

The Chimes

March 20, 2007

Saint Paul's Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am: Holy Communion

Children & adult sermons

Worship service concurrent with Sunday School

10:30 am: Holy Communion

Traditional liturgy

Wednesday

7:00 pm: Holy Communion

Healing Service – third Wednesday of the month

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From the Stewardship Committee: Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

From time to time, families in our congregation experience traumatic events—crises that cause emotional and physical pain as well as severe financial pressure.

Particularly during our Lenten contemplations, the Stewardship Committee requests that everyone at Saint Paul’s consider providing financial support for our fellow members. We suggest that contributions be made to Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church with the notation, *Pastor’s Discretionary Fund*. This will allow the pastors to direct funds to the greatest need of our fellow members.

Saint Paul’s members have long been generous in their support of those in need in the Philadelphia area, around the United States, and around the world. This is an opportunity to help members close to home: our Saint Paul’s family.

Thank you.
The Stewardship Committee

Soup Suppers in Lent

Soup suppers are being planned for the following Wednesdays during Lent. If you would like to bring soup for about 10 people, or a loaf of bread, on either of the following dates, please sign up on the chart in the narthex. Lenten suppers will begin at 6 pm followed by worship service at 7 pm.

- March 28 – Guest Preacher: The Rev. Timothy Poston
- April 4 – Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jennifer Ollikainen

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, April 17. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on Tuesday, April 10. Thank you!

Thoughts from the Pastor



*"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love toward all the saints,
and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks
for you as I remember you in my prayers."
Ephesians 1:15-16*

My Dear Friends:

These words of St. Paul to the Ephesians have been part of my daily devotions since shortly after arriving here at St. Paul's, Ardmore, on February 1st. Indeed, I did hear of "your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints" even before I had heard from the Call Committee last August. Now that I'm on board, I am sometimes in awe of the way this congregation is committed to caring for the saints individually, communally, and globally. And that includes my family and me.

Your witness to the call to discipleship and your evident hospitality to the stranger have been gifts to Pam and to me; and your inquiries as to how our children and their spouses are handling the transition have warmed our hearts. So I begin with thanks, and the promise "I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."

And I close with an invitation. How appropriate that I begin my ministry with you in the season of Lent. I think, more than any other season of the church year, Lent is really a season of journey. These are the weeks we journey with Jesus down the ultimate road: the trek to Jerusalem and the cross.

I invite you, as part of the Lenten discipline, to spend as much of life on this journey as your schedule allows. The Wednesday evening Lenten services (three so far) have been powerful stops on my Lenten travel. The preachers, the choir, and the visual displays have all preached the Word in profound ways.

I invite you to the final leg of this journey—Holy Week—with stops on Wednesday evening, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Saturday, and the liturgies of Easter Sunday. The discipline of these stops leading to the cross will make the glory of the resurrection even more spectacular.

In Christ,
Pastor McDowell

Change of Address

Betty Herbster
3500 West Chester Pike
Leeland P-21, Dunwoody
Newtown Square, PA 19073-4168

Transfer

Nancy, Elena, Annah and Thomas Giraldi

Transferred to Old Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, Penna., February 2007.

Prayer Chain

Prayers are requested for our men and women in the armed services, especially the following, all of whom are serving in Iraq: Jeff Amorose (Jeff is the nephew of Chris Fritton); Gary Fischer (Gary is the son-in-law of Lynn & Shirley McCall); and Jason Willey (Jason is the grand-nephew of Elaine Stellwagen).

Prayers are also requested for: Liz Elder (friend of Bob and Linda Burns); Tony Mazzanobile; Mike Moran; and Jack Morris (Mary Lynn Kennedy's uncle).

Thank You

I'd like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during Mark's tour in Iraq. It meant a great deal to me to have Mark offered up in prayer each Sunday, and remembered in your individual thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Carol Henry

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(This letter was received in December, 2006, from the Interfaith Hospitality Network—Main Line)

Dear St. Paul's:

On behalf of the families, Board of Trustees, and myself I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$101.00 to the Interfaith Hospitality Network – Main Line.

