

The Chimes

May 6, 2008

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

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The Rev. Julie K. DeWerth, Pastor
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Attention: Families of 2008 Graduates

If you, or a family member, will be graduating from high school, trade school, college, or other post-secondary program, celebrate the accomplishment with a notice in the June issue of *The Chimes*. Simply provide the information indicated below and forward to the church office no later than noon on Tuesday, May 27. Any graduation notices received after May 27 will be included in the July *Chimes*.

Graduate's name _____
Graduating from _____
Degree/honors _____
Plans for September _____

Summer Worship Schedule: One Service Only 9:30 am Start date: Sunday, June 1

Once again, the Congregation Council has approved the Worship and Music Committee's recommendation to hold just one Sunday service, at 9:30 am, during the summer. One of the advantages of a single service is that those of us who always attend either the 9:00 am or 10:30 am service during non-summer months have an opportunity to meet, and worship with, the "other half" of the Saint Paul's family.

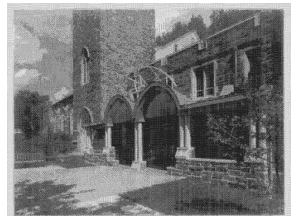
This year, the start date for the new schedule is the day on which we will be celebrating Pastor Julie DeWerth's ten years of ministry with Saint Paul's. On that day, a congregation brunch, at about 11:00 am, will follow the morning worship service. During the rest of the summer, a coffee hour will follow the morning service. The summer schedule will be in effect through Rally Day, September 7. We will return to two services on Sunday, September 14.



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, June 3**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, May 27**. 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.”***
Ephesians 1:15-16

Dear Friends:

These words to the church in Ephesus could well have been written to Pastor **Julie DeWerth**. Her “faith in the Lord Jesus and . . . love toward all the saints” are, indeed, reason to give thanks!

And on June 1, 2008, we will have an opportunity to do just that: give thanks for Pastor Julie’s ten years of ministry to and among the saints of Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church in Ardmore. On June 1st, we will begin our summer schedule of one service at 9:30. Pastor Julie’s friends and family have been invited and will be in attendance. The Reverend Roy G. Almquist, former Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will be the preacher.

Following the liturgy, the Parish Activities Committee will host a delicious brunch in Fellowship Hall, and after brunch we will have a program to honor (read “roast”) our pastor, shepherd, and friend. You will be receiving a letter in the mail detailing the events of the day.

And while I am on the subject of honoring staff members for their “faith in the Lord Jesus and... love toward all the saints,” let me say a heartfelt thanks and a loud “well-done” to **Andy Heller** and the choirs of Saint Paul’s. The Rutter Evensong on April 27, was truly a proclamation of the gospel to remember! And Rutter’s “Mass of the Children” was the highlight of the liturgy. Our choirs joined with those of Ardmore Presbyterian and Overbrook Presbyterian Churches, and I want to thank our singers for all of the hard work that went into this.

Please remember: Our summer schedule of one service at 9:30 will begin on June 1 and run through September 7.

In Christ,

Pastor Skip McDowell

Deaths

Mary Lee Price, mother of Saint Paul's member Julia Friedgen, died on April 3, 2008.

Ruth Mary Kelchner died on April 20, 2008.

We pray for the families of Mary and Ruth and thank God for their lives and the promise of the Resurrection.

Marriage

Congratulations to **Heather Hunt Shaw and Deryk Shaw, Jr.** Heather and Deryk were married on April 26, 2008.

Birth

Congratulations to Lisa and Dan McCabe on the birth of their son, **Nolan George McCabe**, on April 23, 2008.

Baptism

Rolando Jayden Luistro, son of Jennifer and Rolando Luistro, was baptized on April 6, 2008.

Change of Address

Kym Henderson
P. O. Box 687
Randwick NSW
Australia 2031

Maria Muñoz
207 N. Maguire Ave., Apt. 170
Tucson, AZ 85710-9012

Prayer Chain

Prayers are requested for our men and women in the armed services, especially Chris Crowell (son-in-law of Linda Martin), who is serving in Iraq.

