

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



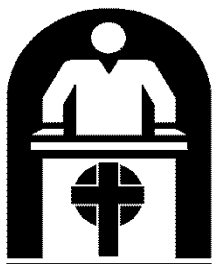
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Dear Members and Friends,

March 6th, Ash Wednesday, begins the season of Lent (yes, it's that time of year already!) Easter is the oldest season, Lent appeared sometime later. We use ancient terms and symbols from times and cultures foreign to us during these seasons. But Lent and Easter are alive and well in the Church, because they focus on the center of our faith from which we draw our life in Christ.

Lent is a time of *preparation*. The observance of Lent during the 40 days (plus six Sundays) before Easter appeared in the early Church as an imitation of Jesus' 40 days of self-denial and prayer in the wilderness. New adult converts to Christianity practiced Lenten penance, personal asceticism and prayer. These prepared them to receive their Baptism, Confirmation and their first Lord's Supper in the Saturday evening vigil before Easter.

The Lord's Supper, Easter and Baptism are related to the Jewish Passover, as it commemorates the Old Testament Israelites' rescue from death (the Exodus) and their new life as God's chosen people.

Easter, *the* Sunday of the Church Year, is followed by 50 days leading to the Pentecost festival. For new Christians these first days after entering the Church were a time to explore how the experience of the Easter Vigil would change their lives.

Today Lent remains a time for us to examine our lives, preparing for Holy Week and Easter. On the day of Christ's resurrection we celebrate *our baptism*, for baptism joins all of God's people with the death and victorious resurrection of our Lord.

Come join us for the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th at 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Miller



Lent is almost here. Ash Wednesday services will be held on March 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. You will see many changes as we begin our Lenten journey. The banners will change to purple. We will use a more solemn setting of the liturgy. The hymns will not be as upbeat. We will not use the word “hallelujah”. All of these things will help set the mood for our worship.

Judy Noll

SNOW/CANCELLATION INFORMATION



Winter advisory...Please be sure to check St. Paul's website, www.stpaulsbbville.org or WFMZ storm center to see if any church service or event is cancelled due to snow or ice.

BLOOD DRIVE

We are coordinating a blood drive with our Annual Yard Sale this year on June 8th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We are in need of someone to schedule appointments for donors wishing to give blood. It would require using your telephone number which donors would call. If anyone is interested please contact Pastor Miller or Angie Kropf.

DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2019**, to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Help support St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

EASTER VIGIL

Many of you (actually 70 of you) attended our Easter Vigil service last year. While St. Paul's has celebrated the Easter Vigil in the distant past, it wasn't done the way we did it last year. Many were impressed and looking forward to it again this year. If you haven't attended the Easter Vigil, the following is an explanation of the Vigil service. I invite you to this inspiring and dramatic service on April 20th at 7:30 p.m. – Pastor Miller

THE EASTER VIGIL: AN EXPLANATION

There is no other worship service in the entire church year that can compare with the great Vigil of Easter, with its powerful contrasts between darkness and light, death and life, bondage and liberation. We move from the penitence of Lent to the joy of Easter. Remembering God's mighty acts of creation and the Exodus, we celebrate the central mystery of our salvation: the victorious Resurrection of Our Lord. The Easter Vigil begins in darkness (or dusk) – the darkness of the sepulchre in which the crucified Christ was buried, the darkness of sin and death. In the midst of this darkness a new fire is kindled, a dramatic symbol of the Risen Christ. From the new fire, the Paschal candle is lighted, representing the Resurrected Christ who is the Light of the world. Easter Eve with its Vigil is a night truly blessed, a night when the past and present and future of salvation become merged into the here and now. This is the most holy night of the Christian year.

There are four parts of the Vigil: Light, Readings, Baptism (or Renewal of Baptismal Vows), and Holy Communion. The service begins outdoors with a fire prepared either on the ground or in a charcoal grille. The Pastor and assisting leaders gather around a Paschal Candle and the newly kindled fire. An acolyte holds the Paschal Candle with a cross, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega and the numerals 2019 on it representing this year of grace in which Christ is the beginning and end of our salvation. The minister lights the Paschal Candle and the assisting leader sings, "The light of Christ!" and the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God!"

The procession forms and enters the church with the Paschal Candle leading the way. The symbolism of the procession is powerful and dramatic; Christ, shining in Easter victory as the rising sun conquers the darkness and leads the people of God from death to life. As the people of Israel were once led by a pillar of fire, so now we are led through the darkness by the light of Christ. At the door the assisting leader again sings, "The Light of Christ!" and the congregation again responds,

“Thanks be to God!” At this time the people light their hand candles from the Paschal Candle, distribute the light to others around them, and enter the darkened church which is now lit with the Easter candlelight.