The IHN-Main Line provides shelter, food, and comprehensive counseling to homeless families with children in our community. Each family receives classes in Budgeting, Parenting, and Life Skills that will prepare and nurture them to self-sufficiency. We offer GED Certification, Employment Skills, Higher Education Opportunities, and Housing Resources, to name a few.

We are so pleased that you have chosen our organization for this contribution. Please accept our thanks to your congregation, for making this gift to our organization. It is because of foundations such as yours, that this organization can reach so many in need.

*In peace,
Carole Marchand
Executive Director*

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(This letter, addressed to congregation member Lorie Foust, Saint Paul's coordinator for the Christmas Ingathering of gifts, was received in January, 2007, from the Ingathering Coordinator of Lutheran Children and Family Service of Eastern Penna.)

Dear Ms. Foust:

On behalf of the children in our care and the other recipients of the Christmas Ingathering, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the very generous donations.

We were able to supply gifts for the children in our foster care and home-based programs, kits and clothing were shipped overseas, packets were delivered to the area institutions, soap and money were sent to the Seamen's Church Institute, pre-employment packages were sent to Lutheran Settlement House, bags of food were delivered to six synod food cupboards and enough money to give the kids a great holiday party. This Ingathering totaled over \$115,732.15.

As you can see, this project is a very important part of our mission in reaching out to help vulnerable individuals and families overcome various barriers and hardships. It is only with the partnership of the synod churches and individuals that this goal is attainable.

We thank you for your continued support and hope to hear from you again next year.

*Sincerely,
Darliese Scott
Ingathering Coordinator*

THANK YOU!

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church
raised \$310
for missionary, Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein.

This year with your help, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the entire community has seen the good that can happen when we all work together to help those in need. Together, we are transforming Super Bowl weekend into an unprecedented time of giving and serving.

The Souper Bowl of Caring
February 4th, 2007

Rev. Brad Smith
Founder/Executive Director
The Souper Bowl of Caring

Save the Date!

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MCDOWELL
AT SAINT PAUL'S**

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 4:00 PM

Bishop Claire Burkat will preside.

**Reception in the Fellowship Hall
following the installation**

Upcoming Meetings & Events—Save the Dates!

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00 to 11:15 am, Kugler Room. All women of Saint Paul's are welcome! (*Please note: there will be no meeting on Thursday, April 5.*)

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Kugler Room

Upcoming dates: Mar.22, Apr.19, May 3, May 17, & May 31. All are welcome!

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

8:30 am in the Kugler Room. All men of Saint Paul's are welcome!

Attention parents of 2nd graders: Final First Communion instruction session for children & parents is on March 25 at 5:00 pm. Attendance at classes is essential so all understand the rationale for Communion. ***The children receive First Communion on Sunday, April 22, at the 10:30 am service*** (please note date change).

Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 pm, followed by attendance at the Wednesday evening service at 7:00 pm. The children will be called forward for a blessing during the prayers. All are asked to be present for rehearsal and the worship service.

Easter Party for Families with Young Children

Saturday, March 31, 9:30 to 11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Next Women's dinner is Tuesday, April 10

Lamp Lighter Tavern, 8 Campbell Avenue, Havertown

6:00 pm

Senior Friends Luncheon & Tram Tour of Winterthur Gardens

Wednesday, May 9; bus leaves St. Paul's at 9:30 am

\$40 per person includes roundtrip bus fare, lunch, & tram tour

Advance registration encouraged; Payment due 2 weeks prior to event

Saint Paul's Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22

Mark your calendars!

Honoring Loved Ones

Have you ever wanted to honor a loved one, but didn't know what to do? Why not give a gift to Saint Paul's in honor or memory of a loved one? People often ask, "Is there a minimum amount that is appropriate?" The answer is "No"—any amount is appropriate. When you give a gift, simply indicate in whose honor or memory the gift is given. We will acknowledge your gift with a letter of thanks, and will inform the honoree(s), or the family(ies) of the honoree(s), of your tribute.

Easter Refreshments

refreshments will be served in the narthex on easter sunday following both services. all are invited to share in this wonderful time of celebration.

if you would like to help, please consider bringing one of the snacks listed below (see sign-up sheet in narthex).

