

# *The Chimes*

*November 6, 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*

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
415 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003  
The Rev. Dr. Harry W. McDowell II, Pastor  
The Rev. Julie K. DeWerth, Pastor  
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## Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm  
Service of Holy Communion at Saint Paul's  
With Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Judith Rhodes, Rector at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore, will preach and Pastor Skip McDowell will be the celebrant.

The choirs of the two churches will combine their voices to provide music for this special evening.

## Advent Receptions at Saint Paul's

During the season of Advent, we will resume our tradition of having Advent receptions after Wednesday worship services. The receptions will be held in the narthex.

Traditionally, receptions have included hot cider and goodies for 20 to 30 people.

If you are willing to host a reception, please contact Pastor Julie.

Receptions will be held on the following Wednesdays:

- ☆ December 5
- ☆ December 12 (Evangelism Committee will host)
- ☆ December 19



*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, December 4**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Monday, November 26**. Thank you!

## Thoughts from the Pastor



***“Then [the disciples] told what had happened on the road,  
and how [Jesus] was made known to them  
in the breaking of the bread.”***

*Luke 24:35*

### HELP WANTED

Dear Friends:

After the resurrection when Jesus was walking with his disciples on the road, they had no idea who he was! They had much time to talk, but the faithful had no idea this was their risen Lord... until... until he broke bread with them. Then they knew he was the resurrected Christ. “He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread,” Luke tells us.

And so he is made known to us. Each Sabbath we meet the crucified and risen Jesus in scripture, in song, in prayer and praise. But perhaps he is most clearly and profoundly made known to us in the breaking of the bread. While Jesus is truly present every moment of every day of our lives, he is uniquely present in our Sabbath worship.

Here at St. Paul’s we have a rich tradition of many leaders being involved in our Sunday worship. And in this message, I would like to invite **you** to be a part of our liturgy leadership.

***I would like to invite you to become an Assisting Minister.***

This is a term used for any and all laypersons who assist in the church’s worship. An Assisting Minister can be a lesson reader, communion assistant, pray the intercessory prayers, and so forth. You could be involved in one, some, or all of the above.

I have prepared an ***Assisting Ministers’ Handbook***, and in early January 2008 we will hold a ***training session*** for all Assisting Ministers. For right now, please just give me a call (610-642-3211) or e-mail me ([pastormcdowell@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:pastormcdowell@stpaulsardmore.org)) and let me know that you are interested.

As we get closer to January, I will send you a form on which you will be able to indicate which Assisting Minister roles you are willing to do, as well as which service you prefer. I look forward to your partnership in ministry!

In Christ,

Pastor Skip McDowell

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## Deaths

**The Rev. Willard Hackenberg**, a retired Lutheran pastor, a former visitation pastor at St. Paul's, and father of St. Paul's member Sara Dimitri, died on October 10, 2007.

**Myrna Laudenslager** died on October 19, 2007.

We pray for the families of Willard and Myrna and thank God for their lives and the promise of the Resurrection.

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## Baptisms

**Lillian Dixon Harris**, daughter of Devon and William (Gib) Harris, was baptized on October 21, 2007.

**Rose Diane Sweeney**, daughter of Alison and Joseph Sweeney, was baptized on October 21, 2007.

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## Change of Address

Randall Claney  
P.O. Box 938  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-0938

Dean Hill  
201 Cranbrook Drive  
Arden, NC 28704-9603

Lynn and Shirley McCall  
1206 James Buchanan Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3170

Betty Sill  
1900 Lauderdale Drive, Apt. E-215  
Richmond, VA 23238

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## Prayer Chain

Prayers are requested for our men and women in the armed services, especially Jeff Amorose, serving in Iraq (Jeff is the nephew of Chris Fritton), and Andrew Campbell, serving in Iraq (Andrew is the cousin of Liz Cassidy).

Prayers are also requested for: Irene Eisenstat (aunt of Toni Whaley); Janet Feldman (sister of Julia Friedgen); John Hoyer; Patricia McCabe (mother of Dan McCabe); Albert Meier (husband of Sandra Meier); Mike Moran; Mary Lee Price (mother of Julia Friedgen); Monika Rohen (cousin of Eleanore Flom); Dr. Robert Romanell (son of Yolanda Johns); Drew Ruenger (grandson of Eleanore Flom); Terri Steflik (friend of Lucille Byrne); Dana Swan; and Ginny Wiley (sister of Don Legreid).

