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The Pastor's Corner – DISCIPLE AND DISCIPLINE

I look at these two words and I find myself back in elementary school. My school NEVER mentioned the word disciple. But it certainly mentioned discipline often enough! There was a stool in the corner you might be asked to sit on at certain times after “certain” behaviors. Maybe you were habitually late. Maybe you were chewing gum. Maybe you were snickering about something to a class mate. There are certainly many reasons for the teacher to keep that stool occupied for some time during the day. Just a reminder, don't ja know!

We might agree the word discipline comes from the word disciple. Or maybe ... What if a disciple of a discipline actually is a person who is studying a particular branch of learning such as a physician might study our anatomy.

Hm-m-m, maybe a disciple of a particular person might be a follower of said person – you all know where I am going with this. We are the church and therefore we would expect a disciple within the church would be a follower of Jesus. You would have heard in Sunday school, learned in confirmation, from the pulpit on occasion, and been faced with the first commandment once in a while.

In today's vernacular: **I AM GOD!** You will have no other God's except me! So, where does discipline fit into the first commandment? It is the learning discipline and not the return to order discipline that is viable to this discussion.

It is the learning discipline that we take with us into Lent while remembering that first commandment. Next, we are to try to discipline ourselves because we put things ahead of God. How can we claim to be a disciple of Jesus without the discipline of learning more about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

Confused? Yes, this word discipline has several meanings. They all lead back to being a disciple and then to discipleship.

We learned about it in Sunday school. As children we learned “I want to follow Jesus, in him there is no east or west... . I want to follow Jesus.”

During Lent, we want to follow Jesus and be his disciple as we learn the discipline of how Jesus is active within each of us every day. Let each of us strive to be a disciple while we study the discipline of God.

Pastor Ginny

MONTHLY PRAYER FAMILIES

In MARCH we will be praying for the following families each week.

- March 1:** The Bastian Family, The Bellucci Family,
The Benninghoff Family, The Bentsen Family
The Brumback Family, The Caricari Family,
The Conrad Family, The Cope Family
- March 8:** The Danner Family, The Derr-Breinig Family,
The Dietrich Family, The Dimovitz Family,
The Doyle Family
- March 15:** The Edwards Family, The Eisenhard Family,
The Eiswerth Family, The Evans Family
- March 22:** The Ferguson Family, The Fetherolf Family,
The Figner Family, The Gade Family
- March 29:** The Gallagher Family, The Grammes Family,
The Goodwin Family, The Hallock Family,
The Hartley Family

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www.lvoutreachdepot.org

610-861-7373

Are you trying to downsize?

Do you have too much around your house?

- Mugs, glasses, utensils, pots and pans,
- Furniture, towels and linens (gently used),
- Cleaning supplies, carpets

A mission of Wesley United Methodist Church for over 15 years, their disaster relief warehouse is in Hellertown. Everything they do is dependent upon donations. They offer what is in their storage building to vetted families who have been forced from their homes through abuse, by fire or flood at no charge.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Easter flower order deadline will be **Sunday, March 15th**. Order forms are available at the church. You can also call the church office to place your order with Jennifer. Please order ASAP!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday – March 29th, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd, 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3rd, 10:30 am

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5th, 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

Prayer Shawl Group News



In February, Judy Noll, Sandi Wagaman, and Cathy Waltemyer delivered 50 octopuses to the St. Luke's NICU. The donation was greatly appreciated, as their supply had run out. As always, thanks to our makers for devoting their time, talent and materials to this project.

Our 2026 charity knit/crochet projects are 1) Preemie Hats for LVHN NICU and 2) Soap

Sacks for the homeless. There are copies of knitted and crocheted patterns for both projects on the table in the Narthex. **NOTE: Preemie hats should be made using a soft acrylic or cotton – do not use wool or animal fiber. Soap sacks should be made with cotton yarn only.**

Judy Noll has come up with a simple, rectangular design for soap sacks. If you would like to learn how to crochet this easy pattern, we will be offering lessons at our March Plarn session. Or if you need a refresher class on crocheting, bring a crochet hook size H and join the make-along. The same applies to preemie hats – if you are having trouble getting started on a pattern – bring it along!