Prayers are also requested for: Craig Althouse (friend of Linda & Bob Burns); Corey Baxter & his parents (friends of Louise Pierce's niece); Bill Buchanan; Renée Connell (sister-in-law of Lois Connell); Richard Connell (brother of Lois Connell); Janet Feldman (sister of Julia Friedgen); Susan Janasik; Mike Moran; Karl Simon; Michelle Spenser (niece of Lois Connell); Denise Stanfield (friend of Lois Connell); Russ Stevenson (father of Debbie Moran); and Dana Swan.

Thank You

(The following letter was received from the Food Cupboard Coordinator of the Northeast Churches Community Food Cupboard at St. John Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.)

Dear Friends at St. Paul's:

Thank you very much for your contribution of 22 bags of food to the Cupboard. At this time of the year, contributions are usually down, so your caring and sharing is especially appreciated. We are open three days a week now and feed almost 1000 people a month with emergency food. All of the people are volunteers and all of the food is donated.

May each of you receive an extra blessing as you follow our Lord's command to "Feed my sheep."

*In Christ's service,
Larry Thum
Food Cupboard Coordinator*

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(The following letter was received from Pastor Tim Poston of Mediator Lutheran Church early in April, 2008.)

Dear Pastors McDowell and DeWerth and Saints of St. Paul:

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 finds you in good health and spirits as the resurrection to life is now fully upon us this Easter season.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued generosity towards us in the form of your recent gift of \$5,000. We are eternally grateful for and

appreciative of your thoughtfulness and kindness; you are essentially one of three chief financial contributors (outside of our congregation) to our ministry here, which enables us to—quite frankly—continue to exist in our present form. We thank and praise God for mission partners like you.

It occurs to me that we have never informed you of some of the practical consequences of your giving. Towards that end, we would like you to know that the following are some of the ministries that you make possible for us:

- three of our members are seminary students at LTSP;
- one of our members sits on the board of the Lutheran Settlement House;
- one of our members is the chaplain at both Lankenau and Bryn Mawr hospitals and chairs the Synod’s Chaplaincy Committee;
- one of our members chairs the Central Philadelphia Conference’s WELCA Committee and serves as the secretary for the synodical WELCA Committee;
- two of our members sit on the Urban Theological Institute Board of LTSP;
- three of our members are active on the African-American Lutheran Association Board;
- we have trained nine LTSP seminarians for a total of 11 years of “Field Education”;
- we are on the “Rotation Track” of “field education” for first-year LTSP seminarians;
- our choir is the only choir to have performed both at Synod Assembly and the Bishop’s Convocation;
- one of our members sits on the planning team for next year’s ELCA National Youth Gathering, the Visioning Team for the ELCA’s Youth Ministry Network, and the Young Adult Team for the National Council of Churches;
- one of our members sits on Synod Council, the Executive Committee, our Synod’s Candidacy Committee, Tanzania Partner Diocese Committee, and Lay Leadership Task Force.

I myself have served on Synod Council, as Dean of the Central Philadelphia Conference, as a voting member to ELCA Churchwide Assembly, as a member of Lutherans In Fellowship Exchange (LIFE), and as a member of the ELCA’s Revivalist Network. Our regular ministries here at Mediator include a brand new Youth and Family Ministry component, recent “door-to-door” evangelism, and our annual Thanksgiving Feast, at which we serve thanksgiving dinners to police and fire fighters working on that particular holiday in our area and to those who could not otherwise afford to eat. None of this could happen—certainly not to the extent and the degree to which it does—without your constant and generous support. So, once again, we say thank you, thank you, thank you!

May God continue to bless you richly and abundantly this Easter season!

In Christ’s name,

Pastor Tim Poston

Pastor, Mediator Lutheran Church and Dean, Central Phila. Conference

BabyManna

Nourishing Our Future

Each year, many newborns throughout the Delaware Valley suffer hunger, malnutrition and their devastating long-term side effects. You can help to support the health of this vulnerable population by contributing to BabyManna on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11**. After each worship service on this date, a member of Saint Paul's Social Ministry Committee will be at the back of the church accepting donations in a baby basket. Please make checks payable to *Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*, and note "BabyManna" on the memo line.

