolyn and I have had the privilege of helping teach Confirmation for the last four years or so. This started the same year that Carolyn and Pastor Skip guided the youth to their first youth gathering in New Orleans, which was very rewarding for her and also for me (behind the scenes). Both of us help out in a variety of job assignments for services when need and schedules permit. One of the assignments I truly enjoyed last year was the opportunity to lead an educational seminar at St. Paul's regarding the ethics of palliative care.

**What advice do you have for someone trying to decide whether or not to get more involved at St. Paul's?** Join in as you can – especially with the opportunity to attend Sunday worship. That is the first and most important way of all to be involved at St. Paul's. It's so simple that you might wonder why I even mention it, especially since we have opportunities to worship regularly – in fact, each and every week. It occurs so often that we might even take it for granted. A couple of months ago I attended a class at the Lutheran Theological Seminary on Martin Luther with fellow St. Paul's members. I was reminded how important Luther believed it was to hear the Word of God (through sermons, for example). In addition, we support each other when attending service, and we may never know how our presence has had a positive impact on the lives of others. Like everyone else, sometimes we are out of town or I have to work on a Sunday, but Carolyn and I come as much as we can and are thankful for the opportunity to worship and to renew our relationship with God and with fellow believers at St. Paul's. While there are many people involved in the work of our church, there is always room for more. New (and old) members will find people eager to include them if they chose to raise their hand and volunteer.

Thanks to Michael from all of us for all the ways he has enriched our experience at St. Paul's.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 18**



*Holy Communion & Imposition  
of Ashes*

*12:00 noon & 7:00 pm*

*Please join us.*

## **Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

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

*(See Pastor's Letter, page 3, for entire Lenten schedule.)*

**February 25**

**The Rev. Larry Smoose**

**Former pastor of Reformation, Media**

**The Lord has anointed me to...  
Bring good news to the poor**

*(Reprinted from Media Town Talk News,  
September 2012)*

Larry Smoose is the former pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Media. Retiring in June of 2012, Pastor Smoose was a spiritual leader, confidant and friend to his congregation. He took part in many volunteer activities that ranged from bike-a-thons to missionary work in Africa.



“It’s always daunting to try to figure out one’s greatest accomplishments over a 40-year career, but I have been gratified to have two congregations, God’s Love Lutheran in Newtown, Bucks County, and Reformation Lutheran in Media that, during my pastorate, were able to grow, not only in membership but in mission and ministry.”

After he assumed the pastorate at Reformation Lutheran, Smoose and Pastor Herb Lusk of Greater Exodus Baptist Church in Philadelphia organized a regional rally and raised more than \$100,000 to help rebuild three African American churches that had been destroyed by arsonists in Tennessee.

“Even though I was brand new at Reformation, the members helped lead the way and members of my former congregation were also there,” Smoose said.

Several years later, Smoose helped Lusk establish Stand for Africa, a ministry to help children orphaned by HIV and AIDS in Africa. Reformation Lutheran already had a strong partnership with a Lutheran congregation in Pangani, Tanzania.

“I believe that there is no organization in history that has impacted individual communities and the world as much as the church,” Smoose said. “Most of the Lutheran Social Ministry Organizations were initiated by individuals or congregations that saw a need and began in small ways to meet that need.”

Pastor Smoose was elected secretary of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church and to the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, where he served on the Executive Committee. He also traveled throughout the U.S. as a pastor-evangelist and served on the board of Paul’s Run Retirement Home. He has also served on the board of People for People Inc., a non-profit organization providing ministry in North Philadelphia.

Pastor Smoose graduated from Edgewood High School, near Pittsburgh, in 1964. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and history at Thiel College and a master of divinity degree and doctor of ministry degree at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Smoose said he always attended church weekly, was involved in church activities and was attracted to the ministry. A pastor suggested that he consider a vocation, and soon afterward, he started to visit Lutheran seminaries and was appraised as a seminary student. “The more I learned about what was involved, the more I realized how much I had to bring to it. There’s more to ministry than you would think. It was a process, but one that was affirming.”