DOUGHNUTS	FRUIT
DOUGHNUT HOLES	MUFFINS
CHEESE & CRACKERS	DANISH / PASTRIES
JUICE	MINI-BAGELS

Please leave your treats on the tables near the kitchenette.

thank you for contributing to our easter celebration!

PARISH activities committee

Evangelism Corner

Following Jesus All the Way*

Occasionally I come across something that I find so informative or inspirational—or both—that I want to share it. My latest discovery is a reflection by Stephen D. Bryant, Editor and Publisher of *The Upper Room* daily devotional guide, which appeared in the March/April issue. If you've already read it, you may receive new insights on reading it again, and if you haven't, I hope the following will make Easter and the days leading up to it more meaningful for you:

“There are plenty to follow our Lord half-way [sic],” wrote Meister Eckhart, “but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves.” (Quoted by Thomas R. Kelly in *A Testament of Devotion*, New York: Harper & Brothers, Publishers, 1941, 52.) Such was the loneliness of Jesus during the final week of his earthly life. Such is our call to confession on the Lenten journey, on the way to the cross.

When Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem riding a humble donkey (Mark 11), many admirers accompanied him, running ahead and following behind him while shouting acclamations to God for the “coming kingdom” (11:10). Oh, how we would love to have been there!

Many people even took off their cloaks and other outer garments and laid them on the road, symbolic of laying down their lives to prepare the way for “the one who comes in the name of the Lord” (11:9). Had we been there, surely we would have participated in paving the way for the Lord. Perhaps we would have spread our church clothes on the ground before him.

As the week unfolded, however, and as Golgotha came into view, Jesus' admirers became scarce; his closest followers fell away. Who they really were beneath their outer garments was exposed; the depth of their spiritual poverty was made public. And had we been there, the outcome would have been no different for us.

And yet, even as we who profess to be Christ's followers confess our failure to follow all the way, we are drawn again to the side of the One whose love will not let us go. We are captured again by the grace and possibility of life, the God-centered life for which we are made. Jesus not only lived that life; he bequeathed it to us, the church, and through us, to the world. As you listen to God in daily devotion, hear anew the call to the God-centered life. Hear and heed the call to a life of holy obedience to the voice of the Christ who guides us in the way that leads to life.

Barbara Keyser, Evangelism Chair

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*Wednesday Evenings in Lent
A Feast for Body, Mind, and Spirit*

6:00 pm

*Soup and bread supper in the Fellowship Hall
(If you can bring soup or bread, please sign up in narthex.)*

7:00 pm

Word and Sacrament Worship in the Sanctuary

The theme for our mid-week Lenten journey will be "Telling Stories on the Way to the Cross: Parables Jesus Told." Each of our guest preachers in Lent has been asked to choose a parable on which to preach. Our Lenten preachers are introduced below.

March 28

The Rev. Timothy Poston



Pastor Poston serves Mediator Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's partner congregation in Philadelphia. He is known throughout the synod for his creative and energetic ministry. Pastor Poston holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and he currently serves as the Dean of the Central Philadelphia conference, which includes 14 congregations in the heart of Philadelphia.

Sermon title: *A Contract, a Promise and an Opportunity*

Text: Matthew 20: 1-16

April 4
The Rev. Jennifer Ollikainen

Pastor Ollikainen currently serves as Associate Pastor of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield, Penna. She is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP), was an intern here at Saint Paul's in 2000 – 2001, and received her Master of Sacred Theology from LTSP in 2006. Pastor Ollikainen is a talented musician, playing piano and violin. She is also a member of the Christian praise band, Acoustic Manna.



Sermon title: *The Great Dinner*
Text: Luke 14: 16-24

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING SAINT PAUL'S
BECOME A MORE CARING COMMUNITY?**

CONSIDER STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised lay caregivers who provide one-to-one Christian care to people in distress. You are invited to attend a half-day workshop to learn more about Stephen Ministry: **March 24 in Clementon, NJ, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** The agenda includes:

- ◆ A sample of Stephen Minister training
- ◆ Conversation with congregations already using Stephen Ministry
- ◆ Introduction to how the Stephen Series works
- ◆ Information on how to bring Stephen Ministry to our congregation

Come with curiosity and questions and return with a practical plan for expanding Christ's love in our congregation and community. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, or if you can attend the workshop on March 24, contact Beth McElvenney at 610-853-2444. Website: <http://www.stephenministries.org>

Letter from Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein

Senior Flierl Seminary

February 23, 2007

PMB "Logaweng"
Finschhafen, Morobe Province
Papua New Guinea
Dear Friends,

This is a hot and humid day. Outside is just the *finiest* little breeze. Inside my ceiling fan is going.