Our **March Plarn Working Session** will be held on **Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30PM.**



Parish Nursing Notes
March 2026
Peggy Saylor, MSN, RN
Judy Kellogg, RN

Parish Nursing is alive and well at St. Paul's! Blood pressure screens are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9 – 10:30 and are usually in the choir room.

As a patient, you have the right to approve or decline medical treatment. You must give permission for any treatment. If you can make your own decisions, this always applies. However, it is essential to communicate your preferences to your family members or significant other if you become unable to articulate them yourself. My family was once asked to make a medical decision for our Dad while he was in surgery. It was impossible to do, because we had no idea what he would want in that particular situation. He also tended to want the opposite of whatever group decisions we had made as a family. We had to say no to the choice as we felt that we couldn't answer for him. To make sure that you are treated as you wish, you should fill out an Advanced Directive. There are two types of directives. The first is called a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. You appoint someone to represent you (your patient advocate) and to make medical decisions about your care should you not be able to do so. This only occurs when you are no longer able to make those decisions yourself. The second directive is called a Living Will. This outlines your wishes but doesn't appoint someone to represent you. A living Will can cover a lot of issues. These might include naming your patient advocate, saying yes or no to organ donation, tube feedings, resuscitation, and life support. You simply mark a yes or no for your choices on the Living Will form. A Living Will only takes effect if you are determined to be at life's end. You can change your mind at any time during the process if you want to do so. Once you've done these things, you should give copies of the documents to your family, your doctor and take a copy to the hospital for them to put on file in your chart. Most importantly, talk with those who are closest to you, so they know how you feel. The forms are available at hospitals, some senior citizen groups, from your attorney, and from your state representative. Remember Psalms 102:2 "Don't turn away from me in this time of my distress. Bend down your ear and give me speedy answers, for my days disappear like smoke." God Bless!

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

Our monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

- The group never got to the bible study, just had a morning of discussing different topics.
- The **2026 Gather Bible study topics**
 - **Spring** (March/April/May 2026): “I AM: God’s holy name and promise,” a three-part Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Hannah Hawkinson. The issue also includes a bonus intergenerational Bible study/devotional, “Paul’s letters and yours,” by the Rev. Angela Shannon.
 - **Summer** (June/July/August 2026): “I am worthy,” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith.
 - **Fall** (September/October/November 2026): “Bold faith on an unexpected journey,” by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney.
 - **Winter** (December 2026/January/February 2027): Advent devotional (author details to come) and a two-part study by Wanda Frenchman (topic to come).

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

NEWS FROM THE NEPA WELCA - - - - - SAVE THE DATE

- Spring Justice Event, April 11, 2026, Hope Cherryville on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Way of Peace. Registration deadline for this event is March 22, 2026. If interested, please see Sandi Wagaman for a registration form or more information.
- 36th Annual Convention of the NEPA Women of the ELCA, June 13, 2026, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Breinigsville. Topic: *Finding Your Inner Self*.

Join us for our next meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and a session of *Now let us pray..or.... I AM: God’s holy name and promise*.

HOME HEALTH PRODUCTS FOR ENCAMPMENT RELOCATION PEOPLE

We are asking for Home Health Products to help those needing temporary housing. Please do not think an extra-large size is better - it takes up too much room in a backpack.

Items needed in smaller containers:

Wash cloth, soothing cream, powder, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothbrush and paste, lip balm, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, woman's products (pads and tampons)

Anything you use we missed on the list.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

March 8th – Potluck 11:30 am

March 20th – Pizza & Movie Night

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl! Also, for the cards and prayers after my very serious fall. I am grateful for all your kindness and many blessings during this health challenge. Thank you again.

Love,
Margaret Stout

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at St. Paul's:

We are very thankful for all the prayers, calls, cards and texts of support during Keith's lengthy hospitalization with heart troubles. It made a world of difference to know how many people were thinking of us during this rounds of surgery, rehab and continuing recovery. Keith is doing well and is in good spirits. Thanks again for caring!