Please know that one hundred percent of the proceeds collected for BabyManna are used to purchase and distribute baby formula and products.

Head Cooks Wanted!

We know you're out there—talented cooks just itching to show us your skills! For many years, we have cooked once a month for the Life Center, a shelter in Upper Darby for the homeless in the area. We have several fine and dedicated head cooks who have overseen the planning, buying and cooking each month. We'd like to give them a hand by adding a couple of new head chefs. Would you consider cooking one Sunday a year? A current head cook will guide you through the first time and a team of helpers will be provided. If you are willing to serve as a head chef, please contact Denette Stetler (djstetler@verizon.net or 610-789-9343). You will find it a rewarding experience and a great way to get to know some of your fellow Saint Paul's members.

Are you interested in joining Saint Paul's?

**The next new members class is Sunday, June 8.
New members will be received into the church on Sunday, June 15.**

***Please R.S.V.P to the church office (610-642-3211)
if you plan to attend the new members class.***

Letter from Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein

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

April 19, 2008

Dear Friends,

This has been a rainy day, off and on. We’re in a season of transition right now; the dry season is ending and the rainy season is beginning.

Several years ago I asked Bumateng, the wife of one of our national teachers, if she would like to be my prayer partner. Without even thinking about it, she said “yes” right away. The two of us then began meeting every Sunday afternoon in my house for a time of prayer. That became a special time for each of us. Then Bumateng had a baby girl. That ended our prayer times. Last year I asked Yanam, the wife of another one of our national teachers, if she would like to meet for a weekly prayer time. Again, we chose to meet on Sunday afternoons. Yanam and I have become close friends. Before I left on home leave last year, each one of us said that when I come back we would like to meet as a threesome. Last month I returned from my home leave. As soon as I came back, last month, Yanam asked if she should come for prayer time! Last week Sunday was the first time the three of us met together. Already, this has become an important time for each one of us. I’m grateful that we have begun again, and I’m sure the other two feel the same way. It is a blessed time and a time of growing closer as we talk to God.

It was just last month that I returned from home leave; I was gone about three months. When I arrived back here, classes had already been in session about 6 weeks. Some of the national teachers had been teaching my classes while I was gone. I taught my classes about two weeks, then it was time for quizzes, at least in my English classes. I will say that correcting them gave me some surprises! Since I’ve only been here a few weeks, I’m still getting to know the new first year class. We have 14 men in our new first year class, the same number that are in our second year class.

Our principal is currently in Germany; he’ll be there 5 – 6 weeks. Our “acting principal” is Pastor Hans, Bumateng’s husband. Please pray for him. I believe that he is a real man of God, he does need our prayers. Please also pray for all of our staff. Thank you.

Your support is appreciated, my friends. Through your prayers and your gifts, you are a part of this ministry. Thank you.

*Your Friend in Jesus,
Sister Ruth Ellen*

Spotlight on:

The Mean Green Canoe Team*



(Pastor Skip McDowell recently received the following note:)

Dear Pastor Skip,

Thank you so much for allowing us to once again kick off our canoeing season with our introductory meeting at your church. We have had our second practice and things are going great. Maybe one week we could get you to come out and canoe!

*Thanks again,
The Mean Greens*

* **The Mean Green Canoe Team**, now in its 31st year, is a Girl Scout interest group, led/coordinated by Saint Paul's member Barbara Curtin. The team meets from March through May each year. The Mean Greens have a seven-member coaching staff, two of whom have been with the team for its entire 31 years. Saint Paul's youth Katie Bode, Christine Mazzanobile and Tuyen Nguyen, are members of the canoe team.