This morning the New Dawn group arrived. This is a group of three girls and one young man. If I'm correct, three of them are from the U.S. (**Hurrah!**) and one is from Canada. Right now I'm waiting for the three girls to come and take a shower in my house. They're going to give a program this evening. I've not ever heard or seen a New Dawn group, so this may be interesting!

Over Christmas and New Years, I stayed here at Logaweng; it was quiet and good. Those of us who were here had a pig dinner on the second Christmas Day, which is a holiday here. That is, we had a big meal which included *freshly* killed pig. We were not a large group, which was fine with me!

Much of January I was up in the highlands attending a cultural orientation course. Most of the participants were Catholic and young; the total participants were 25 in number. There was a lot of good information, but three weeks was too long, I thought. However, I did meet some interesting people from literally all over the world—India, Philippines, Ecuador, Australia, Germany, Britain, Indonesia, East Timor, Ghana, Fiji. That was interesting.

Meanwhile, classes have begun; they've been in session two weeks. Our new first year class is 17 men; that makes a total of 63 students on campus. It is too soon yet to know what kind of group this will be; every class is different. It is really good to see some of our returned vicars back as fifth year students. I know already it will be hard for me to see some of them leave when they graduate. But, that's the kind of place this is—our students come and go.

As for what I'm doing this year—I'm still teaching English to years I and II; I'm also teaching a course on how to study for the first year class. The seminary library is open; we have a good group of student monitors this year, I think. Our first English worship service will be March 4; the only problem is that we don't have anyone to preach the sermon yet! The women's program hasn't really started yet. They've had a week of orientation, but classes haven't begun, mostly because the schedule of when I teach in the men's program has changed. And, we have yet to open the children's library; I've talked to the other two women who have worked with me before and they both say we should wait until second term. However, we will have to have an organizational meeting soon.

Oh yes, this week our students began teaching Christian Life Studies in two of the local public schools. In past years we have been teaching in the local primary school and the local high school. This year, we will be teaching in the primary school and the local vocational school. This year I'm supervising three of our year II students who will be teaching grade four in the primary school. Yesterday we went down and our students just introduced themselves to their students. This morning I met with my three students and we prepared the lesson for next Thursday. I've told them that I want to see their completed lesson plans on Tuesday. Then next Thursday we will all go down again and I will observe one of their lessons. Once in a while I like to teach a lesson for them. Not that I'm such a wonderful teacher, but I think they can learn something by observing. Anyway, I appreciate doing this because it gives me the opportunity to work with a few students at a time rather than a whole classroom.



I thank you, my friends. I appreciate your support; your financial support is important to me and to the ministry here. This is God's work, and you are a part of it. Very special thanks from me for your letters and for your continuing prayers. May God bless you with a blessed and a joyous Easter.

*Your friend in Jesus,
Sister Ruth Ellen*

Global Mission Committee

We are hoping to re-energize the Global Mission committee this year. We need help to do this. (During the church renovations, the committee did not remain very active.) In the past, the Global Mission Committee had an Alternative Gifts Fair in the fall at which people could give gifts to organizations such as Heifer International and On Eagle's Wings, or to our missionary, Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein. During the fair, we also collected money for those working to alleviate world hunger. Other activities sponsored by the Global Mission Committee have included:

- ◆ Collection of boxtops in support of education, which are used to raise money for the Navajo School in Rock Point, Arizona. We continue, in 2007, to collect boxtops, which can be dropped off at the church office.
- ◆ Support of the individuals who travel to the Northwest Territories during the summer, to teach vacation Bible school under the auspices of On Eagle's Wings. In the summer of 2006, Robin Mazzanobile and her daughter Susie served as Saint Paul's emissaries to the Northwest Territories. We want to continue that support for others, as well, who will be going to the Northwest Territories this year.

