

# *The Chimes*

*July 9, 2009*

## *Saint Paul's Summer Worship Schedule*

*(In effect through Rally Day, September 13)*

### *Sunday*

**9:30 am: Holy Communion**

*Children & adult sermons*

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## *Upcoming Event—Mark Your Calendars!*

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 9  
9:30 AM**

**BARBARA ROBINSON, OUR MISSIONARY IN MOROGORO, TANZANIA,** will be in the United States for a visit during the month of August. She will preach at Saint Paul's at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, August 9. A brunch in Barbara's honor will be held in Fellowship Hall following the 8/9 service—all are invited. (For biographical information about Barbara Robinson, see box below.)

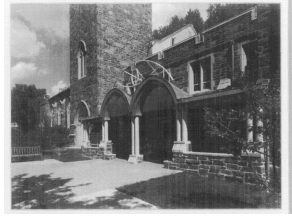
**Barbara Robinson** is a missionary in the area served by the Northeastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania—the companion synod/diocese of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. A desire to become more involved with the companion synod led Saint Paul's to sponsor Barbara's missionary work. She is currently responsible for developing and implementing a program to deal with HIV/AIDS in the communities served by the Morogoro parish of the Northeastern Diocese. Barbara earned a B.A. in music and secondary education at Western Washington University, and she pursued graduate studies in counseling at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Prior to becoming a missionary, Barbara held positions as a Music Educator (Jefferson Middle School, Olympia, Washington), Director of After-School Tutoring and Director of Music (Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia, Washington), and Deputy Coordinator of the Haydom Voluntary Aids Control Program (HAVACOP) and English Teacher (Haydom Lutheran Hospital, Mubul, Tanzania). Barbara enjoys sailing and reading in her spare time.

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*The Chimes*, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published monthly 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, August 4**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Monday, July 27**. Thank you!

# *Thoughts from the Pastor*



***“Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in me.  
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places...  
I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.”  
John 14:1-2, 6***

Dear Friends:

I don’t know how many times in over 34 years of ordained ministry I have read the above words during a funeral liturgy. Never did I hear them so personally addressed just to me as I did at my mother’s funeral liturgy last Friday (June 26). What a wonderful gift faith is! What incredible strength it can bring at the darkest times of life! In this same passage Jesus promises that when the time comes for our final journey, he will come and take us there himself, “so that where I am, there you may be also.”

Mom was playing cards with some friends from church, had a stroke, and died a few days later.

Not only was I sustained by my faith in Jesus, and the strength I received from words of scripture, but I learned first-hand of the ministry of “mutual consolation of the brothers and sisters,” as Martin Luther put it. My father, sister, and I—and our families—were enveloped by the loving arms of our several church communities, the hospital community, and the neighbors in our various communities.

I want to thank all of you from this community of faith for the many expressions of prayer, love, and support. Your e-mails, cards, phone calls, visits to my office, and other means of support were not only appreciated more than I can express, but with each gesture I felt the loving arms of Jesus embracing our whole family.

In thanksgiving,

*Pastor Skip McDowell*

Pastor Skip McDowell

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## Deaths

**Dorothy Doll** died on June 7.

**Romaine McDowell**, mother of Pastor Skip McDowell, died on June 23.

We pray for the families of Dorothy and Romaine, and thank God for their lives and the promise of the Resurrection.

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## Baptism

**Perry Allison Billingsley**, daughter of Allison and Lance Billingsley, was baptized on Sunday, June 21, 2009.

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## Change of Address

Karl Simon  
St. Martha's Manor  
470 Manor Avenue, Room 311 B  
Downingtown, PA 19335

Mark and Donna Wren  
1 Castle Rock Drive  
Havertown, PA 19083

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## Prayers

**Please pray for our men and women in the armed services**, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns); Andrew Campbell (cousin of Liz Cassidy); Clifton Connell (grandnephew of Lois Connell); and Zachary Gear (cousin of Barbara Curtin).