Pastor Smoose has one son, Matthew, who is a captain in the U.S. Army. His wife Linda Lee has two sons, Chris, a chef in New Orleans, and Michael, who lives in West Chester.

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## Rescheduled St. Paul’s Book Club

The St. Paul’s book club will meet on **Tuesday, February 24 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.

## **FEBRUARY** Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Barron, James Conybear, David Scherzer
- 2 Dan Dry, Jr.
- 3 Debbie Keyser, Connor Perry, Ginette Wendelken
- 4 Andrea Dormans, Noah Isenberg, Donald Reimer
- 5 Thomas Freestone, Jennifer Reimer
- 6 Colleen Schramm
- 7 Rolf Johnson, Benjamin Lucas
- 8 Susan Janasik, David Williams
- 9 Laura Ciarlello
- 10 Charlotte Conybear, Sean Hopkins
- 11 Dottie Buchanan, Marja Nevalainen
- 12 Tyler Kunsu, Lisa Nagle
- 13 Eleanor Nagle, Hannah Nagle
- 14 Grant Gale, Elizabeth Krissingner
- 15 Jennifer Curtis, George Koerner
- 16 Lee Berry Sullivan, Pamela Carroll, Anders Lauersen, Sarah Scherzer, Adam Trombello
- 17 Lillian Aleardi, Colin Marshall, Devany Penne
- 18 John Byrne, Jack Denman, Sharon Robinson
- 20 Sara Dimitri, Bonnie Legreid, Paul Trombello
- 21 Elizabeth Lash
- 22 Nan Dormans
- 23 Paul Schimpff
- 24 Joanne Cooper, Mariana Curtin
- 26 Melissa Gale
- 27 Charlotte Memmel, Rebecca Memmel
- 28 Ronan Badovick, Lauren Baxter, Kristen June, Derek Lauffer

### *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).



# Christmas Caroling to the Homebound



One of three groups that went out, caroling with Helen Somma and friends

"Thanks to all the Christmas carolers to the homebound! We had 30 carolers that split into three groups led by Joy Baxter, Dylan McGuire, and Andy Heller that visited and sang to 8 homebound members. Caroling was one of the December service opportunities"



# FEBRUARY 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.*

<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>
8:40 am	Matins Choir warm-up
9:00 am	Family Worship (No Sunday school)
10:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	E-SPY @ the Mudroom in Ardmore
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, February 2</b>	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
6:30 – 9:30 pm	Philadelphia Paper Pholders/Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, February 3</b>	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study leaders
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, February 4</b>	
7:30 pm	Evening Christian Fellowship/Penne home
<b>Thursday, February 5</b>	
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
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
9:30 am	Holy Communion
11:00 am	Annual Meeting/Sanctuary
12:00 noon	Congregation luncheon/Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, February 9</b>	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
<b>Tuesday, February 10</b>	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study leaders
5:00 pm	Families w/ Young Children Event: Happy Birthday St. Paul's/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, February 12</b>	
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	Council Reorganization Meeting/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Rm
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion, New Council Members Installed
10:30 am	Holy Communion
1:00 pm	Cooking for the Hungry/Basement Kitchen
4:00 pm	Hymn-fest at St. Paul's
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, February 16</b>	
<i>President's Day, Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b>	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study leaders
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday</b>	
12:00 noon	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
<b>Thursday, February 19</b>	
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
<b>Saturday, February 21</b>	
9:30 am	We All Have Questions/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room
<b>Sunday, February 22</b>	
8:40 am	Matins Choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev. Greg Shreaves
8:00 pm	NA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, February 23</b>	
12:30 pm	Mahjong/Kugler Room
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b>	
9:00 am	Community Bible Study leaders
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	St. Paul's Book Club/Kugler Room
<b>Wednesday, February 25</b>	
6:00 pm	Soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: The Rev. Larry Smoose
<b>Thursday, February 26</b>	
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

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