

# *The Chimes*

*November 3, 2009*

## *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  
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## Important November Dates—Mark Your Calendars

### *Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Saint Paul's magnificent organ!*

Sunday, November 15,  
following the 10:30 am service,  
in Saint Paul's Sanctuary

Andy Heller, Saint Paul's Music Director,  
will play a short recital (about ½ hour)  
to commemorate this significant birthday.



### *Join Us for Thanksgiving Eve at Saint Paul's*

Wednesday, November 25  
7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion at Saint Paul's  
with St. Mary's Episcopal Church

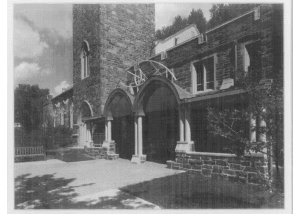
The Rev. Judith Rhodes, Rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore, will preach. Pastor Skip McDowell will preside. The choirs of the two churches will combine their voices to provide music for this special evening.

*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 **Wednesday, December 2**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Monday, November 23**. Thank you!

# Thoughts from the Pastor



***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

Dear Friends:

I don't know about you, but I find those words are to follow! Rejoice *always*? Pray *without ceasing*? Give thanks *in all circumstances*? Those are tough orders. Of course, this morning it's easy to be thankful: the Phillies won the first game of the World Series last night!

But sometimes it's hard to be thankful, like when someone is sick, or something bad happens to one you love. I guess in those circumstances that "give thanks" part comes from knowing that whatever we endure—whatever sufferings, trial, or storm—God is there walking with us. When we are in pain, our God is there sharing the pain with us. When we are caught in a tempest, God is enduring the raging storm right along side of us.

November is the month when we focus on Thanksgiving and giving thanks for the many blessings we have received. This year, once again, we will join with our friends from St. Mary's Episcopal Church for a Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy of Holy Communion. Please join us on Wednesday Evening, November 25, at 7:00 at St. Paul's. The Reverend Judith Rhodes, rector of St. Mary's, will be the preacher, and the combined choirs will lead the singing.

During this month, I invite you to contemplate with me Paul's words to the Thessalonians. Make special time to "give thanks in all circumstances."

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Skip McDowell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "In Christ,".

Pastor Skip McDowell

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## Prayers

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

**Prayers are also requested for:** Sammy Bradly (friend of Barbara Keyser); Bill Buchanan; Cam Campbell (friend of Joan Swan); Margo Commerford (cousin of Jim Stetler); Renée Connell (sister-in-law of Lois Connell); Richard Connell (brother of Lois Connell); Bob Geyer (brother of Barbara Keyser); Janet Feldman (sister of Julia Friedgen); Kathy Fluehr (niece of David Bevan); Nan Gustafson (sister of Barbara Keyser); Chris Marshall (friend of Erin Denman); Bill McCloskey (husband of Helen McCloskey); Mary Jo McRoberts (friend of Denette Stetler); Jim Moran (brother-in-law of Debbie Moran); Aggie Schopf (friend of Millie Parker); and Leslie Tolan & family (friends of Emily Miller).

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## Thank You

Saint Paul's would like to thank **Don Parker, Millie Parker's son**, for donating two pallets of Campbell's soup for distribution by the church. Don is the Manager of New Items at the Campbell Soup Company.

One pallet, about 125 cases or 1500 cans of soup, was delivered to St. John's church in Northeast Philadelphia, the food cupboard we support. Another pallet, delivered to Saint Paul's, was shared between Womanspace in Ardmore and The Life Center of Delaware County (which we support with our Cooking for the Hungry program). The Life Center feeds the hungry who come to the Center, as well as various families in the area.

Thanks to Don and the Campbell Soup Company, many people will have a hot meal in the upcoming season!