If you are interested in helping with any of the activities of the Global Mission Committee, please call the church office at 610-642-3211, or contact Lynn McCall at 610-642-3843.

April Birthdays

- 1 Julia Carstens, Sandra Farina, Justin Kolb, Jack Smyrl
- 2 Charlotte Lyles, William Marlin, Christine Speir
- 3 Andrew Goms, Augustine Horner, Paul Scota
- 4 Barbara Henderson
- 7 Michael Garcia, Meenhard Herlyn, Rebecca Schut
- 8 Oakley Riggs, Kirstin Schut
- 9 Hannah Barber, Kathryn Dormans
- 10 Bennett Cooper, Dan Kuns
- 12 Donald Doll, Lori Garcia, Heidi Simon
- 13 Elena Goedde Isenberg, Benjamin Wurst
- 14 Maxwell Koerner, Carol Pedersen, Herbert Wendelken
- 16 Elinor Brosious, Alex Shanfeld
- 17 Emily Curtin
- 18 Alexander Hoyt
- 19 Arlene Bjorke, Hope Leimer, Evelyn Reider
- 21 Katie Schnaath
- 22 Julie Erickson, Diane Pringle
- 23 Lorranda Costa
- 24 Stephen Byrne
- 25 Kimberly Dieter, Todd Hart, Karyn Heym
- 28 Karen Buzby
- 29 Douglas Carroll, Amy Horn, Sara Torres



Congratulations and many happy returns to The Rev. Donald G. Doll, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on April 12! The Rev. Doll was pastor at Saint Paul's from 1950 to 1974.

A 2007 sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers for Sunday morning worship is available in the narthex. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up for the Sunday(s) in which you are interested. The cost of the flowers is \$25.00. Once you have signed up, you will receive confirmation of your sponsorship and information about how to make your payment.

Lending a Hand: Social Ministry in Action



American Red Cross Volunteers Are Needed!

The Red Cross is currently looking for volunteers to greet and register blood donors and serve refreshments at local bloodmobiles. Volunteers may select days and locations near their homes to suit their schedules, but **MUST BE AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS**. Volunteer drivers are also needed to transport lifesaving blood from bloodmobiles to the lab. No lifting is required and vehicles are provided. Please call the Volunteer Office at 215-405-8840 if you are interested. Join a volunteer team in your area, meet new people, and help to save a life today!

Lutheran Disaster Response: Bringing Help and Hope

Lutheran Disaster Response would like to extend an invitation to all interested in disaster response to attend a one-day learning opportunity. *There is no charge to attend.*

The event: Not *If*, But *When*—A Day of Learning with Lutheran Disaster Response
Location: The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
Date: Saturday, April 21
Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Meals: Continental breakfast & lunch provided
Registration: Contact Julia Menzo by April 16 at 215-424-3741, ext. 203, OR jmenzo@libertylutheran.org

The agenda will feature Kevin Massey, Assistant Director of Lutheran Disaster Response. He will highlight what disaster response means to survivors and to those involved in the response, both spiritually and materially. We will also learn about the variety of talents that people can bring to disaster response, and how once those talents are honed and identified, they can make a huge difference in long-term recovery. Regional Red Cross officials will explain their role. Those who have responded to flooding along the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers and to Katrina, will be celebrated.

The day is designed to benefit both those with experience in our endeavors, and those who want to learn more. It is our hope that this event will bring together people with hearts, minds and hands united for God's purpose, so that when a calamity happens, those people in concert with emergency and first responders, can be called upon to serve more effectively because we all will be better prepared. A free-will offering will be collected.

To All Church Members

Our Lutheran women are collecting various items which will be assembled at a Special Event & Convention: "MISSION MANIA" on June 9. Baby bath kits will be given to MOMobile to help mothers provide a warm welcome for their babies born in poverty in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. Health kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for use in times of disaster. Kit items (see lists below) can be brought to the church from now through April 15. Shirley McCall will collect donated items weekly and transport them to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, in Springfield. On April 16, the items will be received at a special program on SEKUCO Tanzania (see program description, below).

