

The Chimes

February 4, 2010

Saint Paul's Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am: Holy Communion

*First Sunday of month: Family Worship
(service designed with children in mind);*

Remaining Sundays: service concurrent with Sunday School

10:30 am: Holy Communion

Traditional liturgy

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
415 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003
The Rev. Dr. Harry W. McDowell II, Pastor
610-642-3211 610-658-3262 (fax)
www.stpaulsardmore.org*

Ash Wednesday Services

February 17



*12:00 noon and 7:00 pm:
Holy Communion &
Imposition of Ashes*

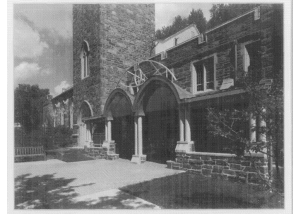
*Please join us at 11:00 am for a soup & bread
luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
before worship at noon.*

*Chimes publication
information*

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 **Thursday, March 4**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, February 23**. Thank you!

Thoughts from the Pastor



***I walked today where Jesus walked,
In days of long ago.
I wandered down each path He knew,
With reverent step and slow.***

Dear Friends:

The words above, from a familiar and traditional hymn, are a perfect description of what the Lenten journey is all about. It is a time to “walk where Jesus walked.” For 40 days (not counting Sundays), the tone and color of worship changes. The “alleluias” are gone from the liturgies, many adornments and appointments are removed. The color is purple. Lent is a time, more than any other in the church year, when we focus on Jesus’ journey down the road to Jerusalem and the cross.

The theme of this year’s Wednesday Evening Lenten Series is “Who Is This Jesus?” Throughout the Gospel of John, Jesus tells the hearers who he is in a series of “I Am” sayings. This year we will journey to Jerusalem and the cross with Jesus as he proclaims, “I am the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life, and the True Vine.” Elsewhere in this issue of “The Chimes,” you can find the schedule and list of preachers.

On these Wednesday evenings this year we will be using a new liturgy called Holden Evening Prayer. This beautiful setting of Evening Prayer was written by Marty Haughen for Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center on an island off the coast of Washington State. Holden Evening Prayer is easy to learn, very singable, and contains a number of tunes that leave you humming them for days!

I also invite you during these sacred days to set aside extra time for prayer and the reading of scripture.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Skip McDowell".

Pastor Skip McDowell

2010 Pledging Update

from Council President & Stewardship Chair Frank Roth

January 28, 2010

Dear Fellow Members of Saint Paul's:

I am writing to report to you on the pledges we received since our November 22nd Commitment Sunday services when we asked all of our members to pledge their financial support for Saint Paul's in 2010.

To date, we have received pledges from 82 families and members who have pledged a total of **\$282,506** for 2010! These pledges, comprising pledges from the majority of our families and members who pledged for 2009, plus new members pledging for the first time, represents an increase of \$23,420 over our 2009 pledge total.

As you know, pledging our support is critically important to the ministries and vitality of our congregation – both spiritually and practically. Each week when we come to Saint Paul's, we are spiritually strengthened by our worship services and Sunday school as well as by our fellowship programs and social ministries, including feeding the hungry at the Life Center, Families with Young Children, Senior Friends, and Stephen Ministry, to name just a few. We are also spiritually strengthened each week when we give to support Saint Paul's missions – whether through our weekly offering at worship or through our gifts of time and talents in support of our programs.

Practically, we know that our worship services and our programs depend upon our giving. To create a prudent annual budget that meets all of our congregation's needs and provides funds for our goals and ministries in the coming year, our Congregational Council needs to project our anticipated annual congregational revenues, which is a challenging task. *We can only accomplish this by knowing the support our members will pledge to Saint Paul's in the coming year.*

If you have already pledged your support for Saint Paul's for 2010, thank you for your pledge! If you have not yet pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider pledging for 2010. If you are able to pledge, we ask that you complete a pledge card (which you have received at church or in the mail or can obtain from the church office) and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions about pledging, our congregational budget, or stewardship of our church resources, please do not hesitate to raise them with me, any member of our Congregational Council, or Pastor Skip.