Love, Keith, Rebecca and Nick Theodore

 <p>A colorful graphic for 'March Birthdays' featuring a green ribbon, a rainbow, a purple horseshoe, a green shamrock, a birthday cake, and yellow stars.</p>	<p>4 Kevin Clark 9 Dawn Wertz Julie Sanchez 10 Bruce Wagaman 11 Rita Miller 12 Ruth Berghold Avie Cope Susan Ferguson</p>	<p>17 Henrietta Younger 20 Pamela Zahour 25 Matthew Morgenstern 27 Liam Nemah 28 Ellie Pisauro 31 Bill Willburn</p>
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 <p>A graphic for 'March Anniversaries' featuring a green ribbon, two hearts, and a shamrock.</p>	<p>31 Westley & Lauren Mironov</p>	<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let the office know. We want to include you.</p>
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ALTAR GUILD, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND READERS ARE NEEDED



We are in need of people to help with the 10:30AM worship service – specifically Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, and Readers.

For Altar Guild, you would serve approximately every 6 weeks. Altar Guild is responsible for coming to church a half hour early and setting up the altar for communion – i.e. placing

the linens, wine, and grape juice on the altar, preparing the bread, and placing trays of communion cups in the sanctuary. At the end of service, Altar Guild removes everything from the altar, including fresh flower bouquets, waters them, washes the communion-ware and puts it away. You would be working with another Altar Guild member until you feel comfortable.

As a Communion Assistant, you would serve approximately every 6 weeks. Communion Assistants assist during communion –usually pouring the grape juice while the lay assistant handles the wine.

As Reader, again, you would serve every 6 weeks by reading the lessons during the service. Readers are asked to move toward the mic during the last verse of the hymn, so they are already in place when it is time to read the lessons.

Currently, many of our lay assistants are serving triple duty and are scheduled multiple times a month - because there are not enough readers and communion assistants.

Please consider helping out in one of these roles. Even if you can only volunteer at certain times of the year, the scheduler can work around and accommodate busy and varied schedules. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to assist in worship. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steph Wagaman at 610-395-0355, stepbillwagaman@rcn.com; or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR 2026 BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2026. The price is \$20.00. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates. Fill out the **white** slip with your name, date you are sponsoring and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet.

Altar Flower Sponsorships are: one vase is \$24.00 or both vases are \$48.00. If you are sponsoring both vases, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. Fill out the **blue** slip with your name, date you are sponsoring and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates.



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.

HOSPITALIZED?

Due to the changes in the Chaplin's offices at our local hospitals, the Hospital Code number we have been using, 321 cannot be used to identify our congregation. They do not have the volunteers needed to keep the office staffed to notify or accept calls regarding admissions.

Please call the office at St Paul's if you want us to know of any hospitalizations. 610-398-7000

Can't get to Church on Sunday? Watch us on Facebook.

You do not have to be registered to do so.

www.facebook.com/stpaulsbbv



We email readings, prayers and other resources each Friday so that you may reflect from home. Contact us to be added to the list

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a The Blessing of God upon us

Psalms 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

John 3:1-7 The mission of Christ: to save the world

Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7 Water from the rock in the wilderness

Psalms 95 Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation

Romans 5:1-11 Reconciled to God by Christ's death

John 4:5-42 Baptismal image: the woman at the well

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 David is chosen and anointed

Psalms 23 You anoint my head with oil

Ephesians 5:8-14 Awake from sleep, live as children of light

John 9:1-41 Baptismal image: the man born blind

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 the dry bones of Israel brought to life

Psalms 130 I wait for you, O Lord, in your word is my hope

Romans 8:6-11 Life in the Spirit

John 11:1-45 Baptismal image; the raising of Lazarus

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a The servant of the Lord submits to suffering

Psalms 31:9-16 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

Philippians 2:5-11 Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 26:14-27:66 The passion of the Lord

Worship
With Us!