Arriving at the altar the assisting leader again sings, “The Light of Christ!” and the congregation responds a third time, “Thanks be to God!” The Paschal Candle is placed on its stand. The assisting leader then sings what is called the Easter Proclamation. The Easter Proclamation, which comes to us from the fourth or fifth century, praises God in stunning poetry for the mighty acts of creation and redemption. *This is the night (sung from the Proclamation)* when we pass over from darkness to light, from gloom to grace, from sin to salvation, from guilt to freedom. During the singing of the beautiful Proclamation, the candle sconces are lit, which brighten the church even more.

The Service of Readings continues the Vigil and rehearses God’s mighty acts in history. Old Testament texts are read – not as ancient history, but in the sense that what happened once in the past is happening again, and because the Resurrection is the climax of God’s purposes from the beginning. A hymn and a prayer follow the readings.

During the singing of the fourth hymn after the fourth reading the leaders go the baptismal font and carrying the Paschal Candle. We now begin the Service of Baptism or Renewal of Baptismal vows. Since the third century, the Easter Vigil has been the primary time to celebrate Holy Baptism. Indeed, the Vigil remains the most meaningful time of the year for Baptism – since baptism is the sacrament of our being joined to Christ’s death and resurrection. The font becomes our Red Sea, our tomb with Christ, our womb of new birth.

A hymn of praise is sung and this signals the fourth part of the service – Holy Communion. As this song is sung there is a dramatic transition from semi-darkness to brilliant light when the church and chancel are fully illuminated. This is when all the altar and church appointments such as paraments, candles, bibles, other altar appointments are carried in by people. The lights are turned on quickly. We then celebrate the sacrament in which we are gathered around the presence of Christ.

The great Vigil of Easter is a wonderful and moving celebration of our Passover in Christ from death and darkness to life and light. We participate in God’s salvation through Baptism and sharing the Bread of Life from the altar. This is the night we celebrate creation and renewal, liberation and salvation. There is no other night like it! The light of the Risen Christ shines in our midst – Alleluia!

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with ashes and ends with alleluias. It is a season of spiritual growth, beginning on March 6th and concluding six weeks later with the brilliant white colors of Easter. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice that many Lutheran congregations have found quite meaningful.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human experience. First, ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return." Second, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. Ashes were used anciently in the absence of soap, and on Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our Baptism. Third, ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for one day the words "We commit his/her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust" will be said over our bodies. Fourth, ashes are a symbol of repentance, as expressed in Luke 10:13 and the hymn "Savior, When in Dust to You." Please join us for this important service to begin the season of Lent on the morning and evening of March 6th, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

This is the day that begins with praise and ends with sorrow. We praise our Lord as he enters Jerusalem. We raise our palm branches and shout Hosanna. We then hear the Passion of Our Lord and get ready to enter the solemnity of Holy Week. Join us on Sunday, April 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin "Mandatum" which means commandment. Jesus gave a new commandment, to love one another, at his Last Supper where he washed the disciples' feet.

In this service, the confession concludes with an absolution which is a little more involved than usual because Maundy Thursday is the climax of the Lenten discipline which began on Ash Wednesday. Following the public absolution there is opportunity for individual absolution. This is strictly voluntary for those who feel it is meaningful in their life of faith. After the individual absolution, the people return to their seats.

After the Communion, the altar is stripped. The sacramental vessels, the paraments, and other worship appointments are removed, some of the church furniture appointments are draped in black, and Psalm 22 is read. The congregation is invited to meditate on the symbolism of the stripping of the altar, which represents the stripping of Jesus' garments at his crucifixion. After the altar is stripped and the Psalm is read the congregation should leave in silence. This service is at 7:00 p.m. on April 18th.

Good Friday

Good Friday marks Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and death. Included in this service is the adoration of the cross of Jesus. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. on April 19th.

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil service includes services of Light, Readings, Baptism, and Holy Communion. It is a dramatic and inspiring service that begins in darkness and ends in the brilliant light of Easter. Please join us at **7:30 p.m. on April 20th**.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Since we are celebrating the Easter Vigil the night before, there will not be an Easter Dawn service. We rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on April 21st.

MISSION INTERPRETER EVENT, SAT. APRIL 6, 2019

Mission Interpreters tell the stories of the ministries of our Synod and the ELCA that are supported by our giving that goes beyond our congregation to our wider church. If you may be interested in learning more about our Mission Interpreter ministry, we invite you to a gathering on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30am to 2pm, at Starlite Diner, at Routes I78 and 100, Allentown. Julia Menzo, Director of Liberty Lutheran Congregational Services, will share about the ministries of her organization, one of many supported by our mission support giving.

Please call Charlotte Gross at 484-695-1641 to register. Seating is limited. Lunch will be provided.

Our Evangelism Committee members are busy ramping up the games for our carnival this year in 2019. OUR GOAL NEXT YEAR, IN 2020, IS TO OPEN THE KIDS' CARNIVAL TO THE PUBLIC.

It is imperative to form a Carnival Committee solely focused on organizing everything for the 2020 public event. Without a committee, this will not be possible.