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**Letter: “Thanks for Wearing Your Name Tags!”**

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St. Paul’s members,

I’m a new member of St. Paul’s and have already attended a meeting of the Evangelism Committee and been given an assignment . . .hmm . . . I love how this church works! Truthfully, I volunteered for this assignment, which is to tell you why it’s so important for you to wear your member name tags every week. It was VERY helpful to me this summer, as I got to know a few people at St. Paul’s, to see that you all had name tags. There are a lot of new faces to learn at once and the name tags really do help. I know from my former congregation in Utah what a struggle it is to get members to wear their name tags every Sunday. I’m as guilty as anyone of not doing so, assuming after 20 years of membership there that most people knew my name. That was rather self-centered of me, wasn’t it! Now I’m on the other end, trying to figure out who everyone is. Thanks for wearing your name tags! I’m sure all visitors and new members will appreciate it.

*Carolyn Ashburn*

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**Attention All High School Students, Grades 9 - 12**

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A **high school breakfast club is starting December 2<sup>nd</sup>** during the 9:00 am worship service. High school students are invited to have breakfast in the Kugler Room the first Sunday of every month. The time will be spent in discussing various topics and issues. Please feel free to invite your friends—all are welcome!

If you have questions, please contact Louise Pierce (610-449-5607) or Mary Ellen Frey (610-644-1797).

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**Christmas Pageant 2007**

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The Sunday School Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 16, during the 9:00 am service. All classes will participate in the pageant. Costumes will be handed out on December 9 during Sunday School. Please make

sure that your children are present for Sunday School on December 9 to receive their costume. If you are unable to come on the 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact Liz McCoid (412-417-4343)



to make other arrangements.

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## COMMITMENT SUNDAY



**NOVEMBER 18: 9:00 and 10:30 am**

**GUEST PREACHER – THE REV. DAYLE A. MALLOY**

**Pastor for Evangelism, Congregational Care, Lay Ministry  
& Parish Life at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale**

Pastor Malloy began serving Trinity Lutheran Church in May 1999. Born and raised in the state of New York, Pastor Malloy's first college experience was at SUNY, Genesco, New York. She then moved extensively over a 20 year period, continually taking college courses. She graduated from Thomas Edison College in Trenton, New Jersey.



Pastor Malloy's various positions have included working with learning disabled children while employed by Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and serving as Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside, PA (Pastor Skip's previous congregation). She left St. Paul's to enter seminary and graduated from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia as president of the class of 1996. She was called to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Havertown, PA and served as the solo pastor for nearly three years.

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## Evangelism Corner

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### More New Members!

**The Ashburn family:** Michael and Carolyn Ashburn joined St. Paul's by transfer from Zion Lutheran Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they had been members for 20 years. They moved here for Michael's job as Director of Pain Medicine at Penn. Carolyn has a background in HR and business management. When she was looking for houses in the area with St. Paul's member Boofie Younkin, it only took one visit to St. Paul's to know it would be home. She settled on the church even before finding a house in the area. The Ashburns have two daughters, Anne Marie, a recent college grad working in Washington, DC, and Sarah, a junior at Harvard.



**The Harris family:** Devon and Gib Harris recently moved back to the area from Boston, MA, and are currently living in Paoli. Gib is an



account executive who designs audio/video systems for DMX Music. Devon previously worked in Private Wealth Management for Goldman Sachs but is now staying home with their daughter, Lilly, who was born on May 5, 2007.



## More New Members!



**Ginny Wiles:** Sister of Don Legreid, Ginny grew up in the Midwest and recently moved here from Minneapolis. A graduate of Concordia College with a degree in elementary education, Ginny has two children who live in New Jersey and enjoys reading and doing *hardanger*, which is Norwegian needlework.

We are happy to have these new sisters and brothers in our St. Paul's family; please welcome them warmly.



*Barbara Keyser  
Evangelism Chair*

## *Letter from Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein*

Senior Flierl Seminary  
PMB "Logaweng"  
Finschhafen, Morobe Province  
Papua New Guinea

October 21, 2007

Dear Friends,

A couple days ago I was thinking the dry season had arrived. Then, the last couple days have been nothing but rain! Oh well...