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
MARCH 15, 2026**

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



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2026 Rostered Ministers Gathering Reminders:

Wednesday, March 11
10:30am at the Lutheran
Center, Rev. Dr. Roger
Timm - Reengaging ELCA
Social Teaching on Abortion

Tuesday, March 31
at the Lutheran Center
Annual Chrism Mass and
luncheon (see synod news
for updates and to RSVP)

Sunday, May 3
4pm at the Lutheran
Center, Lehigh Mission
District - Annual Spring
Assembly

Thursday, June 4 -
Saturday, June 6
at Split Rock Resort
NEPA Synod Assembly

July/August - on break
See you in September!



2026 NEPA Synod Assembly
June 4-6, 2026
Split Rock Resort
(428 Moseywood Rd,
Lake Harmony, PA 18624)

The Synod Assembly is the annual
gathering of the synod's congregations,
pastors, and leaders to worship,
conduct business, and discern the
church's mission together.

Registration runs April 7-May 11



*April 2026 LMD NL news
will be due March 16, 2026.*

Please email any information to
imd.newslettereditor@gmail.com

A Collaborative History of the Lehigh Mission District, part 2

19th Century

According to Preston A. Laury's *The History of the Allentown Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania* (Kutztown Publishing Co., 1926) the Allentown Conference formally came into existence at a meeting January 2, 1894. Before that, this territory was first part of the Macunshy [sic.] District (1783), then the Easton District (1801), then the Second District/Conference. Congregations were organized by the conference into pastoral charges, many of which existed and fluctuated well into the 20th century.

When "New Measures" such as the "anxious bench" and revivals infiltrated Lutheran churches, Lutheranism in the United States began to schism into conservative/orthodox and Americanizing/New Measures factions, eventually formalized into two competing denominations. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania joined the more conservative General Council and established a seminary in Philadelphia with conservative faculty who left the seminary at Gettysburg. The New Measures Lutherans joined the General Synod which was associated with the seminary at Gettysburg whose president was Rev. Samuel Simon Schmucker, formerly a Ministerium pastor. His Americanized Augsburg Confession further split Lutherans into orthodox and Americanizing factions. Significantly, St. Paul's in Allentown left the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and joined the General Synod in the 1870s. However, before leaving the Ministerium it established other Lutheran congregations in the city including St. John's English (37 S. 5th Street). St. Paul's and other General Synod congregations' role within local Lutheranism diminished as Ministerium/General Council congregations sought dominance in the territory. These "other Lutherans" weren't incorporated back into the life of the local Lutheran church body until the second half of the 20th century through a series of denominational mergers and reconfiguration of jurisdictional boundaries.

...to be continued

The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed,
Lehigh Mission District Dean



Clean Comedy Show

at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
(1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown)

Funny Together comedians present an evening of clean comedy on Saturday, March 21st in the gym.

Doors open at 6:30 PM and the fun starts at 7! Kitchen will be open offering snacks and goodies for purchase.

See attached flyer for details.



Spring Fling Dance

featuring the Hanover Big Band at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)

Saturday, April 18th, 7 to 10 PM in the Fellowship Hall (enter from rear parking lot)

All are welcome to this evening of fun and dancing!

Dress is casual. Tickets are \$15/person. They may be purchased by calling the office (610-435-6512 x200) or are available at the door.

See attached flyer for details.



A season of reflection, renewal and preparation.



OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-435-9155

Open: Mon 11-3 and Wed. 11-3

Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com

Website: www.LMDopsunshine.com

Paula & Dick Skelly, Co-Trip Coordinators

Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.

Registration for more shows opens on 2/15!

If you are interested, we encourage you to put your name on a wait list for any sold-out shows.

Please see the attached newsletter or visit the website for more info.



www.theneighborhoodcenterallentown.com

344 N. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Phone: 610-434-5799

The Neighborhood Center is dedicated to providing early childhood education, specifically designed for our Early Learners, to prepare them for kindergarten. We also offer an Elementary Program and a Teens Program that meets regularly after school and during the summer.

A gift today will provide safe after-school activities, homework help, warm meals, and a place where kids know they belong. You truly make it possible for us to keep serving the children who need us most.