**Prayers are also requested for:** Cynthia Bean (friend of Katie Gustafson); Bill Buchanan; the family of Dottie Buchanan on the death of her niece, Judy Parker; Marie Carroll (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Martha Casey (mother of Michael Casey); Michael Casey; Renée Connell (sister-in-law of Lois Connell); Richard Connell (brother of Lois Connell); Janet Feldman (sister of Julia Friedgen); David Feustel; Howard Hanna (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Sean Ogawa Hillman (godson of Gustavo & Stina Peña); Frank Lexa (father of Lisa Lexa Wilson); and Wayne Munyon (brother-in-law of Barbara Curtin). *(Names remain on the prayer list for three weeks. Please notify the church office to extend the period of prayer when appropriate.)*

# **Hymn Festival at Saint Paul's:** ***At All Times and All Places*** with **Michael Burkhardt** and **Kristina Langlois**



**Thursday, August 6**  
**7:00 pm**  
**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

An ecumenical hymn festival, featuring Michael Burkhardt\* and Kristina Langlois\*\*, will take place in Saint Paul's sanctuary the evening of August 6. The event is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress Publishers as part of a two-day workshop and music clinic offered for church musicians on Thursday and Friday, August 6 & 7, at the church.



## **\*Dr. Michael Burkhardt**

Internationally known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festivals and for his creative work with children, Dr. Burkhardt has served on the faculties of Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona; and Christ College Irvine in Irvine, California, as well as Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He is currently Director of Worship and the Arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, Michigan. A graduate of Carthage College, Dr. Burkhardt earned graduate degrees from

Southern Methodist University and Arizona State University. He made his symphonic hall debut in 1999, leading a Lutheran Hymn Festival as organist-conductor at the Meyerson Symphony Hall in Dallas, Texas. In the fall of 2003, he toured in South Korea, presenting hymn festivals, organ recitals, and seminars. He returned to South Korea in May of 2007 and in October of 2008

to perform and teach at Yonsei, Mokwon, and Seoul Theological Universities. Dr. Burkhardt is the author of *Part-Singing Global Style*, a resource focusing on sequential part-singing techniques in treble arrangements of global pieces, and of *Singing with Understanding*, a curriculum utilizing the great hymns, folksongs and spirituals of the church to share faith stories and to teach the elements of music and worship. He is composer of two settings of the Eucharistic liturgy, *A New Song* and *Missa St. Andrew*, as well as numerous organ improvisations, choral octavos and handbell compositions.



### **\*\*Dr. Kristina Langlois**

Dr. Langlois is the Director of Music and Worship at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, where she administers an extensive choral and instrumental music program within the context of liturgical worship. She taught music courses and organ at Hamline University from 1986-1995 and served as Director of Music at Hamline United Methodist Church in St. Paul from 1986 to 1993. Her degrees are from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois and Northwestern University in Evanston. Dr. Langlois co-edited, with Zebulon

Highbun, the text, *With a Voice of Singing*, a festschrift celebrating the life of church musician Ronald A. Nelson. She teaches piano and organ privately, and her hymn settings and choral music are published by MorningStar Music Publications and Augsburg fortress.

If you have questions about the hymn festival or need additional information, call Andy Heller, Saint Paul's Director of Music, at 610-642-7706.

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## **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 the narthex, or you may call Dottie Buchanan at 610-789-8092 to make your request. You may also put your request in writing and send it to the church office. Once you have signed up, you will receive confirmation of your sponsorship and information about how to make your payment. The dedication(s) for your flowers will be published in the appropriate Sunday bulletin(s).

# Bound for New Orleans!

On Wednesday, July 22, thirteen youth and two adult chaperones from Saint Paul's will travel to New Orleans to participate in the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering. The members of this group are as follows: **Katie Bode, Katie Dormans, Amanda Ertner, Shane Foust, Paige Henderson, Andrew Horn, Kelly Mazzanobile, Emily Miller, Tuyen Nguyen, Katie Schnaath, Rebecca Schut, Trent Stetler, Elisabeth Wagner, and chaperones Carolyn Ashburn and Pastor Skip McDowell.** The group will return Sunday, July 26.

**Jesus Justice Jazz**, the theme for the Gathering, draws from the rich faith history, diverse cultures and arts of New Orleans. It will stretch attendees' understanding of what it means to live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ.

The program will differ from previous gatherings. Planning teams have worked with local congregations and organizations, young people and the city administrators, to understand the changes New Orleans has gone through as the entire Gulf Coast region has worked to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The focus of this gathering will be on service and justice—on recognizing that the shared reality of Christians involves being claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.