Let me tell you about this morning. Our worship service this morning included the baptism of one baby, the confirmation of 15 young people (about half of them were children of our national staff), and Holy Communion. The service began about an hour late and lasted almost three hours, but, so what? In spite of the rain, the Sunday school children brought the confirmands into the church with a singsing. The confirmands were all dressed up in white "meri blouses" for the girls and white shirts and ties for the boys. To begin the service, the Sunday school children all stood up in front and sang. The liturgist was the pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church at the bottom of the hill. First came the baptism; this was the child of one of our national staff. The message was preached by the chaplain of the nearby hospital. After that was the confirmation. Five pastors took part, four of them national pastors. Five of the confirmands went up to receive their confirmation blessing at one time. Behind them stood their parents and/or other family members. Yes, the front of our chapel was quite crowded! The service of Holy Communion then concluded the worship service. Two of our year 5 students, Benny and Jonah, had been teachers of the confirmation class so they were very much involved in the planning and preparation. Several of our lower-grade students were leading the Sunday school children. Our chapel was packed and there were people standing outside!

Classes continue. I'm teaching many of the same courses that I've taught in years before. One new class, which is being a struggle for me, is "theory of Bible study" which I'm teaching to the wives of our third year class. This is being a struggle for me because I really don't know what is expected of me or what I'm supposed to be teaching in this class. I don't know what the "theory of Bible study" is; I just lead Bible studies. In this class, I'm pretty much just muddling along and trying to help the ladies learn something about leading Bible studies.

The school year is coming to a close; we don't have many weeks left. Graduation will be December 2. We have a smaller graduating class than usual this year, only 10 men. A couple of these young men have become special friends to me; I'm going to really miss them when they leave.

The first weekend in November will be the retreat for those of us whose main language is English. It is a small group, and yours truly will be leading the Bible studies. So far, at every retreat I've attended this year, I've been the Bible study leader. I'm not sure what the reason for this is—maybe I'm the only one who's willing to volunteer??? Anyway, the text is Isaiah 40: 28-31, with the theme of "Where does our strength come from?" If you get this letter soon enough, I would really appreciate your prayers. Thank you.

This is the year I come home on leave. I'll be in the U.S. from December 11 until February 21. At this point, I don't know how much time I will have, but I would like to visit some of your congregations and some of you personally. You can contact me by e-mail. My address over here is [sisterruthellen@global.net.pg](mailto:sisterruthellen@global.net.pg). My brother's address in Minneapolis is [prebel@comcast.net](mailto:prebel@comcast.net). I would suggest that you send a message to both of us; messages occasionally get lost over the ocean.

Thank you, my friends, for your support. I am very grateful for your prayers, your financial support, and your letters. May each of you be blessed with a Thanksgiving and Christmas season that is filled with His love, His peace and His joy.

*Your Friend in Jesus,  
Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein*



## **Special Event!**

THE 96<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

A service of hymns, carols, choral works and orchestral selections  
that celebrates the birth of Christ

Simulcast in high definition  
Live from St. Olaf College's Skoglund Center Auditorium

**Date:            Sunday December 2**  
**Location:      King of Prussia, Stadium 16**  
**Time:            4:00 pm**

Please contact Pastor Julie at 610-642-3211 if you would like to participate in this special holiday event. She would like to organize a group of St. Paul's members and friends to attend this event together.

## Lending a Hand: Social Ministry in Action

### Feeding the Hungry

In November, we will be highlighting the ministry happening every third week at St. Paul's Church. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month of the year, a team of volunteers cooks and serves 200 meals to feed the hungry at the Life Center of Delaware County. Annually, about \$5000 is spent to purchase food and supplies to carry out this ministry. These meals consist of entrées, nutritious vegetables and side dishes, homemade desserts and beverages.



With the help of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Montgomery Chapter 31014, St. Paul's Church is able to fulfill this ministry. Through the Care in Congregation program, Thrivent will match our direct donations up to \$1000 this year.