Thank you again for your support of Saint Paul's.

Yours in Christ,
Frank A. Roth
President, Church Council
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Births

Congratulations to Joanna and Jason Hoose on the birth of their son, **Carter Jaxon**, on December 5, 2009. Carter joins two sisters, Kaila and Emelia. He is the grandson of Robin Hoose.

Congratulations to Sybil and Tim McDowell on the birth of their twin sons, **Alex John and Liam Michael**, on January 27, 2010. Alex and Liam are the grandsons of Pastor Skip and Pam McDowell.

We rejoice with Joanna, Jason, and Robin, and Sybil, Tim, Pam and Pastor Skip, and pray for God's blessings on their families.

Change of Address

Roberta (Robin) Hoose
2624 Crum Creek Drive
Berwyn, PA 19312

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns); Clifton Connell (grandnephew of Lois Connell); and Brandon Mader (son of Amy Black).

Prayers are also requested for: Lillian Anderson (friend of Linda Burns); Miranda Bagent (friend of Beth McElvenney); Bill Buchanan; Michelle Byers (friend of Millie Parker); Joseph Cicini (father of Jane Guydish); Janet Feldman (sister of Julia Friedgen); Jacob Joyce (son of Karen Joyce); Steven Krohn; Chris Marshall (friend of Erin Denman); Claire F. Robinson (mother of Sharon Williams); Nancy Snyder; Dolores Stevenson (mother of Debbie Moran); and Bill Whaley (husband of Toni Whaley).

Annual Meeting

Saint Paul's 2010 Annual Meeting will be held this **Sunday, February 7**, following worship at 9:30 am. (There will be only one service on 2/7.) The Annual Meeting will be held in the sanctuary. A congregation brunch in Fellowship Hall will follow the meeting.

2010 Congregation Council Nominees

The persons listed below have been nominated for positions on Saint Paul's Congregation Council. The election of nominees will take place at the Annual Meeting this Sunday, February 7.

For three year terms:

Daniel D. Gale
David S. Harkins
Donald F. Parman
Lisa Lexa Wilson

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 7 (*after the 9:30 am service*)



Please help to fill the soup bowls that Saint Paul's youth will use to collect donations for Aid For Friends as you are leaving worship on February 7. Aid For Friends, based in northeast Philadelphia, provides meals to homebound, isolated individuals in the Delaware Valley. Checks should be made out to *Saint Paul's* with *Aid For Friends* on the memo line.

Volunteers Needed for IHN

Can you serve as a babysitter or host on **Monday, February 8**, for **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)** at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore? Babysitters are needed from 6:30 to 7:30 pm (while adults attend a money management class). Hosting is from 7:30 to 9:00 pm (a responsible adult to be in attendance until the overnight person arrives). If you are interested in helping, even if just for a short time, please contact Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444 or bethmcelvenney@yahoo.com).

Thank You

(The following letter was sent by the Eastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Children and Family Service Ingathering Coordinator to Helene Roth, who organized Saint Paul's Christmas Ingathering of Gifts.)

Dear Ms. Roth:

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 [was received] to give the kids a great holiday party. This Ingathering totaled over \$120,365.

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



Dear Pastor McDowell and Members of St. Paul's:

Greetings in the name of Him who can do all things but fail, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We hope and pray that this letter reaches you in good health and spirits as another season of Epiphany "light" is upon us.

The purpose of this brief letter is simply to express our deepest shock, surprise, and thankfulness for your recent financial donation of \$9,585.00 to us. Words cannot express either my own personal reaction or the reaction of our

congregation when informed. More than even the gift itself, we thank you profusely for your continued and mindful generosity which underlay it. We understand that \$5,000.00 is your annual gift to us, while the remaining balance of \$4,585.00 is from your annual Advent “Alternative Gift Fair.” We wish to thank Pastor Skip McDowell, Millie Parker, Denette Stetler, Stina Peña, and anyone and everyone who gave so liberally and had a part in this mind-boggling expression of love and support. As you no doubt know, financial times for us are particularly dire and perilous at the moment (I could go on, but I will spare you the gory details!); but because of your gift, I believe that we are able to “see the light at the end of the tunnel,” particularly during this challenging winter season. Please know that your gift will go towards mission and ministry in North Philadelphia; it will enable us to continue to proclaim the hope and peace inherent in the gospel of Jesus Christ in our tough neighborhood.