One goal of the group is to teach girls, ages 13 through 18, competitive canoeing skills so they can compete in the General Clinton Canoe Regatta in Bainbridge, New York over

Memorial Day weekend. This Regatta, which includes a 60-mile professional race from Cooperstown to Bainbridge, is the largest flat water canoe race in the country. The Scout races attract teams from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York, while the professional race brings in canoe enthusiasts from around the world.

Underlying goals of the Mean Greens are based on Girl Scout principles that can change the way girls see the world and their place in it. Team members learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, the spirit of teamwork, and the thrill of accomplishment. The Mean Green approach is based on the *Girl Scout Promise and Law* and four fundamental principles:

- Encouraging girls to develop to their full potential;
- Helping girls relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect;
- Assisting girls in developing a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and to provide for sound decision-making;
- Showing girls how they contribute to the improvement of society.

All this is happening while the girls are participating in the Mean Green Canoe Team without their even realizing it, *because they are having fun!*

Lending a Hand: Social Ministry in Action

AID FOR FRIENDS



One of the many organizations that is supported by the Saint Paul's Social Ministry Committee is Aid For Friends (AFF), an interfaith, volunteer-run organization that delivers and serves free, home-cooked meals to needy, isolated homebound people in the five-county Greater Philadelphia area. The goal of AFF is to "help homebound 'client/friends' maintain their cherished independence by supporting their determination to remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to enhance their quality of life."

How can we help feed these frail, isolated, and mostly, elderly people? By cooking an extra portion of your meals and filling a food tray or two for Aid for Friends. AFF provides Saint Paul's with empty aluminum food trays for the volunteer cooks of our congregation. The aluminum food trays can be found in the narthex and include specific instructions for filling, sealing and labeling the food trays. Once the trays are filled, they should be placed in the freezer in Saint Paul's kitchen. A Social Ministry Committee member will then deliver them to the AFF collection site in Media for distribution to the AFF "clients/friends." For questions about this worthwhile ministry, please call Helene Roth at 610-649-5145 or contact her by e-mail at helene.roth@verizon.net.

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council met on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Refurbishment of the 1918 World War I d'Ascenzo stained glass window at the back of the sanctuary is underway [*it is now completed*]. This is the first window restoration in our multi-year plan for repairing and refurbishing all of the stained glass windows.
- The pastors are developing plans for Wednesday evening worship services and programs beginning in the fall, with evening worship services during the Advent and Lent seasons and adult education or special events (book discussions, guest speakers, etc.) in the remaining months. One Wednesday evening each month would also be designated an "All Committee Night" so that all Congregational Committee meetings could be held and the pastors could circulate among them.
- Lutheran Children and Family Services is seeking congregations willing to co-sponsor refugee families from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq, and other countries. This inquiry was referred to the Social Ministry Committee for consideration.
- Helene Roth, Volunteer Coordinator, is taking initial steps to improve coordination of volunteer service for the congregation by gathering information from each congregational committee chairperson about volunteer activities and needs, and updating the "Time and Talents" survey form.

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Stephen Ministry Update

It was about a year ago that you first started hearing the words *Stephen Ministry*.

In June, our class of nine Stephen Ministers will finish their 50 hours of training and be commissioned. Then the real work of this ministry will start to take place. We will be matching Care Receivers with Stephen Ministers. Hazel Pelletreau is our Referrals Coordinator. **Her job is to meet with the potential Care Receiver and explain the program, evaluate the situation, and then match the Care Receiver with a Stephen Minister.** In keeping with the confidential nature of this ministry, only she and the pastors will know who is a Care Receiver. *(continued on next page)*

Stephen Ministers Are Care Givers, God Is the Cure Giver

The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. Stephen Ministers listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, or struggling through a difficult time, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders (Beth McElvenney, Hazel Pelletreau, Toni Whaley or Pastor Skip McDowell) to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

Our Stephen Ministers will be ready to care for you soon!