Each MOMobile Baby Bath Kit contains:	Each Health Kit contains:
Hooded baby bath towel & wash cloth	1 hand towel
Diaper wipes	1 wash cloth
Baby shampoo or wash	1 bath size soap bar, any brand, in orig. wrapping
Baby lotion	1 toothbrush, in orig. wrapping
Diaper rash cream	1 tube toothpaste, 5-7 oz., remove fr. box
3 onesies (any size)	1 comb, wide-tooth preferred
	1 metal nail file, or nail clippers w. file attached, removed fr. packaging
	6 bandages, preferably 1/2" to 3/4"

The women of our synod are also collecting **old but CLEAN blankets, bedspreads, draperies and mattress pads**. If you can donate any of these items, call Shirley McCall at 610-642-3843. They will be used at the June 9 Mission Mania event to fill 7 ft. x 7 ft. quilts folded in half to make sleeping bags for the homeless.

Mission in Tanzania: SEKUCO (Sebastian Kolowa University College of Tumaini University)

This Tanzanian college will open in 2007 on grounds and in buildings the government has returned to the diocese. Tanzania needs skilled teachers and leaders, and has special education needs. This is our sister synod in Tanzania. They need our prayers and support. To hear Susan Pursch from our synod office talk about what is happening in Tanzania, come to:

St. Matthews Lutheran Church
Monday, April 16 -- Refreshments at 6:30 pm, program at 7 pm

ALL are welcome. If you have questions or need a ride, contact Shirley McCall at 610-642-3843.

Council Highlights

at its february 8 meeting, the congregation council ...

- **elected officers for the new year.**

president - bill frey

vice president - bill henderson

treasurer - bob ortner

financial secretary - judi zucher

secretary - barbara heuser

- **selected the following committee chairpersons.**

finance - bill frey

property - bill henderson

evangelism - barbara heuser

cemetery - louise pierce

christian education - elizabeth mccoid

parish activities - libby hoyer

staff personnel - chris fritton

stewardship - david wilson

social ministry - denette stetler

worship & music - bonnie legreid

- **discussed the responsibilities of the committees and their duties to report regularly to council. committee chairpersons are to work on membership for their committees, in consultation with the pastors and the president, with a goal of having working committees by the march 8 council meeting.**

at its March 8 meeting, the congregation council...

- **APPROVED MEMBERSHIP FOR EACH OF THE COMMITTEES FOR 2007.**
- **LEARNED THAT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR PASTOR MCDOWELL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 4:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. BISHOP CLAIRE BURBAT WILL OFFICIATE.**
- **APPROVED THE STAFF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF TOM WARD TO REPLACE BILL DOUGHERTY (ON HIS RETIREMENT) AS CARETAKER OF SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH AND CEMETERY. THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR TOM, WHICH INCLUDES LIVING IN THE HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF THE CEMETERY PROPERTY. TOM HAS ACCEPTED THE OFFER AND WILL BEGIN WORKING IN MID-MAY.**
- **WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT ATTENDANCE HAS RISEN AT ALL SERVICES AND THAT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE STRONG THROUGH THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR.**

Report of Audit Committee Received

The Report of Financial Review for the years 2004 and 2005 was inadvertently omitted from our Annual Report for 2006. The Financial Review Committee was chaired by Wil Sandvik and the members included Elizabeth and Stark Lash. The Committee collectively spent over 100 hours on the review of financial reports for each of 2004 and 2005. Based on its review, the Committee has concluded that the financial reports are accurate, and that the books and records for the operating, endowment, cemetery, memorial and gifts, and construction fund accounts fairly state the changes in those fund balances for each of those years. This is sometimes referred to as a “clean” audit (review).

The Financial Review Committee also prepared a “Management Letter” making a few suggestions as to fiscal management, some of which have already been adopted. Copies of the Report of Financial Review and the Management letter are available in the church office for anyone who is interested.

We appreciate the work of the ad hoc Financial Review Committee, and we encourage anyone interested or willing to participate in the financial review for 2006 to please contact me.