It needs to be better and different than previous years; we will need more volunteers for the event than before. Every aspect must be covered during planning, which is why we want a committee dedicated solely for the carnival.

To ensure that this event takes place, we need more volunteers. We cannot do it with the existing Evangelism Committee volunteers. We are calling on families with and without young children to step up. Even if your children are grown, you can still volunteer for this committee.

POTLUCKS AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us March 3rd for a Mardi Gras themed potluck lunch following worship.

On April 7th, there will be another potluck lunch following worship. As always, bring your favorite foods. In preparation for opening our Easter Egg Hunt to the public on Saturday, April 13th, every potluck attendee will be asked to fill Easter eggs with candy. Both eggs and candy will already be at the tables. Divvying up this workload will make it easier for the event planners and volunteers. Thank you in advance for your participation!

As previously mentioned, our Easter Egg Hunt will be opened to the public again!!! This will be in the morning on Saturday, April 13th. There will be a breakfast in Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt. Details for the breakfast are still in the works, but we will need to borrow your griddles. If you are able to lend one, inform Angie Kropf in person or via email at angenk@verizon.net.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Guess what? It is time to place your order for Easter flowers. An order form is available in this newsletter. They will also be available on our website and on the table in the narthex. You can also call me in the office at 610-398-700 or send me an email at – office@stpaulsbbville.org.

The **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 31st**



LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES

Enclosed in the newsletter is a Lenten envelope. There are also more envelopes available on the table in the Narthex.



MARCH 10, 2019

ST. PAUL'S ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Paul's has added a new way to make your regular and special giving to the mission of our Church. Most of us now pay our bills, buy our groceries and book vacations using some sort of electronic fund transfers. While we may write a check to pay our local, state or federal taxes and pay cash for a hot dog at the Allentown Fair, most of us now pay our utility bills, fill up our gas tanks and make clothing and grocery purchases with some kind of electronic transfer. These payments may include:

- Credit cards
- Debit cards
- NFC cell phone purchases (tapping the terminal with your cell phone)
- ACH transfer (Automated Clearing House)

In fact, when you set up regular payments for your cable bill or your home mortgage on your bank's web site, you are using the ACH system.

Now you can do the same thing for your weekly or monthly offering here at Church. Some of the advantages to using electronic banking for your offering are:

- You will no longer need to keep track of your weekly/monthly pledge since you will only enter it once in your setup page in the online giving website.
- No need to rush around Sunday morning looking for your envelopes and checkbook.
- No reason to worry about either giving ahead or "catching up" when you need to be away on a Sunday.
- No worries about forgetting to bring your offering with you on your way to Church (my big problem)
- It is just easier.
- Many of our members no longer use cash and checks at all.

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There are a couple of potential drawbacks to electronic banking:

- All forms of electronic giving are subject to some level of fees from the processor and your bank. (When you give electronically, the Church will receive slightly less than you have given. This is the same thing that happens when you pay for something with a credit card. The merchant does not receive quite as much as you have paid, the bank takes the rest.)
- Your giving records from your electronic offering will come not from the Financial Secretary at St. Paul's but from the online processor. So it is likely that your annual giving reports to St. Paul's will come from two sources.

OK, now that the system is live, what is the process and how do I get started?

For those who are comfortable with internet based banking, online shopping, etc. you will be fine simply clicking on the "GIVE" link on the St. Paul's website home page. The link will take you to the ***Tithe.ly*** web site where you can then set up your giving; choosing St. Paul's Breinigsville, how you will be paying (CC, ACH, etc.) entering your secure account information, contact information and finally how much you will be offering and how often the offerings are to be made. That's it.

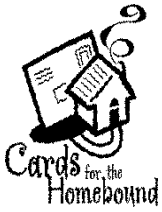
If you want to begin electronic giving but are not confident in your abilities online and conducting electronic banking, Tom Kellogg would be happy to sit down with you to help you get started. If you want to speak with or meet with Tom, give him a call at: 610-442-0117.

SMALL PRINT (if you are interested)

- **Tithe.ly** fee structure:
 - VISA and M-C Credit Cards - 2.4% plus \$0.25 (50.00 contribution, St. Paul's receives 48.55)
 - American Express Credit Cards - 3.5% plus \$0.25 (50.00 contribution, St. Pauls receives 48.00)

- ACH System - 0.5% plus \$0.25 (50.00 contribution, St. Paul's receives 49.50)
- In any case, you will receive tax credit for the full amount of your contribution.
- Because of the fee structure, the bank's fee percentage is higher, the smaller your contribution is.
- Sign-up things to be careful of:
 - When logging onto the **tithe.ly** site, be sure that the URL begins with "**https://**"
 - When making your payment decision between credit cards and ACH transfers, click on one of the two little icons at the very bottom of the payments page during setup.
 - If you are planning on using the ACH system, have one of your personal checks at the ready during setup.
 - If you plan on using either a credit card or a debit card, you will need that card during setup.
- Other **Tithe.ly** options available to you. Once you have set up your account, you can:
 - Change any of your giving decisions or account information any time by logging back into your account.
 - Use the free **Tithe.ly** App (iOs or Android) to quickly log onto the **Tithe.ly** web site with your cell phone. This makes it quick and easy to make a contribution through **Tithe.ly** when you make a one-time contribution such as for Ash Wednesday or some other special occasion at any time, anywhere.
- *If you start electronic giving, will you feel uncomfortable not using the offering plate?* Your offering is between you and your Lord, but if you would feel more comfortable putting a giving note in the plate, there are offering notes available in the Narthex that you can fill out and place in the offering plate during the service.

CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR 2019

Your sponsorship of the flowers and the bulletins is a great way to pay tribute to someone special in your life and also to help offset the cost of these weekly items for the church.

The prices will stay the same. Altar flowers – one vase is \$22 or both vases at \$44. If you are sponsoring both bouquets, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. The cost for the bulletin sponsors will remain at \$20 per week.

The flower chart and bulletin chart are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to call the church and reserve a spot for a date, please feel free to do so.

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him."
What was this man's disability?

- A. Deafness
- B. Lameness
- C. Blindness
- D. Epilepsy

Answer on page 20.



HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.

PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at 610-351-6040 or cell # 610-573-7117. She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer; a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

MARCH

FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any item will be acceptable.

Food Bank is currently in need of plastic shopping bags.

THANK YOU to all who brought in peanut butter and jelly during our January collection for the food bank.

During March our “food of the month” will be macaroni & cheese.

TO GOD YOU SHALL RETURN

The traditional Ash Wednesday words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can’t untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don’t have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin’s power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we’re always safe in God’s love.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Although our February meeting was cancelled, there are some upcoming events that everyone is invited to:

Spring Justice Retreat on Human Trafficking

Spring Cluster Meeting on Opioid Crisis in America

Please see the articles in the newsletter.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3rd Mardi Gras potluck

March 6th Ash Wednesday Services 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

March 10th **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS (SPRING FORWARD)**

March 31st **DEADLINE**

April 7th Potluck lunch and filling Easter eggs.

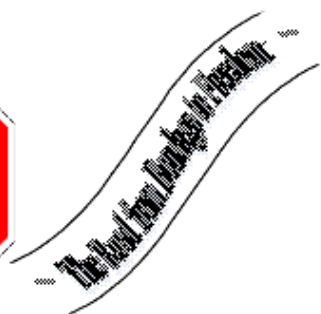
April 13th Egg Hunt & Breakfast. Time to be announced

April 18th Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 19th Good Friday Service at 10:30 a.m.

April 20th Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m.

April 21st Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

SPRING JUSTICE RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church – 200 S Broad St, Nazareth, PA

\$10.00 Registration Fee for program and lunch

Human Trafficking —The Road from Bondage to Freedom

VAST (Valley Against Sex Trafficking) keynote speaker

Bible Study—What does the Bible have to say to victims?

Walking the Way of a Trafficking Victim—a learning activity

Assembling Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Bath-size towel, -3 bath size bars of soap, adult toothbrush in pkg,
sturdy comb, nail clippers. All items should be new and in good
condition.

VAST's Mission:

Our mission is to eliminate human sex trafficking through trauma healing, cultural change and justice.

Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we empower survivors and encourage the community to take action in the anti-trafficking movement.

According to statistics, trafficking is ACTIVE in the Lehigh Valley.

The three primary manifestations of child sex trafficking in America are pimp-controlled prostitution, familial prostitution, and/or survival sex.

For more information and registration form, please see
Sandi Wagaman

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dave Apgar	Linford Bastian	Doris Fenner
Helen Kessler	Bill Knoll	Judy Kresley
Esther Nolf	Kathy Shryock	John Thomas
Irene Wenz		



1 Monica Parker	12 Betty Moyer
6 Larry Schneider	16 Jason Nemeh
8 Joe Flores	17 Mitzi Younger
9 Kelly Kirn	19 Maddox Rampen
9 Dawn Wertz	20 Jennifer Schmoyer
10 Roland Grammes	20 Pamela Zahour
10 Bruce Wagaman	25 Matthew Morgenstern
11 Rita Miller	27 Joyce Bastian
12 Ruth Berghold	27 Liam Nemeh
12 Avie Cope	28 Ellie Pisauro
12 Susan Ferguson	



24 Ronald & Jennifer Carlson
31 Westley & Laurin Mironov

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWER
C Blindness

FAITH JOURNEY

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. “Where are you going?” The kids shrugged. “Well, what road are you taking?” the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. “Do you know where you’ll eat today, or where you’ll spend the night?” Blank stares. Then the friend asked, “Who are you traveling with?” The children broke into grins and shouted, “Mommy and Daddy!”