June Birthdays

- 1 Jane Brophy, Johanna Valenti
- 2 Justin Davidson
- 3 Lovisa Gustafsson, Andy Heller, Spenser Kopp, Karen McPherson
- 4 Donald Erickson, Katherine Erickson, Kenneth Moran
- 5 Liam Riehl
- 6 Erika Bierschwale, Olivia Luistro, Edward Tintera IV
- 7 Jordan Parman
- 8 Mary Ellen Frey, Erik Johnson
- 9 Katherine Dewey, Barbara Gibson, Stefan Muller
- 11 Eleanore Flom, Shane Leinhauser
- 12 Joan Copeland, Frieda Horner, Alexander Scota
- 13 Linda Bjorkquist, Diane Legnini, William Lukasiewicz, Thomas Stellwagen V, J. B. Tintera
- 14 Megan Schuster
- 15 Carleen Aleardi, Abigail Krissinger
- 16 Beth Ann Schuster
- 17 Dillon Perry
- 18 Kevin Pringle, Shelby Smyrl, Linda Stanton
- 19 Jacqueline Aronchick
- 20 Lisa Lexa-Wilson
- 21 Kendall Cadd, Melanie Kolb
- 22 Linda Laudenslager, Michael Moran, Spencer Schumacher
- 24 Ted Flack
- 25 Lajos Bodi, Margaret Tintera
- 26 John Tintera II, Courtney Tintera
- 27 Victoria Sack
- 28 Anna Manning
- 29 Karen Joyce, Nancy Thomas
- 30 Laura Reimer, Florence Siegel

Saint Paul's Supports FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS



Saint Paul's has begun supporting Fair Trade by serving fairly traded coffee at coffee hour! By making the choice to serve fairly traded products, we help provide health care, education and a better lifestyle for farmers and workers around the world. Fair trade provides the means for small farmers to make enough money to support themselves while using the premiums to improve their standard of living.

A warm pot of coffee is often the centerpiece of fellowship hour and other gatherings. As one of the most heavily traded commodities in the world, coffee is a direct link between our community and farming communities in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Yet the small farmers who grow our coffee often struggle just to make a simple living. Most live in rural communities in some of the poorest countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Isolated from markets, they are forced to accept low prices. Without affordable credit, they become trapped in a cycle of debt. Many lack access to adequate housing, healthcare and education.

In partnership with congregations and faith-based organizations, Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program is a bridge between these communities and our own. By paying a fair price, working with democratic cooperatives, offering affordable credit and supporting sustainable agriculture, Equal Exchange helps farmers to build better lives for themselves and their families. In addition, for the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Lutheran World Relief "Small Farmer Fund" for each pound of coffee or tea purchased through projects supporting small farmers and their families.

We will be serving Organic Fellowship Blend that is shade grown organically under a canopy of shade trees by small farmers who know the value of sustainable farming. By drinking this delicious coffee, our congregation can support small farmers as they preserve vital habitats for local wildlife and migratory songbirds such as tanagers, orioles, and warblers.

Look for coffee and tea products for sale by the Social Ministry Committee on June 8th to purchase for your home use. Remember we can share fellowship and support our global neighbors while enjoying a warm cup of coffee or tea.

Montgomery County Senior Games

Sports, recreation & fellowship
for Montgomery County residents 50 years and older

Monday, May 12 through Friday, May 16

The following activities will be held at various locations in Montgomery County. Please contact Denette Stetler (610-789-9343) or visit www.upperdublin.net/parks/seniors for information about the time(s) and location(s) of each of the activities.

Badminton
Basketball
Billiards
Bocce
Bowling
Darts

Golf
Horseshoes
Running
Shuffleboard
Spin Casting

Stationary Bike
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tennis
Walking

Senior Expo

An information fair for senior citizens and their families
Friday, May 16, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Phys. Ed. Building
Montgomery County Community College
Admission: FREE

All residents are invited to take advantage of various screenings & opportunities available for seniors, including screening of blood pressure, cholesterol, ears & eyes; health care; highway safety; housing/insurance; personal home security; check of medications; senior services; house care assistance; local government service; assisted living facilities; financial services for seniors.