Once again, you have our undying gratitude: THANK YOU! May God bless you abundantly this Epiphany season, as you have been a blessing. Please continue to pray for us, and know that we do the same for you. We look forward to seeing you soon, in the upcoming Lenten season.

In Christ’s Name,
Pastor Timothy L. Poston
Pastor, Mediator Lutheran Church

St. Paul’s Got Talent!

Coming soon!
(Well, actually in June)

*Come out and show us what you got—
We don’t care if it’s professional or not.*

*Dinner will precede the talent show;
A great chance to meet people—don’t you know?*

*All proceeds will be used for organ repair,
So start planning now—you’d better be there!*

*More details will soon be on the way;
Get ready to join in a really fun day.*

Wednesdays in Lent - 2010

Soup & bread supper at 6:00 pm; worship at 7:00 pm

“Who Is This Jesus?”

Throughout the gospel of John, Jesus tells the hearers who he is in a series of “I Am” sayings. This year’s Wednesday Evening Lenten Series will trace Jesus’ approach to the cross using these scripture passages.

February 24

“I am the Bread of Life”

John 6:25-40

Chaplain Sanford Groff



Sanford H. Groff, Jr. began attending Saint Paul’s in 1986, though as a six year-old he didn’t have much choice in the matter. Throughout his entire K-12 education, Sanford cherished the consistent love and support provided by the church he called home. After boarding school at The Hill School, he attended Grove City College where he earned a B.A. in Christian Thought and Philosophy. At the end of college, Sanford realized that he needed a more global perspective. He traveled to Kenya where he lived and worked for a year as a Chaplain and Instructor of Religion at a girls’ boarding school. He then completed a Master of Divinity degree at Duke University in Durham, NC. Sanford is currently the Associate Chaplain at St. Paul’s School, an independent Episcopal school in Brooklandville, MD. He leads the Upper School weekly chapel service, teaches tenth grade World Religions and twelfth grade Theory of Knowledge. In the spring he coaches JV tennis and over the summer he runs two service learning trips, one to the Eastern Shore of Delaware and the other to West Virginia. Recently received into the Episcopal Church, Sanford is in the process of becoming an ordained priest. A “son of the congregation,” Sanford is delighted to return to Saint Paul’s Church in Ardmore to give back to the community of faith, which has time after time unconditionally given to him.

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March 3
“I am the Light of the World”
John 8:12-20
The Reverend Dr. Gordon Lathrop



Gordon W. Lathrop is Professor of Liturgy Emeritus at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. During the years 2006-2009, he was also Visiting Professor of Liturgical Studies at Yale Divinity School. A pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, he is the author of several books, including *Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology*; *Holy People: a Liturgical Ecclesiology*; *Holy Ground: a Liturgical Cosmology*; *The Pastor: A Spirituality*; and, with Lorraine S. Brugh, *The Sunday Assembly*. He has lectured widely, in several countries, and participated in the work of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Worship and Culture Study of the Lutheran World Federation. He is an Editorial Consultant of the journal *Worship*. In 1985 he was the President of the North American Academy of Liturgy and in 2006 he received that professional organization's *Berakah Award*. He is also President-Elect of *Societas Liturgica*, the international society of scholars in liturgy, and will serve as president of that society in 2011-2013.

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March 10
“I am the Good Shepherd”
John 10:1-18
The Reverend Dr. James Pollard

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March 17
“I am the Resurrection and the Life”
John 11:1-27
The Reverend Dr. Timothy Wengert

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March 24
“I am the True Vine”
John 15:1-12
The Reverend Timothy Poston

THE ORGAN AT SAINT PAUL'S AT 50:

Does it really need more work?