November 25<sup>th</sup> will be Awareness Sunday for feeding the hungry. We will highlight the work being done every month by approximately 60 volunteers who cook and serve throughout the year. Please stop by during coffee hour to see what a team of volunteers can accomplish! If you wish to make a donation, please mark your check or envelope "Feeding the Hungry" and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

### Notes on Nursing from Kendall Cadd:

#### *What You Should Know about MRSA*

The "super-bug" named **MRSA** has made headlines in the news over the past few weeks. Many of you may be asking yourself, *what is MRSA and how does it affect my health?* MRSA is an acronym that stands for Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus. It is a bacterium that is resistant to certain antibiotics, which makes treating infections more of a challenge. MRSA typically appears in hospital settings where patients' health is compromised by having recent surgery or a low tolerance to fight infection. However, MRSA is working its way into communities, infecting relatively healthy people. Community-acquired MRSA presents itself with pimple-like lesions that can be red, painful, and drain pus. If you have any of these signs or symptoms, see your health care provider immediately.

MRSA is spread by people who have an MRSA infection or those who carry the bacteria, but are not actually showing signs and symptoms. The best method of prevention is hand washing. Hand washing is the key to decreasing the transmission of MRSA from person to person. For more information on MRSA, visit the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The information in this article was obtained from the CDC website.

## December Birthdays

- 1 Ryan Holland, Arundhati Jane Kennedy
- 2 Jack Johnson, Rolando Luistro
- 3 Heather Davidson
- 4 Tracy Scota
- 5 Michael Brophy, Diane Zimmer
- 6 Helen Somma
- 7 Phil Jacobsen
- 8 John Wood
- 9 Taryn Riggs, Robert Williams
- 10 Bethany Coover, Miguel Garcia, Heather Hunt, Brianna Riggs, Sally Treadwell
- 11 Craig Aronchick, David Bevan, Spencer Groff
- 12 Renate Dietzschold, Cynthia McGeever
- 13 Larry Dieter
- 14 Quentin Cachon
- 15 Sophia Harkins
- 16 Frances Denson, Constance Langzettel, Pamela Marlin, Patricia McFillin, Meghan Snyder
- 17 Alexia Gibb, Walter Goms, Benjamin Hasson, Ryan Schuster
- 18 Jennifer Joyce, Helen Marlin
- 19 Stephen Carroll, Jonathan Memmel, Lauren Weaver
- 20 Elizabeth McCoid, Barbara O'Flynn
- 22 Stuart Krissing III, Cady Schimpff
- 24 Robert Perry
- 25 Michael Aleardi, Catherine Hayward, Hazel Pelletreau
- 26 Elizabeth Cassidy
- 27 Carol Henry, Barbara Keyser, George Leimer, Peter Lucas
- 28 Ruth Kelchner
- 29 Barbara Erickson, Charles Horn
- 30 Abigail Bullard, Daniel Erdos, James Perry
- 31 David Legnini, Grace Sweeney

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.

## ANSWER GOD'S CALL

For two months now you have been reading and hearing about Stephen Ministry, St. Paul's new one-to-one caregiving ministry to share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. While this no doubt raises many questions in your mind, I will only address three here.

**First, what do Stephen Ministers do?** Stephen Ministers pray for their care receivers. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others by listening and comforting. They also help the care receiver recognize, express, and accept his or her feelings. You may feel you don't have the skills to perform these tasks. However, the training you will receive will thoroughly prepare you to meet the challenges of Stephen Ministry.

**Second, what do I get out of being a Stephen Minister?** Serving as a Stephen Minister has many benefits. The skills you acquire through training, group supervision, and the actual caregiving itself transfer to your everyday life. You become a better communicator, and listener. Imagine becoming a better husband, wife, coworker, or boss as a result of doing Christ's work. Serving as a Stephen Minister may provide you with an experience which rivals, if not exceeds, any you've ever had. Bill Arnsparger, former defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers, says, "Being a Stephen Minister matches my six appearances in the Super Bowl." Finally, serving as a Stephen Minister will help you grow spiritually as you develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

**Third, what are the qualifications for being a Stephen Minister?** A Stephen Minister is a caring person who is willing to learn, grow, serve, maintain confidentiality, and have a commitment to training, supervision, and ministry. If you have these qualifications, Pastor Skip, Beth McElvenney, Hazel Pelletreau, and Toni Whaley promise to equip you with the rest of what you need: training, support, encouragement, and prayers. We will make sure that you will succeed as a Stephen Minister.

We need both men and women to serve as Stephen Ministers. As the fires in San Diego indicate, disasters and life challenges do not discriminate. They strike men and women, young and old, rich and poor equally. We need you to extend Jesus' ministry to those in need in our congregation and surrounding community.