What remains the same about this year's Gathering is that youth and adults will be immersed in worship, music, Bible study, service, learning, play, prayer, the witness of faithful leaders from around the world, reflection, caring for others and new friendships. The Gathering is a time of change and growth, because participants gather in the presence of God's Spirit with others who journey with Jesus.

## The 2009 Logo

The chaotic, dark, swirling on the left of the graphic reminds us of the darkness and confusion that we sometimes experience in the world. And in the midst of the chaos, confusion and mess, is the cross, drawing hope of Jesus. It is a life of wherever we are and is Jesus who sets us for justice, for walking with God. stands bold and connected to what seems confusing and disconnected. Our faith and our baptismal call to be bold, compassionate witnesses in the world are always connected and relevant to whatever is swirling around us.



our vision to the light and Jesus who draws us into compassionate justice whomever we are with. It free into the world, jazzed kindness and for humble **Jesus Justice Jazz**

## August Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Tintera
- 2 Cindy Hoegg, Carter Merbreier
- 3 Jennifer Chung, Bill Friedgen
- 4 Sanford Groff, Josephine Norquist
- 5 Lindsay Cannon, Dan Joseph, Andrew Roth
- 6 Katelin Hamilton, Andrew Isenberg, Frances Wilson
- 7 Nicholas Dormans, William Miles, Jr.
- 8 Barbara Dieter, Mirielle Harkins, Dorothee Herlyn
- 9 Joann Brosious, Kathryn Buzby, Krista Clark McNamara, Belle Miller, Jake Riggs
- 10 James Chung, Rudolph Sander
- 11 Tom Keyser, Mara Penne
- 12 Joan Swan
- 13 Mary Dougherty
- 14 Michael Casey, David Stanton
- 15 Jason Baxter, Laura Erickson, Ava Jacobsen
- 16 Bill Buchanan, Natalie Carstens
- 17 Mary Ayres, Judith Crysler, Karl Simon
- 18 Julie Boynton
- 19 John Robinson, Molly Schimpff, Toni Whaley
- 20 Mary Lynn Kennedy, Robert Pavlenco
- 21 Michael Laudenslager, Elizabeth Marren, Kelly McCoy
- 23 Cole D'Antonio, Marylyn Gumas-Sander
- 24 Sara Fisher, David Gruben, Dane Hopkins
- 25 Kevin Clouse, Ryan Fabre
- 26 Elizabeth Bowers, Steven Krohn
- 27 Barbara Curtin, Analiese Gale, William Lukasiewicz, Matthew McCoy, Killian Riggs, Janet Sides
- 28 Louise Gorby, Jane Guydish, Elizabeth Wagner
- 30 Jeanette Lotz
- 31 Amanda Ertner, Emily Roth, Cynthia Torres

**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE A LIFE!**

BLOOD DRIVE  
AT SAINT PAUL'S  
MONDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>  
1:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Look for more information, regarding appointments, etc., in August.

*Sixty-five children were enrolled  
in Saint Paul's 2009 Vacation Bible School!*

*This year's theme:  
"DISCOVERY CANYON"*

### **We give thanks for the Discovery Canyon Crew**

The Rev. Heidi Rodrick-Schnaath, Andy Heller, Katie Bode, Liz Cassidy, Lois Connell, Sarah Denman, Katie Dormans, Laura Dormans, Nan Dormans, Julia Friedgen, Melissa Gale, Andrea Hagemann, Judith Harkins, Polly Johnsen, Barbara Keyser, Debbie Keyser, Jamie Koerner, Jennifer Luistro, Kelly Mazzanobile, Peter Mazzanobile, Lisa McCabe, Brendan Miller, Emily Miller, Debbie Moran, Shannon Moran, Claudia Muller, Josephine Norquist, The Rev. Kris Peterson, Louise Pierce, Mark Pierce, Stephen Pierce, Helene Roth, Jason Sack, Vicki Sack, Katie Schnaath, Allie Schuster, Andrea Schuster, Beth Schuster, Shelby Smyrl, Linda Stanton, Denette Stetler, Kylie Stetler, Trent Stetler, Lisa Tintera, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner, Betsy Williams, David Williams, Jamie Williams, Lisa Lexa Wilson

### **We also give a "Discovery Canyon" thanks to . . .**

- Debbie Moran and Nan Dormans, for their tireless leadership and good cheer in organizing this year's wonderful program;
- Stark Lash for designing and making the canyons; and the many Saint Paul's members who contributed craft supplies and snacks;
- Lorie Foust and Denette Stetler for our great canyon decorations;
- Sarah Hasson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, for designing the final day program cover;
- Millie Parker and Karen Spielman for publishing the daily newsletter;
- Dave Curry for keeping the building in tip-top shape.