Recently, you have heard that the organ needs about \$80,000 in work to continue operating reliably. Those of you who have been members of Saint Paul's for more than a few years may remember that significant work has already been done on the organ. In order to inform our membership, I would like to explain what has been done, and what remains to complete the restoration of our Schantz organ.

On November 15, 1959, the Chancel Organ at Saint Paul's entered service. It has been in continuous operation since that time. When I arrived at Saint Paul's in 1997, the organ had not had *any* restoration, despite nearly 40 years of continuous service.

This is what has been done in the last decade:

2003: Swell shade engine pneumatic motors rebuilt

2004: Console rebuilt, all wiring replaced, all bellows releathered, new power supply

2005: Echo organ rebuilt as the new Gallery Organ

This is what remains:

The leather pouches in the organ's windchests, which go up and down to allow air to flow to the pipes when a key is pressed (about 2,300 of them!) are original from 1959. (The Gallery organ uses leatherless, electro-magnetic valves.) They are at the very end of their expected life (usually these begin to fail between 30 and 40 years—occasionally they last as long as 50 or more years). Patrick Murphy, our organ builder, projects a 45 year life. In any event, we are *beyond* the projected life of the windchest leather. Even though we have not experienced failures at this time (this would cause dead notes and ciphers, when pipes play without a key being pressed), we cannot assume that this will be the case much longer.

We received a bid from Patrick Murphy to rebuild the windchests and their approximately 2,300 valves for \$80,000 in 2007. We need to start the process of funding this (plus inflation) before we experience a failure in the organ. This could be done in two stages, first the Great side, then the Swell side. Once this is done, I would expect no major need for the organ for 40 years or more beyond routine maintenance and occasional minor repairs—barring a catastrophe such as a leaking roof.

In the future, we are looking at events that would support the organ fund. In the meantime, we are asking that anyone who is interested in keeping our fine instrument playing, to consider a donation, large or small, to the organ fund, so that we can begin the final phase of the restoration of our fine instrument.

Andy Heller, Music Director

March Birthdays

- 2 Joan Newhouse, Katrina Riggs
- 3 Devon Harris, Gustavo Peña, Trinh Tran
- 4 David Miller, Tyler Stellwagen, Savina Tintera
- 5 Patricia Erdos, John Thomas
- 6 Lorraine Gricevics, Jeanne Nelson
- 7 Robin Hoose
- 8 Donna Carstens, Kevin Heym
- 9 Brian Barber, Elizabeth Lucas, Kelly Mazzanobile
- 10 Kai Isenberg/Goedde, Christine Jerpbak
- 11 Robert Dougherty, Abigail Lynch, Kimberly Schumacher
- 12 Jennifer Aronchick, Tuyen Nguyen
- 13 Paul Moock, Jr.
- 14 Katie Bode
- 15 Christine Fritton
- 16 Mark Foust, Alexander Norquist, Matthew Schnaath, Shirley Zimmer
- 17 Julia Manning
- 18 Shane Boston, Michael Burns, Sarah Curtin, David Wilson, Jr.
- 19 Erika Gibb, Karl Schneider, Thomas Stellwagen IV
- 20 Judi DellaBadia
- 21 Kristin Carroll, Yolanda Johns, Pastor Skip McDowell, Colin McFillin, Edith Mileham
- 22 Colleen Kolb, Jason Kunsa
- 23 Andreas Gustafsson, Hanna Gustafsson, James Stetler
- 24 Gail Feustel, Laura Lynch-Balcer, Michelle Perry, Abigail Venezia
- 25 Caleigh Foust, Luca An Norquist, William Wagner
- 26 Kirstin Copeland, Donald Reimer III
- 27 James Hasson
- 28 Abigail Frey
- 29 Lorie Foust, Irma Payan, Ava Sack
- 30 Christine Cannon, Carolyn Stellwagen
- 31 Eric Lau, Brendan Miller, Elaine Stellwagen

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. **Flowers are needed for Sunday, February 28.** 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. 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).