On the journey of faith, we don’t know precisely where we’re headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we’re traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

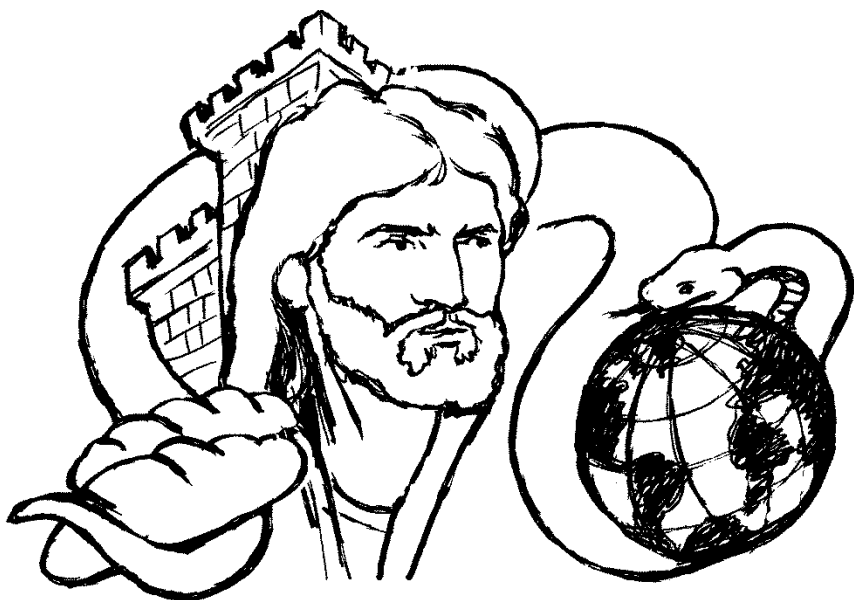
SOUPER BOWL DONATIONS

On Sunday, February 3rd we collected donations for the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. We asked you to either bring in food or give a donation in a vote for your favorite team playing in the Super bowl.

The results of the contributions collected was:

Rams	\$66.00
Patriots	\$22.00
Grand Total	\$88.00

Thank you for participating.



**JESUS, FULL OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT...**

**WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE WILDERNESS,**

**WHERE FOR FORTY DAYS
HE WAS TEMPTED
BY THE DEVIL.**

LUKE 4:1-2, NIV

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt
confess
cross
crown
crucifixion
death

denial
donkey
forsaken
Gethsemane
Golgotha
hosanna

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penance
Pilate
prayer

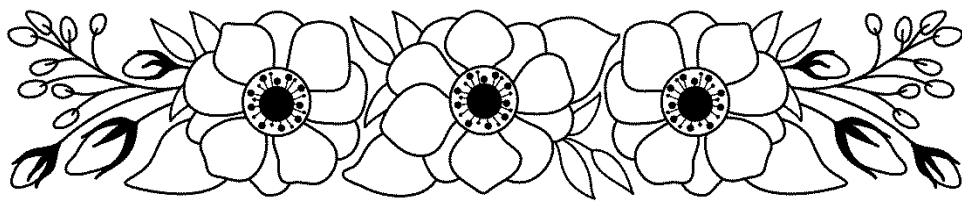
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suffer
thorns
vigil

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS**

MARCH 17, 2019

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THIS DATE.**



CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000

HOSPITAL CODE: #321

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE


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Pastor.....The Rev. Carey L. Miller
Organist/Choir Director.....Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky
Sexton.....Mr. Charlie Meitzler

March 2019 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of March

Council Person: Bob Nickisher 610-481-0887

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please notify the council person of the month or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Altar Guild: Rebecca Theodore
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg
Greeters: Carol Derr-Breinig, Madeline MacMechan
Reader: Nancy Miller
Communion Bread: Carlene Brumbach
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,
Bob Nickisher, Aubrie Pavlacka

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Altar Guild: Patrice Walters
Lay Assistant: Meredith Schmoyer
Greeters: Keith & Rebecca Theodore
Reader: Kelly Whitt
Communion Bread: Patrice Walters
Communion Assistant: Wells Rampen
Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 10:30AM

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman
Greeter: Martha Lindenmuth
Reader: Sharon Bortz
Communion Bread: Melanie Dimovitz
Communion Assistant: Tom Kellogg
Ushers: Rosemary Lehman, Marilyn Thomas

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Altar Guild: Susan Xander
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson
Greeters: Jeremy & Hannah Schmoyer
Reader: Jeff Waltemyer
Communion Bread: Bob Bruchak
Communion Assistant: Jeremy Schmoyer
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf, Richard Hartley,
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7PM

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz
Greeter: Bruce Wagaman
Reader: Sharon Bortz
Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard
Communion Assistant: Anita Eisenhard
Ushers: Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Altar Guild: Amy Brenfleck
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer
Greeters: Janine & Ken Ritter
Reader: Joyce Eisenhard
Communion Bread: Emily Danner
Communion Assistant: Calvin Fetherolf
Ushers: Tom Kellogg, Garret Pavlacka, Diane Kropf,
John Kropf, Madeline MacMechan

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Altar Guild: Carlene Brumbach
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer
Greeter: Larry & Mary Schneider
Reader: Carol Weiser
Communion Bread: Stan & Mitzi Younger
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Joshua Solderich,
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

E A S T E R



F L O W E R S

Easter is Sunday, April 21, 2019. It seems just like yesterday we were ordering poinsettias.