### **Discovery Canyon Offering**

Many thanks to the VBS attendees and their parents for the week's incredible offering: **over \$606 will be donated to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission**, Rock Point, Arizona, which in partnership with the Navajo People, is a community seeking to meet the educational, health, social and spiritual needs of the Navajo People. (*For more information about the Navajo Mission, see article on next page.*)

Recipient of this year's VBS offering:

**Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission**  
**"A Mission with a Mission"**

**Overview**

The Mission School is an alternative to Bureau of Indian Affairs and community schools throughout the Navajo Nation. The parents of students at the Mission School have chosen to place their children in a school that reflects Christian values while respecting Navajo culture and tradition. The Mission Board of Directors is a partnership, with both Navajo and non Navajo members.

As needs of the school change, programs and services change. Current plans include the re-opening of a medical clinic and increased focus on community spiritual needs. Social needs are addressed by counseling, educational opportunities, and on-the-job training.

**History**

More than fifty years ago, Lutheran Christian missionaries arrived in Rock Point, Arizona, a remote, isolated village near the Four Corners area where Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah meet. Rock Point today encompasses a gas station and convenience store, a Laundromat and post office, two schools, a Chapter House and Senior Center, and 2500 to 3000 persons living on the land in family clans. Food and medical services are still more than 50 miles away and general shopping is 115 miles away in New Mexico.

When the Mission was founded it had a worshipping congregation; in addition, it sponsored a Bible study program, English language classes, a clinic, and an elementary school. Today, the Mission provides schooling for 67 children (kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade), periodic eye and health exams, a thrift shop, office services, volunteer work groups and inter-cultural exchanges, and various community events. There are plans to add a medical clinic.

More than programs and services, however, the Mission is all about the people—the Navajo—who live with social problems, abuse, housing needs, debilitating diseases like diabetes and alcoholism, unemployment, poverty, limited access to adequate health care, and in many cases no access to electricity or water.

**Needs**

The Mission is a 501(c)3, not-for-profit organization, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and recognized by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (in process). Of the current annual budget of about \$950,000, 80% is supported by individuals, churches, foundations and businesses throughout the country, and 20% by federal, state and other sources. The Mission budget is in a period of rapid growth caused by three primary factors that have substantially increased operational costs: a commitment to quality education, expansion of services to the community, and the necessity of upgrading/replacing aging Mission facilities. If you would like to invest in the lives of the children and families of Rock Point, or would like additional information about the work of this organization, please call 928-659-4201 or visit [www.nelm.org](http://www.nelm.org).

# Saint Paul's Vacation Bible School 2009 DISCOVERY CANYON ADVENTURE!



Closing ceremony in the sanctuary



Discovery Canyon Crew members:  
The Rev. Heidi Rodrick-Schnaath & Katie Schnaath

## Discovery Canyon Adventure *continued*



Gettin' in the groove!



VBS Leaders Debbie Moran & Nan Dormans



VBS music guru,  
Andy Heller



## Class Songs



# VBS Final Day Picnic!



Crew members Barb Keyser & Jason Sack



# STEPHEN MINISTRY



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Saint Paul's Stephen Ministers won't be taking time off this summer from the wonderful relationships they have established with their care receivers. Listening, supporting and caring are the main components of the Stephen Minister - care receiver bond that continues as the *connection* grows.

After their initial 50 hours of training, Stephen Ministers, in addition to their *relationship*, take part in continuing education classes and meet in groups to support and *encourage* each other. Currently, all Stephen Ministers who are ready to be matched are in relationships.

All our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders find that their training and experiences have helped, not only in Stephen settings, but also in every day personal and family relationships. The skills and awareness developed in training and continuing education apply in many and varied life situations.