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley (FPLV), a 501(c)(3) organization that provides shelter, meals, and case management to children and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the Lehigh Valley.

Our partner congregations are the backbone of our mission. As a volunteer-driven organization, our work wouldn't be possible without the support of congregations like yours. We'd be grateful for the opportunity to share this ministry with your church or your mission team. Please contact us for more information.



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CROP MINI-WALKS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

THANK YOU to ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-EMMAUS!

On Sunday, October 26th, 23 children and adults participated in the 2025 St. John's Lutheran Church-Emmaus CROP Hunger Walk during the Sunday School hour, raising over \$750 to help our food-insecure neighbors near and far.

THANK YOU for helping to raise **OVER \$28,700** through our **2025 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk** to help our food-insecure neighbors in the Allentown area and beyond!

As a result of your generosity, the **LEHIGH CHURCHES' CONFERENCE KITCHEN** and the **ALLENTOWN AREA ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK** will be receiving **more than \$3,585 each** for their vital ministries with neighbors experiencing food insecurity in our area.

And **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE** will be able to help many more of our neighbors who are struggling in the aftermath of floods, fires, droughts, and other disasters throughout the United States and the world.





NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Feeding Body and Soul at Hope's Table

Written by: April Mulvey, Synod Authorized Outreach Ministry (SAOM) leader at Hope's Table

Hope's Table: 601 N Front St Reading, PA 19601

Every Tuesday the doors open around 4:30 in the afternoon. During those chilly winter months, our guests are greeted by Sara, who pours each a cup of hot chocolate. Anita is back in the kitchen, where the aromas of the night's dinner are wafting through the hallway. Scott is preparing his music and Judy is either mingling with our guests or helping Anita. As I am preparing the table for worship, I am talking with everyone and listening to the chatter in the room. Before dinner is served, I go around the room asking everyone for prayer requests and the guests fill me in on the happenings of the week. Welcome to Hope's Table.

My journey to serving at Hope's Table is slightly unconventional. I did not grow up in the church. In fact, the first time I attended a church service (outside weddings and funerals) I was sixteen years old because I grew up in a dysfunctional family system. My first exposure was when my grandmother took me to her church. I grew up in a home that did not show the love and compassion of the Gospel of Christ, and I carried that into my adult years. I ended up in a 12-Step recovery program, but I was still missing "something."



That "something" was the God piece in my life and it was not until I got involved in a church and with people who loved me unconditionally, and told me God loved me even more unconditionally, did my life drastically change to the path that put me where I am today being the SAOM leader at Hope's Table. My background in life allows me to relate to the guests that walk into the doors of Hope's Table in ways that are truly personal and

empathetic, and I can connect with them and their needs in times of pastoral care because I know some of the struggles they endure. I relate to the brokenness, the loneliness, the desperation, because I was once there too, but the power and love of God have done miraculous things! It put me back together.

That is part of my hope for Hope's Table. We are not *just* a food ministry. We not only feed the body, we nourish the soul as well. We come together, even if it for only one hour a week, and break bread together, and although we are not defined as a "congregation" by the ELCA, we are a community of the *ekklesia*. Church, since the pandemic, may need to be redefined and ministries like Hope's Table help pave the way for that re-define.



If someone is curious about how to get involved with Hope's Table, my best advice would be to come and check us out! Show up! Come and see us in action on Tuesday. Come and sit with our guests and get to know them. Come and volunteer to serve dinner and then we can get you scheduled for service work. Come and see just how blessed we are to be in their presence.

Hope's Table has taught me so many lessons about myself and about the world over this past year. I have learned more about the structure of the synod and church this year and how all those smaller cogs in the wheel have to be put into

position and work in unison, or the grander machine does not work. It is not just about one single church or ministry; there is a grander picture at play—like a drop in a bucket of water that sends ripples over the surface. There is much, much more to leadership than the worship at Hope's Table. The decisions we make do not just affect us. They affect the synod, and the ELCA, as a whole.