For additional information & registration forms, call Denette Stetler (610-789-9343). You can also contact your local township or Montgomery County Community College (215-641-6300) for information and forms.

Families with Young Children

Barbeque Picnic & Moonbounce

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Family, friends & neighbors are welcome!

We will supply the hot dogs & hamburgers.

Families please bring food items as follows:

A – M side dishes

N – Z desserts



Please register with the church office (610-642-3211) by May 15.

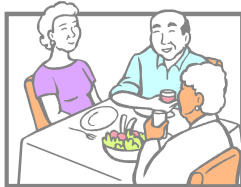
There will be a free will offering to defray the cost of this event.

Senior Friends

Join us for our final event of the season:

A Catered Hot Dish Luncheon, PLUS...

SHOW & TELL (*if you wish, bring something to share with the group*).



Wednesday, May 21 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Please register with the church office (610-642-3211) by May 19.

**Save the date for the next Saint Paul's Book Club meeting:
Wednesday, May 21
7:00 pm in the Kugler Room**

Book: "Blood Done Sign My Name" by Timothy Tyson

An autobiographical work of history set in Oxford, NC, about the 1970 murder of Henry Marrow, a black man, by a local white man, Robert Teel, and his sons. The murder was prompted by Marrow's alleged suggestive comment to a white woman. The Teels were acquitted by an all-white jury in a verdict described by the *Raleigh News and Observer* as "a sham and a mockery of justice." Riots and arson sparked by the verdict nearly destroyed the town of Oxford. This episode radicalized the African American freedom struggle in North Carolina.

Author Tyson, whose father was the minister of a prominent local church, explores not only the white supremacy of the south's racial caste system, but his own and his family's white supremacy. He interweaves a narrative of the story and its effects on him with discussion of the racial history of the U.S., focusing on the persistence of discrimination despite federal law and on the violent realities of that history on both sides of the color line. Tyson challenges the popular memory of the movement as a nonviolent call on America's conscience led by Martin Luther King. His vision of the movement is local as well as national and international, violent as well as nonviolent, and far more complicated and human than the myth of "pure good versus bare-fanged evil in the streets of Birmingham," as he puts it.

(You are invited to bring refreshments to share and book title suggestions for our next meeting.)

Lutheran Night at the Phillies

Friday, May 30

Enjoy a great night of baseball and support our Synod's youth ministry programs at the **2008 Lutheran Night at the Phillies**, when the Phils take on the Florida Marlins.

Ticket cost: \$28.00; Bus fare: \$8.00

**Payment must be received no later than Friday, May 23.
Children 14 and under receive a Phanatic book cover!**

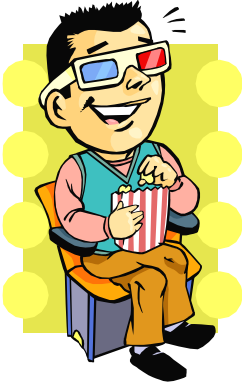
The bus leaves St. Paul's at 5:00 pm & arrives in time for the first pitch at 7:05 pm.

Please contact the church office (610-642-3211) to register for this event.

Checks should be made out to *Saint Paul's Lutheran Church*.

Summer Cinema Series

Wednesday Evenings at Saint Paul's
in the Kugler Room



Dates: June 25, July 16 and August 20 - SAVE THE DATES!

Time: Pizza supper at 5:45 pm
Showtime at 6:00 pm followed by post-film chat

Cost: \$5.00 per person (includes movie, pizza, popcorn & beverage!)

The first film in this series will be *LARS AND THE REAL GIRL*, on June 25. Film titles for July and August to be announced. Questions? - Contact Pastor Julie DeWerth at 610-642-3211. Check Sunday bulletins and future *Chimes* for more details.

Please register with the church office (610-642-3211) if you plan to join us on June 25th.

Save the date for the next Women's Dinner

When? Tuesday, June 10, 6:00 pm
Where? McShea's Restaurant & Bar in Narberth

Look for more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins & the June *Chimes*

CAN YOU DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM?