Now over a year old, Saint Paul's Stephen Minister Program will be looking to begin a new training group. January would be a probable start-up time. Information should start to appear in *The Chimes* and Sunday church bulletins in the fall.

If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister or know someone who might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, or if you are thinking of becoming a Stephen Minister, please call Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444), Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835), Toni Whaley (610-896-7193) or Pastor McDowell (610-642-3211).



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Next women's dinner:**

**Tuesday, August 4  
6:00 pm**

The Country Squire Restaurant  
2560 West Chester Pike, Broomall.

Watch for more details in upcoming  
Sunday bulletins.

### **Please support our *COOKING FOR THE HUNGRY* Program**

Once a month, a group of dedicated Saint Paul's volunteers, under The auspices of the Social Ministry Committee, prepares nutritious meals for people living in our region who do not have enough to eat.

***Funds are needed to ensure that this program remains strong.***

Please consider making a donation. Checks should be written to *Saint Paul's Lutheran Church*, with *Cooking for the Hungry* on the memo line.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Montgomery County Chapter #31014) provides matching funds for this project.

# Saint Paul's Summer Cinema Series



**Be sure to enter these dates on your calendar:**

**Wednesday, July 22 – “The Pursuit of Happyness”**  
**Wednesday, August 26 – “The Truman Show”**

**Time:**                **6:00 pm** (*pizza supper followed by movie*)

**Location:**        **Kugler Room**

**Cost:**                **\$5.00** (*for pizza, popcorn & beverage*)

Please register with the church office  
(610-642-3211) if you plan to attend.

## **Film Briefs:**

**“PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS,”** starring Will Smith, is based on the true story of Chris Gardner, a San Francisco salesman. Gardner has personally invested heavily in a device known as a “Bone Density Scanner.” His unfortunate investments break the family financially, and his wife leaves him and their son. After losing his wife, bank account and home, he is forced to live on the streets with his son. Desperate to find a job, he undergoes a 6-month unpaid internship position with Dean Witter.

**“THE TRUMAN SHOW,”** starring Jim Carrey, is the story of Truman Burbank—a normal man, living in a normal town. However, what he doesn’t know is that his life is actually the focus of a non-stop, reality TV show that has aired since his birth, that he’s the star, his hometown is a giant set piece, and everyone around him is an actor going by a script. Gradually, Truman gets wise. And what he does about his discovery will have you laughing, crying and cheering.

## AUGUST CALENDAR

Saturday, August 1	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
Sunday, August 2 ( <i>Free blood pressure checks after worship</i> )	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday, August 4	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
TBA	Prepare August <i>Chimes</i> for mailing
6:00 pm	Women's dinner/The Country Squire, Broomall
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Thursday, August 6	
All day	Augsburg Fortress workshop & music clinic / St. Paul's: throughout church
7:00 pm	Hymn Festival/St. Paul's sanctuary (see <i>announcement on p. 5</i> )
Friday, August 7	
	Augsburg Fortress workshop & music clinic / St. Paul's: throughout church
Saturday, August 8	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
Sunday, August 9	
9:30 am	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: Barbara Robertson, Missionary in Tanzania
11:00	Congregational brunch following worship / Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 11	
1:30 pm	Miriam Circle/Meeting Room
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Saturday, August 15	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
Sunday, August 16	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry/St. Paul's basement kitchen
Tuesday, August 18	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Saturday, August 22	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room

Sunday, August 23	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday, August 25	
12:00 noon	Deadline for September <i>Chimes</i> articles
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 26	
6:00 pm	Saint Paul's movie night/Kugler Room
Saturday, August 29	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
Sunday, August 30	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Monday, August 31	
1:30 – 7:30 pm	Red Cross blood drive/Fellowship Hall



## Bear Creek Camp 2009

Contact info: 570-472-3741 or [campinfo@bearcreekcamp.org](mailto:campinfo@bearcreekcamp.org)

Website: [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org)



With 3000 acres, 25 miles of trails, and a lake, there are plenty of opportunities for adventure and discovery at Bear Creek Camp! Sessions run continuously for eight weeks, from Sunday, June 21 through Saturday, August 15. Half-week sessions also available. Refer to the June *Chimes* for additional information about camp offerings.

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