The deadline for flower orders will be Sunday, March 31, 2019

The cost for Lilies will be \$9.00 per plant. Azaleas will be \$12.00. All other plants are \$7.50. The flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service or you may donate them to shut-ins.

Please fill out the order form and return it with a check (made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In the memo, please mark for Easter Flowers.) Either place it in the offering plate, mail it in, or hand it to Janine Ritter.

If you have any questions, please contact Janine Ritter at 610-285-2127.

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

As always, thank you for making our church a special place.

Janine Ritter
Festival Committee

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8227 Hamilton Blvd.
Breinigsville, PA 18031
610-398-7000

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

LILIES: \$9.00

AZALEAS: \$12.00

ALL OTHER PLANTS: \$7.50

ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

**CHOOSE THE TYPE OF FLOWER YOU
WOULD LIKE AND PLACE THE NUMBER
YOU WANT ON THE LINE BEHIND.**



LILIES _____ MUMS _____ DAFFODILS _____

TULIPS _____ AZALEAS _____

ORDERED

BY: _____

(Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

PICK UP AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. EASTER SERVICE: _____

WILL DONATE TO SICK OR SHUT-IN: _____

St. Paul's Children's Choir



Potluck Lunch



Congregational Meeting



Thank You!



February 3, 2019

Intergenerational Sunday School

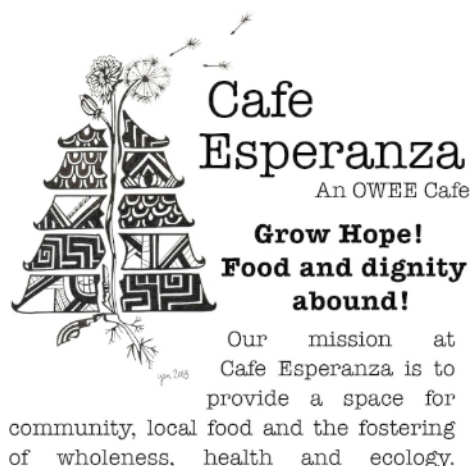


February 10, 2019

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Café Esperanza - Domestic Hunger Grant Recipient



Café Esperanza, a pay-what-you-can model community café, is scheduled to open in late Spring 2019. It is our vision that all people, regardless of financial means, deserve an opportunity to eat delicious, nutritious food. The café will serve breakfast and lunch, utilizing local, organic and seasonal foods as much as possible, highlighting the delicious products of local farmers.

Located in a densely populated neighborhood in the Northwest section of Reading, a city with a poverty rate of 43%, Café Esperanza will provide a place for people of all walks



of life to gather and get to know one another. Most of the labor will be provided by volunteers, including those who are offered a chance to exchange an hour of work for a meal, as well as others who simply enjoy serving their neighbors in this way. There will also be a job training aspect of our work. Young people will learn all aspects of food service, including the opportunity to receive barista training.

We are grateful for our recent grant from the ELCA Domestic Hunger program, as well as support from this Synod, the East Berks Mission District, the Reading Lutheran Parish, the Berks County Community Foundation, and many congregations and individual partners. For opportunities to contribute or volunteer, please follow us on Facebook (search for Cafe Esperanza).

The goal of the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal is to work toward "a just world where all are fed." Addressing this goal includes not only providing food for hungry people, but perhaps more importantly empowering people to provide a brighter future for themselves through community development, job training, and advocating for a more equitable distribution of the earth's resources.

In addition to supporting projects in more than 60 foreign countries, the World Hunger Appeal also administers a Domestic Hunger Grant program. Last year 77 grants were awarded to ministries and organizations in the United States that both address the root causes of hunger and provide relief services for those in need. Our synod received the two grants featured in this edition of *Synod News*.

Domestic Hunger Grant applications will be accepted again in 2019. Please check the program's web site - elca.org/domestichungergrants - to learn about the process and timeline for submitting an application. The web site can also give you more information about ELCA World Hunger's strategic priorities, at home and around the world.

Synod Assembly 2019



The 2019 Synod Assembly will be held on June 1 at Genetti Inn and Suites in Hazleton.

Online registration will open by the end of March - check your eNews and the website - but NOW'S the time to start GETTING READY!

The good news is: we've met the challenge of fitting all the necessary programming into one action-packed day. This means, you can save time and expense this year, saving up for next year (2020) when we will need three days to elect a new bishop.

More good news: REGISTRATION COST for voting members will be only \$100, while visitors this year will pay \$20 (which covers the cost of the full luncheon). Any and all are encouraged to attend.