Craft Items:

- * Egg cartons (any type)
- * Craft feathers of all colors
- * Colored tissue paper
- * Pipe cleaners (chenille strips)
- * Variety of dried beans, coffee beans, seeds, dried corn
- * Twigs 12" to 18" long
- * Ribbon
- * Yarn
- * Empty cereal boxes or any cardboard boxes
- * Shoe boxes with lids
- * Coffee cans with lids (plastic or metal)
- * Rubber bands
- * Nature and/or rainforest stickers

Snacks:

- * Two large jars of grape jelly
- * Two large bags of baby carrots
- * Four bags of dried fruit
- * Four large boxes of raisins
- * Two large containers of yellow mustard
- * Two large containers of honey mustard
- * Two large bags of chocolate chips
- * Four large bags of *Bugles* corn chips
- * Four large bags of thin/small pretzel sticks
- * Four bags of mini *Oreo* cookies
- * Six tubs of icing (milk chocolate & vanilla/white)
- * Four large bags of gumdrops
- * Five large containers lemonade (powder)
- * Five large containers fruit punch (powder)
- * *Goldfish* crackers
- * Pretzel Factory gift cards (Pretzel Factory: 608 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr)

We would also be happy to accept cash donations!
Please drop off your donations in the church office. Thank you!

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

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

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00 to 11:15 am in the Kugler Room (through May 15). The final series of the year, facilitated by Saint Paul's member Pastor Kris Peterson, is entitled "Prayer – Listening to the Voice of God." All women of Saint Paul's are welcome.

Miriam Circle

The next meeting of the Miriam Circle is Tuesday, June 3, at 1:30 pm in the second floor Meeting Room. All women—members & friends—are welcome. For additional information, contact Judi Zucker at 610-525-7582.

Bear Creek Summer Camp sessions begin June 22

Sessions available for grades 1-2 (half-week sessions); older elementary grades & junior high (full-week sessions); and high school (1 or 2-week adventure options & leadership training). Brochures / registration forms available in church office, or contact Bear Creek: 570-472-3741 or www.bearcreekcamp.org.

Dr. Stephen Treat, Exec. Director, Council for Relationships – SAVE THE DATE:

February 4, 2009. Mark your calendar now so you do not miss this inspiring speaker on his next visit to Saint Paul's. Look for more details in *The Chimes* and in Sunday bulletins as the date approaches.

Note: On Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, **Pastor Skip McDowell and Pastor Julie DeWerth attended the Synod Assembly** in Franconia, Penna. Saint Paul's congregation member, **Hazel Pelletreau**, participated in the Assembly as a delegate.

What are you doing on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th?

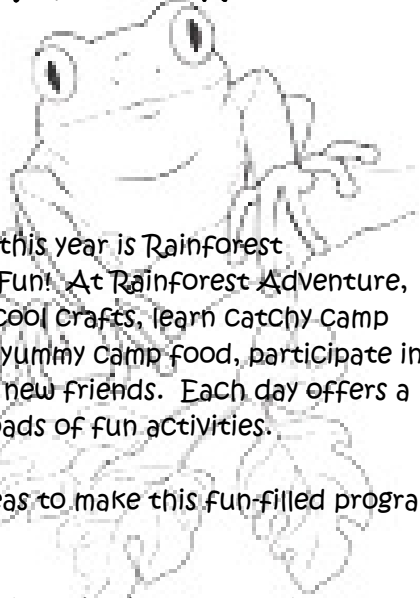
If you don't have any plans and would be interested in helping provide a picnic dinner for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), please contact Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444 or bethmcelvenney@yahoo.com).

A 2008 sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers for Sunday morning worship is available in the narthex. Flowers are needed for the following Sundays: May 25, June 8, and June 22. 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.

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

Vacation Bible School
June 16 – 20, 2008
9:00 am – 12:00 noon



The theme of Vacation Bible School this year is Rainforest Adventure—Swing into a Canopy of Fun! At Rainforest Adventure, kids will hear stories of Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catchy camp tunes, play wild and crazy games, eat yummy camp food, participate in an exciting mission project and make new friends. Each day offers a new Bible story to explore through loads of fun activities.