Having support from the synod has left an immense positive effect on me throughout this whole journey. In those moments when I may doubt myself, or not believe in myself, the synod staff have all uplifted me and given me support. The synod has also supported the mission of Hope's Table as vital to the community, proving once again, that God's people are seen and their needs are heard; that they are not ignored except on a Sunday morning. This continues to demonstrate that my service is properly placed.



I am excited to serve as Hope's Table's SAOM leader and the possibilities and doors that will open for us. I am also excited to be attending the Fresh Expressions National Gathering 2026 at the end of February with other colleagues from NEPA Synod in Ocala, Florida. It is proving to be an inspiring year. I have big dreams for Hope's Table! And why should I? I serve an even bigger God who has done amazing things.

Three Gatherings Across the Synod - Each event runs 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. with three speakers focused on its theme.

Learning Ministry Days

Register at godslove.org/LMD26

 **Mar 7, 26** - *“How Do We Lift Every Voice: Exploring Worship, Music and Family Ministries”* (Atonement Lutheran, Wyomissing)

 **Apr 25, 26** - *“How Can We Walk Together: Mental Health and Spiritual Wholeness”* (Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus)

 **Sept 19, 26** - *“Who Do We Trust: Truth, Scams and AI”* (Zion United Lutheran, Brodheadsville)



March 2026 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m.-Worship 9:15 a.m.-Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Council Meeting	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study		4	5 9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Seniors Group 6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers 7:30 p.m.-Choir	6	7
8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 a.m.-Worship 9:15 a.m.-Sunday School 9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.-Worship 11:30 a.m.-Potluck	9 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study	10	11 9:30 a.m. WELCA	12 9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Seniors Group 6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers 7:30 p.m.-Choir	13	14
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March 2026

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or
the Council Person of the Month – Melanie Dimovitz 484-649-5705

Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Melanie Dimovitz
Altar Guild: Esther Seibert
Communion Asst: Daisy Pearson
Communion Bread: Melanie Dimovitz
Greeter: Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
Lay Asst: Lacey Edwards
Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Carl Seibert, Madeline MacMechan
Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman
Communion Asst: Dick Steltz
Communion Bread: Steph Wagaman
Greeter: Carl & Esther Seibert
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Tom Kellogg

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Rosie Gallagher, Ken Ritter
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Communion Bread: Ken & Janine Ritter
Greeter: Mary Schneider
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Rosemary Lehman

Sunday, March 22, 2026

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Communion Bread: Carol Derr-Breinig
Greeter: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Dick Steltz
Reader: Martine Otto

Sunday, March 29, 2026

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Lacey Edwards, Amy Williams
Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz
Communion Bread: Bruce & Sandi Wagaman
Greeter: Madeline MacMechan
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Lacey Edwards

St. Paul's 2026 Church Council



Jennifer Bentsen



Sharon Bortz
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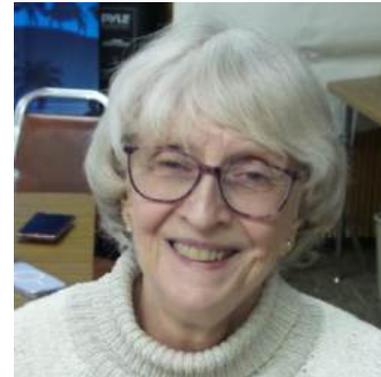
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Financial Secretary



Dawn Wertz

E A S T E R



F L O W E R S

Easter is Sunday, April 5, 2026. It seems like yesterday we were ordering poinsettias.

The deadline for flower orders will be Sunday, March 15, 2026

The cost for Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant. Daffodils will be \$6.25. Hyacinths and Tulips will be \$6.25. The flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service. **We are no longer delivering flowers 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 it for Easter Flowers.) Either place it on the offering plate, mail it in, or hand it to Janine Ritter.

If you have any questions, please contact Janine Ritter at 610-417-0209.

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
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EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

LILIES: \$10.00

DAFFODILS: \$6.25

HYACINTHS AND TULIPS: \$6.25

ORDER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

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



LILIES _____

DAFFODILS _____

HYACINTHS _____

TULIPS _____

ORDERED
BY:

(Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

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