Saint Paul's members and friends please note:

Saint Paul's Blood Drive, originally scheduled for Monday, March 8th, has been postponed. Helene Roth was notified that the Red Cross will not have enough staff for the drive until later in the year.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY
Training Update

What a great way to start 2010 ... three members applied, were interviewed, and are now part of Saint Paul's second class of Stephen Ministers. They began their 50 hours of training on February 5th with a weekend "retreat" at church. They learned about the Christ-centered foundation of this ministry. The training will take place each week for 2½ hours and a few Saturdays. Commissioning is scheduled for June 6, 2010.

We will keep you updated on the training process, but we ask you to keep the team in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so they can bring Christ's love and care to hurting people on behalf of our congregation.

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Saint Paul's member Michael Ashburn, MD, MPH, is in Haiti with a team from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Michael is Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, and Director of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care at the University of Pennsylvania. Please keep Michael and his team in your prayers as they participate in this vital ministry.



Wittenberg University Choir
Performing at Saint Paul's on Saturday, March 6
(See article p. 15)

A volunteer is needed to head the Library Committee. The main duties are:

- (1) periodically update the catalog to include new titles;
- (2) re-shelve books occasionally (every two to three months);
- (3) write and submit an annual report.

Please contact the church office (610-642-3211) or Jane Knappe (610-789-0146 or knappej@msn.com) if you are interested in this position.

March (Musical) Madness at Saint Paul's

Two special music events are taking place this March in our Sanctuary. We think they will be very special, and we want you to be part of these events.

Wittenberg University Choir

(see photo p. 14)

On **Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 pm**, the **Wittenberg University Choir** from Springfield Ohio will be giving a concert at Saint Paul's as part of their spring concert tour. The choir, 50-members strong, will be under the direction of Dr. Donald Busarow. There is no admission to this event. A free will offering will be taken. For those of you with a spare guest room . . . there will be a need to house the students overnight on Saturday, the 6th. If you are able to house two (or more) students for a night, please tell me or Julia Friedgen.

All Bach Service

On **Sunday afternoon, March 21, at 4:00**, the combined adult and children's choirs of **Ardmore Presbyterian Church, Overbrook Presbyterian Church** and **Saint Paul's Lutheran Church** will present an **all Bach service** on Bach's 325th birthday (it's also Pastor Skip's birthday—he's slightly younger), at Saint Paul's. We expect nearly 100 singers for this event. Those of you who heard the concert two years ago, when we sang the Rutter *Mass of the Children*, know how powerful the musical results can be when we combine our resources. Joining with the other church choirs in our area also provides a wonderful fellowship experience. An offering will be received at this event.

Please mark these events on your calendars and plan to help us celebrate a little musical "March Madness."

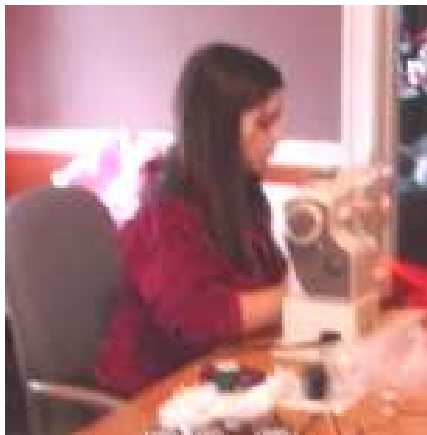
Andy Heller
Music Director

Saint Paul's Youth in Action*

★ SNOOGLE SESSION

Below: Maddi Tintera, Emma Black, Savina Tintera

Lisa Tintera, Nancy Hansell, Samantha Hansell, Savina, Maddi and Courtney Tintera, and Emma Black spent the day on January 1, 2010, sewing "Snoogles" (soft fabric dolls) for premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Lankenau Hospital. Savina received a sewing machine from Santa Claus in 2008, and spent some time with Nancy Hansell prior to the holidays learning how to use it. Santa Claus noticed how much Savina enjoyed sewing, and that she was sharing her sewing machine with her younger sisters, so he surprised Maddi and Courtney with one of their own for Christmas 2009. Following a New Year's Eve sleepover, all the girls got together in Nancy Hansell's dining room for a sewing session. Forty-two Snoogles were created as a result of their efforts!