Bill Frey
Council President

Senior Friends

April Event: How To Move Like You're 70 when You're 90

Don't miss this special presentation by Lorie Foust, on Seniors' health issues, with an emphasis on maintaining mobility & agility. A luncheon will precede the presentation.

Date: Wednesday, April 11
Time: 12 noon
Cost: \$10 per person

Please register by or before Monday noon, April 9.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1

9:00 am Holy Communion – (*blood pressure checks between services*)
 10:30 am Holy Communion
 12:30 - 5:30 pm Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
 7:00 pm Youth choir rehearsal

Tuesday, April 3

9:30 am Staff meeting
 1:30 pm Miriam Circle/Meeting Room
 7:00 pm AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 4

6:00 pm Lenten soup supper /Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm Holy Communion, Guest preacher: The Rev. Jennifer Ollikainen of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield, Penna.

Thursday, April 5 – Maundy Thursday

12:00 noon Holy Communion
 7:00 pm Holy Communion

Friday, April 6

7:00 pm Good Friday liturgy & Passion reading/Saint Paul's sanctuary

Saturday, April 7 – Easter Vigil

8:30 am Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
 7:00 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday: *Refreshments after both services/Fell. Hall*

9:00 am Holy Communion
 10:30 am Holy Communion
 12:30 - 5:30 pm Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's

Tuesday, April 10

9:30 am Staff meeting
 12:00 pm Deadline for April *Chimes* articles
 6:00 pm Women's dinner/Lamp Lighter Tavern, Havertown
 7:00 pm AA/Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 11

12:00 noon Senior Friends Luncheon/Fellowship Hall – Guest speaker: Lorie Foust
 7:00 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, April 12

10:00 – 11:15 am Women's Bible study/Kugler Room
 6:30 pm Children's choir rehearsal
 7:15 pm Council/Meeting Room
 7:30 pm Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, April 14	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
Sunday, April 15	
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry
12:30 - 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
6:00 pm	Confirmation class/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Tuesday, April 17	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
12:30 pm	Prepare <i>Chimes</i> for mailing
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 18	
6:30 pm	Second graders rehearse for 1 st Communion
7:00 pm	Holy Communion – Healing service
Thursday, April 19	
10:00 – 11:15 am	Women's Bible study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
6:30 pm	Women's Bible study/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, April 21	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
Sunday, April 22	
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion – Second graders receive 1 st Communion
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
6:00 pm	Confirmation class/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Tuesday, April 24	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
6:00-7:30 pm	Families w. Young Children Spring Fling / Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	AA/Meeting Room
Wednesday, April 25	
7:00 pm	Holy Communion
7:45 pm	Christian Education/3 rd floor front room
	Evangelism/Meeting Room
	Parish Activities/Kugler Room
	Social Ministry/Volunteer Room
	Stewardship/Fellowship Hall
	Worship & Music/Choir Room
Thursday, April 26	
10:00 – 11:15 am	Women's Bible study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, April 28

8:30 am

Men's Bible study/Kugler Room

Sunday, April 29

9:00 am

Holy Communion

10:30 am

Holy Communion

4:00 pm

Installation of Pastor McDowell at Saint Paul's –
Reception following installation

7:00 pm

Youth choir rehearsal

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Lutheran Night at the Phillies !!

Baseball season will soon be under way! LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES IS FRIDAY, JUNE 1, when the Phillies play the San Francisco Giants. Hop on the bus at 5:45 pm and arrive in time to get your ballpark franks before the first pitch at 7:05. The cost is \$36 (\$28 for the tickets and \$8 for the bus). Your money must be received no later than Friday, May 25.

To reserve a space, call the church office at 610-642-3211. Make checks out to Saint Paul's and write Phillies game on the memo line. Space is limited, so don't delay!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 pm

Holy Communion/The Rev. Jennifer Ollikainen

Sermon title: "The Great Dinner"

Maundy Thursday, April 5

12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 6

7:00 pm

Good Friday liturgy and Passion reading at Saint Paul's

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7

7:00 pm

Holy Communion

Easter, Sunday, April 8

9:00 and 10:30 am

Holy Communion

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003-3197

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Time Dated Material