If, after prayerful consideration, you think God is calling you to this ministry, please say, "yes" to God's call. Remember, you are not serving alone. **All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. Our victory parties are great. God has a place for you on our caregiving team!** To learn more about this exciting opportunity, contact Hazel Pelletreau at 610-284-6835.

## Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

<b>Families with Young Children</b>		
Intergenerational Dinner (FwYC & Senior Friends)	Tues., Nov. 13	6-7:30 pm
Pancake Breakfast with Santa	Sat., Dec. 15	9:30-11 am
Magic Show	Tues., Jan. 15	6-7:30 pm
Valentine Party	Tues., Feb. 12	6-7:30 pm
Easter Party/Egg Hunt	Sat., Mar. 15	9:30-11 am
Story Teller	Tues., Apr. 15	6-7:30 pm
Picnic/Moonbounce (barbeque)	Tues., May 20	6-7:30 pm
<b>Women's Dinners</b>		
La Taverna, Bryn Mawr	Tues., Dec. 4	6:00 pm
John Henry's Pub, Ardmore	Tues., Feb. 5	6:00 pm
Vinny Testa's, Ardmore	Tues., Apr. 1	6:00 pm
McShea's, Narberth	Tues., June 3	6:00 pm
Pica's Italian Restaurant, Upper Darby	Tues., Aug. 5	6:00 pm
<b>Senior Friends</b>		
Family style Thanksgiving dinner	Wed., Nov. 14	12:00 noon
Christmas luncheon; fill mitten & hat tree for children in need	Wed., Dec. 19	12:00 noon
Afternoon at the movies; brown bag lunch	Wed., Jan. 16	12:00 noon
Ash Wednesday soup & bread luncheon	Wed., Feb. 6	11:00 am
Bingo; covered dish/pot luck luncheon	Wed., Mar. 12	12:00 noon
"Alcohol, Pills & Older Adults"—presentation by Karl Schneider; deli tray luncheon	Wed., April 16	12:00 noon
Show & Tell—If you wish, bring something to share w. the group—ALL ARE WELCOME, WITH OR WITHOUT SOMETHING TO SHARE; catered hot dish lunch	Wed., May 21	12:00 noon



*St. Paul's is looking for a wheelchair for use in the church. Please contact the church office at 610-642-3211 if you have a chair that you are willing to donate to St. Paul's. Thank you.*

## *Meal Shortage at Aid For Friends (AFF)*

**Frozen dinners are urgently needed!** Many volunteers have been on vacation over the summer but our hungry shut-ins need a dinner 365 days a year. Please take a portion of your dinner today and set it aside for AFF. God bless you.

Signed: *Steven Schiavone, Executive Director, Aid For Friends*

*(Aid For Friends provides free services to the needy, disabled and elderly homebound in southeast Pennsylvania. Trays are available in the narthex. Once filled, place trays in freezer in basement kitchen. Questions? Contact Denette Stetler at 610-789-9343.)*

### **2008 Women's Retreat**

#### **"Let Your Light Shine"**

**When ? 7 pm Friday, Jan. 11 to 3:00 pm Saturday, Jan. 12**

**Where ? Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA**

**Cost ? \$80.00 (covers program, meals & lodging)**

**Leader ? Sister Ann David Strohming**

Do you ever find yourself so busy that you miss the sparks of God's light right in front of you? This retreat will help you to appreciate that in God's reign "Everything Belongs." Living and accepting our own realities sometimes may not feel very spiritual. It feels like we are on the edges and not dealing with the essence. Contemplative living invites us to birth the mystery of God's suffering and joy inside of ourselves. The edges of our lives, fully experienced, will lead us back to the center and the essence where God and I are one.

**If you would like to participate in this event, please call the church office at 610-642-3211 to register. Space is limited.**

**Scholarships are available. See Pastor Julie.**

# Council Highlights

## Highlights of the October 4 meeting of the Congregation Council:

- Saint Paul's will be inaugurating a Parish Nurse program in coming months. One of our members, Kendall Cadd, has volunteered to spearhead this effort. Look for more information in coming months.
- In September, 20 new members were welcomed into the Saint Paul's family.
- Council was informed that regular and special offerings continue to exceed the 2006 levels and the budget totals for 2007. We are grateful to all members who have underwritten Saint Paul's many missions this year and pray that this generous outpouring of support will continue.
- Council was informed that the Saint Paul's Endowment Fund reached \$2.25 million at the end of September.
- The Christian Education Committee has filled all of the needed Sunday School teacher positions and plans are being developed to initiate a high school level class in the near future.