We will need help in the following areas to make this fun-filled program a success:

- I will be a VBS leader.
- I will assist in a Classroom (must be going into 7th grade or higher).
- I will assist in an activity center (crafts or recreation).
- I am available to help distribute snacks during VBS.
- I will help dramatize each day's story.
- I will help with opening day registration on Monday, June 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 am.
- I will help at the closing picnic on Friday, June 20.
- I am willing to help in whatever way is needed.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

Please call or give this form to: Debbie Moran (610-649-4939) or
Pastor Julie DeWerth

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Vacation Bible School Registration
at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church
415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, Pa
June 16 – June 20, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



ONE FORM PER CHILD

Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Grade entering in the fall (K through 6): _____

If preschooler, specify age 3 or 4: _____

(VBS classes are for children from 3 yrs. through those entering 6th grade)

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

e-mail: _____

Allergies or medical needs: _____

In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian at the above number. I give my permission to the VBS staff to authorize proper medical care until such time as I can be contacted.

(Signature of parent or guardian)



Please return this form and payment (\$20 per child, \$ 30.00 per family) to the church office by June 10. Checks should be made out to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church.

Save the date!

Saturday, June 28
18th Annual Lutheran Charities Bike Ride

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Steeplechase Bike Ride: 16 – 100 miles on the road through Montgomery County; starting & ending at St. John Lutheran Church, 1802 Skippack Pike, Center Square, PA.

Fun Walk & Ride: 3 – 30 miles on the Schuylkill River Trail & Perkiomen Trail; starting & ending at Lower Perkiomen Valley Park, 101 New Mill Road, Oaks, PA.

Proceeds benefit Lutheran social service agencies Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Lower Montgomery County Chapter 31014, provides matching funds for this program.

For registration forms & information, call 610-825-9360, ext. 212, or register online at www.lutherancharities.org.

Volunteers welcome!



JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1 (summer worship schedule begins)

9:30 am Holy Communion

11:00 am Celebration of Pastor Julie DeWerth's 10th anniversary at Saint Paul's

12:00 - 5:00 pm Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's

Monday, June 2

7:30 pm Property Committee meeting/Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 3

9:30 am Staff meeting

TBA Prepare June Chimes for mailing

1:30 pm Miriam Circle/Meeting Room

7:00 – 9:30 pm Stephen Ministry/2nd floor of church

7:00 pm AA/Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Finance Committee meeting/Finance Room

Thursday, June 5

7:15 pm Council meeting/Kugler Room

Sunday, June 8	
9:30 am	Holy Communion (Stephen Ministry commissioning)
10:30 am	New members class & brunch
12:00 – 5:00 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
Tuesday, June 10	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
6:00 pm	Women's dinner/McShea's in Narberth
7:00 pm	AA/Meeting Room
Friday, June 13	
6:00 – 9:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Retreat/2 nd floor of church
Saturday, June 14	
8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Retreat/2 nd floor of church
Sunday, June 15	
9:30 am	Holy Communion (<i>new members received into church; VBS teachers installed</i>)
TBA	Cooking for the hungry/church basement kitchen
12:00 – 5:00 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
Monday, June 16	
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	First day of Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, June 17	
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 18	
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, June 19	
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	Vacation Bible School
Friday, June 20	
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	Last day of Vacation Bible School: picnic lunch
Sunday, June 22	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
12:00 – 5:00 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
Tuesday, June 24	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 25	
5:45 pm	St. Paul's Summer Cinema Series begins: pizza supper followed by movie at 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 28	
Variable schedule	SteepleChase Bike Ride/start & end at St. John Lutheran Church, Center Square, PA
Sunday, June 29	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
12:00 – 5:00 pm	Grace Covenant Church at Saint Paul's
Monday, June 30	
12:00 noon	Deadline for July <i>Chimes</i> articles

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

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Time Dated Material