Samantha Hansel



Courtney Tintera with Nancy Hansel



Courtney Tintera



Maddi Tintera



Savina Tintera

★ STUDENT AMBASSADOR, PAIGE HENDERSON

Sixteen year-old Paige Henderson was nominated for, and subsequently accepted by, the Student Ambassador Program called *People to People*, to participate in a 21-day trip to Fiji, Australia and New Zealand during the coming summer. The *People to People* Ambassador Programs offer extraordinary, life-changing educational travel opportunities for the outstanding students who qualify for acceptance. With nearly 50 years of experience, more than 400,000 alumni, and destinations on seven continents, *People to People* is the world's most recognized and respected educational travel provider. The program was launched in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who believed that direct interaction between ordinary citizens around the world can promote cultural understanding and world



peace. Every United States President since Eisenhower has served as honorary chairman. Paige is working and gathering contributions from friends and family to fund the trip.

★ GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER, MICHAEL CASSIDY

Michael Cassidy, a fifth-grader, was the first place winner of the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee recently held at his school, Chestnutwold Elementary. He answered every question correctly up to the last round; in the final round, ten year-old Michael answered two out of three questions correctly to become the school champion. The next step, a 100-question written test, will determine who goes to Harrisburg to compete in the state championship in May of this year. All elementary and middle school students who were winners of the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee in their respective schools, and who earn qualifying scores on the written test, will have the opportunity to compete in the state Geography Bee in Harrisburg.



★ “VENTURING” AWARD WINNERS KATIE BODE & KELLY MAZZANOBILO

Katie Bode (16 yrs.) and Kelly Mazzanobile (15 yrs.), members of the coed Venturing Crew program for teenagers in the Main Line suburbs of Philadelphia, received the Venturing Bronze Award for Religious Life activities at a special ceremony on January 20. Katie and Kelly worked for almost a year to complete the activities required to earn this award—activities such as helping with Vacation Bible School; serving the church as acolytes and choir members; and spending Christmas Day at a women's shelter in Philadelphia, which included cooking Christmas dinner for the residents, doing the clean-up and socializing with the women and children.

Venturing Crew 176 is an active, outdoor program that offers a variety of adventure-style experiences (e.g., white-water rafting, rock climbing, skiing, scuba diving, backpacking) for youth, with the support of trained adult advisors. Crew meetings are held once a week near Narberth. At the meetings, the youth learn skills, plan trips, play games, do community service, and teach outdoor skills to others. The Venturing Bronze Award program is designed to provide a pathway to many different experiences. In addition to Religious Life, youth can work to earn the Bronze Award in the following categories: Arts & Hobbies, Outdoor, Sea Scout, and Sports. If you would like to learn more about Venturing Crew, visit www.crew176.org.

**If you know of any Saint Paul's youth who are involved in service projects or who have been recognized for accomplishments at school or in the community, please notify the church office or send the information to karen@stpaulsardmore.org for publication in "The Chimes."*

A pink silhouette of a cupid with wings, holding a bow and arrow, surrounded by several pink hearts of various sizes. The cupid is positioned on the left side of the page, with its bow pointing towards the right.

Families with Young Children Valentine's Day Evening

*Tuesday, February 9
6:00 – 7:30 pm
In the church basement*

*Please bring Valentines to exchange with your friends,
join in some dancing fun,
& make Valentine crafts.*

A dinner of pizza, veggies & cookies will be provided.

*Please register with the church office if you plan to attend:
(610-642-3211 or millie@stpaulsardmore.org).*

*Family & friends are welcome.
A free will offering will be collected.*

Next Senior Friends Event **Soup and Bread Luncheon on Ash Wednesday** **February 17**

11:00 am in Fellowship Hall
Worship in the sanctuary at noon, following the luncheon
(There is no charge for the luncheon.)