## The Alternative Gift Market Is Coming to St. Paul's!

**Date: Sunday, December 9**

**Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

This is an exciting opportunity to experience the "spirit" of Christmas by contributing to a variety of local and global missions in honor of family, friends, teachers, colleagues and coaches! From animals to drinking water to fair trade items, these truly are the gifts that give twice. *Check or cash donations will be accepted* that day in exchange for a descriptive gift card from each charitable organization you are supporting. The gift card is to be given to the individual(s) in whose name your gift is given. Please invite family and friends to participate in this wonderful way of giving. By contributing, you can reach out to neighbors around the corner as well as across the globe.





### Christmas Decorations & Music

I/We would like to share in decorating Saint Paul's for Christmas by donating the following item(s):

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Poinsettias @ \$10.00 per plant	= \$ _____ enclosed
_____ Wreaths @ \$25.00 each	= \$ _____ enclosed
Contribution toward greens & trees	= \$ _____ enclosed
<b>Total</b>	= \$ _____ enclosed



I/We would like to sponsor a musician for the Christmas Eve services:

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Brass/string instrumentalist(s) @ \$250.00	= \$ _____ enclosed
Entire string quartet @ \$1000.00	= \$ _____ enclosed
Donation in any amount	= \$ _____ enclosed

Any funds received in excess of the actual cost of the string quartet will be used to support the music program at Saint Paul's. Names of all contributors will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

The church office must receive your completed form and check payable to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* **no later than Sunday, December 9**, in order to include your information in the bulletin.

*Do you work in Center City? Then consider joining us for—*

## *Interlude*

*A noon time gathering for Center City women  
Meets each Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm*

*This is a gathering for women of all ages, vocations, and backgrounds  
to provide a respite in the middle of the week. Join us at:*

*Broad Street Ministries  
315 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia*

*(Between Spruce and Pine, near the Kimmel Center  
& University of the Arts)*

*Questions: call Jane Kamp at 610-853-8262*

*We hope to see you there!*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The next women's dinner will be held  
Tuesday, December 4,  
at La Taverna Bar & Grill  
756 Haverford Road, Bryn Mawr

Join us for an evening of good food and fun!

*The Social Ministry Committee collects the following paper products for Women's Space in Ardmore at every women's dinner: feminine hygiene products, toilet tissue, paper towels. Please contribute designated items (or money to purchase them) if you can.*

## ***Leave a Legacy for Ministry***

**Seminar and Luncheon  
Sunday, November 11 at 11:30 am**

Have you ever wondered what your legacy might be? You can leave a legacy that makes a difference for the world by supporting ministries important to you. Your will and long-term financial plan are statements of faith that continue beyond your lifetime.

Our congregation is sponsoring a ***Leave a Legacy for Ministry seminar and complimentary luncheon on Sunday, November 11***, following the 10:30 am worship service. The seminar will provide you with accurate information about preparing or revising your will.

### **Why Do I Need A Will?**

A will can insure that assets you have worked a lifetime to accumulate are distributed according to your wishes. If you do not leave written directions in your will, the state will distribute your assets. People of all ages need a will, which can be a stewardship vehicle that allows you to: plan for the future of your loved ones and name guardians for your minor children; and express your faith through support for people and ministries important to you.

### **Get Answers to All Your Questions**

Pastor Gregory Kramer, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation, will

be present to talk about the advantages of having a will, and how and why many Lutherans give to the church through their wills.

Your will is a personal statement about your life and your possessions. Through it you can:

- Create a measure of comfort and security for others
- Honor a friendship
- Support your favorite causes
- Remember your church

**Please call the church office (610-642-3211) if you are planning to attend so we know how many people will be coming to the luncheon.**

If you cannot attend the seminar and would like additional information about leaving a legacy, please contact the ELCA Foundation, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit the ELCA website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo).