To bring it all together in one day, we ask your help to make a couple things happen:

FIRST - we ask all congregations to select their two voting members by the end of March - for many of us, that means at our March Council Meetings.

SECOND - Those voting members should also plan to attend their MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, which usually happens in April or May. Important information will be shared and actions will take place at these local events, which will help set up and streamline work at the Assembly.

Stayed tuned for more details, as we discover in Christ... "What A Difference A Day Makes!"

Domestic Hunger Grant Recipient Easton Hunger Coalition



Easton, along with the neighboring cities of Bethlehem and Allentown, comprises the area known as the Lehigh Valley, which is the third most populous region in Pennsylvania. While recently Easton has enjoyed a economic rebirth, largely on high-end restaurants, artisan food shops, and a hugely successful farmers' market, too many households rely on emergency food from pantries and free meal centers. Over 50% of the area school children receive the federally funded free/reduced meal, and close to 1/3 of the Easton households self-identified in the most recent census as earning below the poverty level.

In 2014 a group of activists came together to form the Easton Hunger Coalition with the urging of a member of Arndt's Lutheran Church. The church has a long-standing relationship with food and community, although it is located outside of the Easton downtown. Persistent engagement around hunger relief guided the congregation to support multiple programs to help households reduce food insecurity.

The Coalition applied for an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant to strengthen the organization; increase collaboration; and develop new tools to increase compassionate response to hunger, reduce stigmas associated with poverty, and to support self-advocacy programming and a significant public awareness program. Arndt's Lutheran Church as fiscal agent for the grant will support and guide this important work over the next three years. Their goal is "Hunger-Free in '23" for the Easton area, enabling a healthy community where all have access to nutritious food.



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[April 2019 LMD NL news will be due March 14, 2019.](#)
E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

Wisdom Way of Knowing - 2/22, 3/29, 4/26 from 3-5:30pm. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA. This monthly gathering will introduce the rhythm and tools of a 'Wisdom way of knowing', an 'integral way of knowing' which engages and harmonizes our three intelligence centers: heart, mind and movement. This will be an experiential gathering with a balance of centering, teaching, Lectio Divina and gentle body prayer. Together we will explore ways to weave the different components of Wisdom into our daily life and spiritual practice. RSVP to marcellak2@aol.com

The Gospel of Thomas Series - The first and third Wed. of the month 1:30 to 3:00 beginning Feb. 6th. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA. Discovered in a cave in Egypt in 1945, the Gospel of Thomas is a collection of 114 sayings of Jesus. Rather than being narratives, they are more like koans or riddles. They appeal more to the heart and imagination than to reason. You are invited to attend ongoing gatherings to explore this gospel using the prayer form of *lectio divina* (Latin for Divine Reading). Direct questions and registration to Mary Howe: mhowe@rcn.com

***NEW - Paint & Sip Party - April 7th, 12:00 to 4:00.** Lehigh Lodge No. 326, 2120 Route 100 South, Macungie Pa. Sponsored by Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church, Alburtis, PA. Kitchen will be open. BYOB. Cost is \$35.00. Contact [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215) for information or to order tickets.

***NEW - A Morning with God - March 9th, 8:30 to 12:30pm.** As the holy season of Lent begins, you are invited to a morning of quiet and prayer with God exploring how this Lenten season may be made holy. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Church, 1245 W Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102. Questions: mhowe@rcn.com - 610-821-4007. **PLEASE** see attached **Flyer/Registration form or pick up at your church.**

Come Away To A Quiet Place - Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Fri., of each month 10:30 - 11:30 AM.** Led by Rev. Maritza Dolich and Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Parking in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13th Street, look for the sign "Schantz House/Ruhe Annex". **Please let us know if you will be joining us.** Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening tllichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

***NEW - Center for Spiritual Awakening...A Hidden Pearl in the Lehigh Valley.** Join us for a special afternoon when the *Center for Spiritual Awakening* will be blessed and dedicated by, Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. **Sun., March 31st, 12:00 noon**, 13th and Hamilton St, in the Schantz House/Ruhe Annex of Christ Lutheran.

PLEASE see attached **Flyer or pick up at your church.**

Can you provide an hour or two per week to help someone who wants to change their life? St Luke's at 417 N 7th St, Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our growing multi-level ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. **ELL days and hours are, Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. this part of the program is in JEOPARDY due to insufficient volunteers.** Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We always need help. We are especially looking for people who are comfortable around computers. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net


Support Our Neighbors in Need: Please Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 13th**, 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104.

CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 25, 2019, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe! For more information, go to www.crophungerwalk.org

***NEW - This Little Light of Mine** - For many churches, the leftover stubs of candles are a minor matter to store or dispose. For the homeless trying to survive a cold winter, those stubs can be life and death. By experience and ingenuity, many hard sleepers are able to get several hours of warmth from a single stub. **These candles once burned in love for God; let their light shine in love of neighbor.** Contact your local homeless service agency, or Ben Stephens bstephens@lehighchurches.org, [610-439-8653](tel:610-439-8653), at The Lehigh Conferences of Churches or take the candle stubs to the Conference at 1031 W Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18102. What is useless to one may be life to another. *Understandably, some may question the safety of providing an open flame in a flammable situation. The stark choice for too many people is to risk freezing or burning. In speaking with homeless care professionals, they themselves provide candles to guard against the cold. It is on their experience that this request is made.*

Ash
Wednesday
March 6, 2019



CELEBRATING WITH THE ELCA

Although there are numerous evidences of change in the church as we know it in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and in our Lehigh Mission District, we are obviously very grateful for the dedicated leadership which is being provided at both levels by our Bishop and his staff and by our Dean and those working closely with him. And there are those occasions when we are reminded of the uniqueness of our relationship to the ELCA and its skilled leadership. Recent publications have called our attention to several of these arenas and I found them special enough that I decided they deserved accent.

For instance, I was moved very positively by the note that The Rev. Amy E. Reumann, Director of Advocacy for the ELCA, was celebrating our relationship with eco America and Blessed Tomorrow. This accents the fact that we are taking very seriously the need to be involved in the concerns about climate issues with which our world is confronted. Although it is clear that the road to resolving these dilemmas will be long and non-ending, it is heartening to be reminded that the national church body of which we are a part is committed to being actively involved in the process. The effectiveness of this mission is deserving of our continuing thoughts and prayers.

Alongside of this good news we learned that concerns about our Domestic Mission are under the leadership of a new Director. The Rev. Philip Hirsch has recently been elected to a four-year renewable term in this capacity. And I was impressed by his statement of concern about his challenge. He said, *"I believe that Jesus Christ is the light of the world and the hope for our broken humanity. I look forward to helping our church grow in its ability to connect a younger and more ethnically and economically diverse people with the gospel"*. Obviously, we look forward to his leadership in this significant arena of concern. And we anticipate that it will help to develop appropriate leadership for the future of the ELCA.

And we have also been informed that John D. Sundquist was recently elected Executive Director of Lutheran Men in Mission by its Board of Directors, replacing the retiring Doug Haugen, who held this position for 26 "fruitful and spirit-filled" years. We are told that, as an ordained American Baptist pastor, John was a senior pastor and former youth director in 5 congregations in 3 mid-western states from 1992 to 2008. He also held several senior-level positions in the nonprofit sector related to the American Baptist Church.

Yes, the world is changing and, although our primary commitment to affirming the Gospel of Jesus Christ will never change, the church needs to be open to evolving new and contemporary methodology for its proclamation of this truth. And it is indeed encouraging to be reminded that the ELCA is making appropriate decisions to facilitate our changing world. Obviously, we give thanks for its leadership in this on-going process.

God Bless!
Pastor Stough

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Paula & Dick Skelly Co-Trip Coordinators

Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.

SATURDAY SHOW!!!!

May 11 (Sat.) – Dutch Apple Theatre - CAMELOT - The legendary love triangle of King Arthur, Guenevere and Sir Lancelot comes alive in this Lerner and Loewe musical. An idealistic young King Arthur hopes to create a kingdom with the Knights of the Round Table who fight for justice and right. His ideals, however, are tested when his lovely queen, Guenevere, falls in love with his favorite knight, Lancelot and the fate of the kingdom hangs in the balance. Hits include "If Ever I Would Leave You", "I Loved You Once in Silence" and of course "Camelot". Dutch Apple's Famous Buffet lunch is included.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approximately 5:30 PM

Cost \$92 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Apr. 11

4 SEATS LEFT!!!

June 26 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – MAMMA MIA! - A picturesque setting for a dream wedding, with only one problem: the bride doesn't know who her father is! On a secret quest to find her dad, so he can walk her down the aisle and complete the picture-perfect wedding, Sophie must invite the three prospects to the wedding. Weddings are a great time to reminisce with old friends and Sophie's mother relives her glory days with her former suitors and her former girl group "Donna and the Dynamos." Set to the free-spirited music of ABBA with explosive dance, Mamma Mia! will be a summer escape of hilarious fun! Lunch is at famous Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:15 AM and will return approximately 6:30 PM

Cost \$105 Payment Deadline: Thur., May 16

October 16 to 18 (Wed. to Fri.) - WINE AND DINE IN SCENERY DIVINE! – FINGER LAKES, NY – Come join Operation Sunshine and White Star Tours for a fun-filled 3 Days/2 Nights in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York. Our tour includes 2 nights lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners including one at the Belhurst Castle, the Corning Museum of Glass, Willard Memorial Chapel, Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion, Finger Lakes Winery tour and tasting, Scenic Lake Cruise, the National Soaring Museum, Finger Lakes Gaming and Race Track, and a souvenir gift. All taxes and gratuities are included. **Call the Operation Sunshine office for a flyer and pricing.**