Saint Paul's Women's Retreat

***Friday evening & Saturday, February 19-20
Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA***

Topic: "God's Hands"

***Leader: Pastor Marcia Bell,
Director of Student Services at LTSP***

A few thoughts from Pastor Bell on the theme of "God's Hands":

There are more than 450 references to hands in the Bible (no, I didn't count them!). Most of us have probably never given much thought to God's hands. Yet, in the Old Testament, we read that God's hands create, protect, and lead His creatures. Jesus' hands played an important role in his ministry as he blessed children, touched lepers, and broke bread with his disciples. After the resurrection, Thomas was convinced that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead only when he was able to touch and see the wounds in Jesus' hands. We'll use readings, meditations, Bible study, and sharing to deepen our understanding of the hands that formed us and guide us and keep us safely in His care. Everyone is asked to bring a Bible and a small handmade item, made either by yourself or a loved one.

COST

\$80 per person (covers program, Friday night lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday). You are welcome to invite mothers, sisters or friends.

SCHEDULE

Friday 6:00 – 6:45 pm: arrive at center; 7:00 pm: program introduction & fellowship

Saturday—retreat will end by 3:00 pm

Registration & Information

If you are interested in participating in this event, please notify Millie Parker in the church office (millie@stpaulsardmore.org or 610-642-3211). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Diane Pringle (dianep@design.upenn.edu or 215-386-3257). Registration checks should be made payable to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Women's Retreat* on the memo line. Give your check to Millie or Diane; please do not put your check in the offering plate.

MARCH CALENDAR

Monday, March 1	
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
Tuesday, March 2	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 3	
6:00 pm	Soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrop
Thursday, March 4	
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9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	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
Saturday, March 6	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Wittenberg University Choir/St. Paul’s sanctuary
Sunday, March 7	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Holy Communion—Family Worship; First graders receive Bibles
10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Confirmation class bowling/Wynnewood Lanes
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Monday, March 8	
1:30 – 7:30 pm	Saint Paul’s Blood Drive/Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
Tuesday, March 9	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 10	
6:00 pm	Soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. James Pollard
Thursday, March 11	
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, March 13	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room

Sunday, March 14—Daylight Saving Time begins	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Monday, March 15	
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
Tuesday, March 16	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 17	
12:00 noon	Senior Friends catered luncheon/Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert
Thursday, March 18	
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, March 20	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, March 21	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry/St. Paul’s basement kitchen
4:00 pm	All Bach Service (choirs of 3 churches)/St. Paul’s sanctuary
Tuesday, March 23	
12:00 noon	Deadline for April <i>Chimes</i> articles
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, March 24	
6:00 pm	Soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: The Rev. Timothy Poston
Thursday, March 25	
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, March 27

8:30 am

Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room

9:30 – 11:30 am

Families w. Young Children Easter egg hunt & breakfast w. Easter Bunny

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday: 2nd service at 10:45 am

8:40 am

Matins choir warm-up

9:00 am

Sunday School

9:00 am

Holy Communion

10:45 am

Holy Communion

7:00 pm

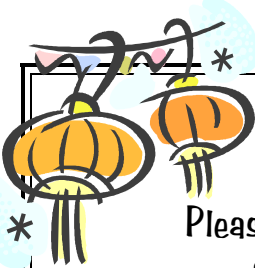
Youth choir rehearsal

Tuesday, March 30

7:00 pm

AA/Fellowship Hall

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Women of Saint Paul's
Please join us on Tuesday, February 9
for the next Women's Dinner.

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Auspicious Restaurant
11 Cricket Avenue, Ardmore

We have chosen an auspicious time to eat at this Chinese restaurant—February 14 is the Chinese New Year! We hope to have at least 18 people attend, since 18 is a lucky number in Chinese tradition.

The cost is \$18.00. Order whatever you wish from the Auspicious' menu and enjoy it with a glass of wine (to be provided). Make checks payable to *Saint Paul's*.

Please RSVP to millie@stpaulsardmore.org if you plan to attend.

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Time Dated Material