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS—SAVE THE DATES!****Miriam Circle**

Next meeting at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, December 4, second floor Meeting Room  
*This is our Christmas party! All women of Saint Paul's are welcome!*

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**Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**

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

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**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**

10:00 to 11:15 am in the Kugler Room. All women of Saint Paul's are welcome!

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**Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Meet new friends while studying God's word.  
Meeting dates through end of year: Nov. 8 and Dec. 13

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**The 2008 Annual Meeting**

Sunday, February 3, 2008, in the Sanctuary, following worship service at 9:30 am  
Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall

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**Bear Creek Winter Retreat for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth**

February 22-24, 2008

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**Families with Young Children & Senior Friends  
Intergenerational Dinner  
Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Please bring side dishes as follows:

A - I: bread/rolls & butter

J - R: pies

S - Z: cranberry sauce

For dinner reservations, call Debbie Moran at 610-649-4939,  
or the church office at 610-642-3211, no later than November 10.

*(We realize that the Senior Friends Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for  
November 14, but we hope you will join us on the 13, too!)*



### CHRISTMAS IN-GATHERING OF GIFTS: SPONSORS NEEDED

St. Paul's will sponsor 100 children in this year's In-Gathering of Gifts, organized each year by the SEPA Evangelical Lutheran Church for children in need. If you choose to sponsor a child, you will be asked to buy "your" child a gift that he/she has asked for, and deliver it to the church by Sunday, Dec. 2.

Helene Roth is coordinating this activity for St. Paul's. If you would like to participate:

- Sign up with Helene in the narthex on Sunday, November 11, OR
- Send her an e-mail at [helene.roth@verizon.net](mailto:helene.roth@verizon.net), OR
- Call her at 610-649-5145

Helene will provide the information you need to ensure that the gift you purchase (for about \$25), and wrap, is delivered on Christmas day to the child you are sponsoring.



**Senior Friends Family Style Thanksgiving Dinner  
Wednesday, November 14 at 12:00 noon  
Fellowship Hall**

**Cost: \$15 per person**

***This will be a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Please join us!***

Please call the church office, 610-642-3211, to register.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, December 1</b>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
<b>Sunday, December 2</b> ( <i>free blood pressure checks between services</i> )	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
12:30 - 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, December 4</b>	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
9:30 – 11:00 am	Play Group/church basement
12:30 pm	Prepare December <i>Chimes</i> for mailing
1:30 pm	Miriam Circle/Meeting Room
6:00 pm	Women's dinner/La Taverna, Bryn Mawr
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>	
7:00 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>followed by Advent reception</i> )
<b>Thursday, December 6</b>	
10:00 – 11:15 am	Women's Bible study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:15 pm	Council meeting/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday, December 8</b>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	Alternative Gift Market
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
9:30 – 11:00 am	Play Group/church basement
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b>	
7:00 pm	Holy Communion ( <i>followed by Advent reception</i> )
<b>Thursday, December 13</b>	
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

<b>Saturday, December 15</b>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
9:30 – 11:00 am	Families w. Young Children breakfast with Santa/ Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, December 16</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	<b>Holy Communion (Christmas Pageant)</b>
10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBD	Feeding the hungry/church basement kitchen
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, December 18</b>	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
9:30 – 11:00 am	Play Group/church basement
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	
12:00 noon	Senior Friends Christmas luncheon/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion – Healing Service ( <i>followed by Advent reception</i> )
<b>Thursday, December 20</b>	
10:00 – 11:15 am	Women's Bible study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday, December 22</b>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
<b>Sunday, December 23</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at St. Paul's
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
<b>Monday, December 24—Office Closed</b>	
5:00 pm	Holy Communion (Christmas Eve service)
7:00 pm	Holy Communion (Christmas Eve service)
11:00 pm	Holy Communion (Christmas Eve service)
<b>Tuesday, December 25—Office Closed</b>	
5:00 pm	Interfaith Hospitality Network/St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ardmore
<b>Wednesday, December 26—No evening worship service</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 29</b>	Men's Bible study/Kugler Room
<b>Sunday, December 30</b>	
9:30 am	Holy Communion (one service only)
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Grace Covenant Church at St. Paul's
<b>Monday, December 31—Office Closed</b>	

**Mah-jongg player(s) wanted.** If you are interested in learning to play this fascinating game, Mondays from 1 - 5:30 pm, call Judi Zucker at 610-525-7582.

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Time Dated Material