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## Christmas Pageant 2009

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant is scheduled for **December 20**, during the 9:00 am service. All classes will participate in the pageant. Costumes will be handed out after the Family Sunday service on December 6, with the 13<sup>th</sup> as a backup date. Please make sure that your children are present to receive their costumes. If you are unable to come on the 6<sup>th</sup> or the 13<sup>th</sup>, please contact Liz Cassidy (610-446-9002 or [Lizandbart@comcast.net](mailto:Lizandbart@comcast.net)) to make other arrangements.

## Stewardship Message from Frank Roth, Council President

October 29, 2008

Dear Fellow Members of Saint Paul's:

Thank you for attending our Special Congregational Meeting this past Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, when we gathered to discuss St. Paul's finances, the outlook for 2010, and our shared vision for St. Paul's future. We appreciated your valuable suggestions, questions, and expressions of support. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please read the meeting minutes which will be posted on St. Paul's website. Additionally, I encourage you to speak with me or Council members who were in attendance if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be Commitment Sunday at St. Paul's. As you know, this is an important day on St. Paul's calendar – both in a spiritual sense and from a practical perspective. On Commitment Sunday, we are each asked to reflect upon God's blessings and to pledge our commitment to the support of St. Paul's missions in the coming year. This is important so that we can share our gifts with the world outside of St. Paul's and plan effectively for next year's ministries and programs in our congregation.

As we discussed at the Special Congregational Meeting, we are currently running a deficit for 2009. Please prayerfully consider including with your weekly offering additional contributions to St. Paul's to assist us in reducing our deficit. As was also indicated at our meeting, giving for 2010 will need to increase if we want to continue all of St. Paul's ministries and programs and avoid running similar (or worse) deficits. A conservative estimate is that giving will need to increase in 2010 by \$375 per giving unit / family. This is an estimate based on the current outlook and it does not include expansion of our programs or outreach so that we can grow St. Paul's ministries and help those in need. As you know, in these challenging times there is a growing need to do God's work and to share our blessings with others.

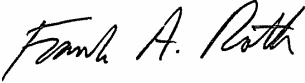
This year on Commitment Sunday, we will have a Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour between our services. Our second service will begin at 10:45 a.m. to allow everyone time to attend the Fair. The Ministry Fair will be an opportunity for all of our members to learn about the many ways that we can participate in St. Paul's worship and ministries throughout the year. Among these opportunities are: participating in worship services (as liturgical assistants, ushers, and choir members), serving in Christian education as a Sunday School teacher, helping with evangelism as a greeter or in parish activities by hosting coffee hour, and serving those in need through our social ministry programs such as cooking for the hungry, serving as a Stephen Minister, or helping in the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

We urge all St. Paul's members to become active in St. Paul's in 2010! Our goal is "Worship Plus 2" – this means we urge all of our members to make a commitment to attend our worship services on a regular basis plus volunteering to serve in two ministries or activities of St. Paul's. Our Ministry Fair will be an opportunity for you to learn about how you can use your time and talents at St. Paul's as we strive together to be good stewards of God's gifts and disciples called to spread the Gospel and do God's work.

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Please plan to attend one of our worship services and our Ministry Fair on Commitment Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pledge cards will be distributed and collected at both services. We hope that you pray and reflect upon your financial commitment to St. Paul's for the coming year and that you join us at St. Paul's on Commitment Sunday to offer your pledge card as an act of faith and worship in the church sanctuary.

Yours in Christ,



Frank A. Roth  
President, Congregation Council  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

### **St. Paul's Financial Picture**

Time period: *Jan. 1, 2009 – Sep. 30, 2009*

Receipts <sup>1</sup>	+305,929
Disbursements <sup>1</sup>	—438,907
Variance	—132,978
Transfers from Endowment Fund <sup>2</sup>	+116,200
Variance	—16,778
<i>Payments on hold due to insufficient funds:</i>	
Synod Benevolence <sup>3</sup>	—14,750
<b>Variance:</b>	<b>—31,528</b>

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Memorials & Gifts, Cemetery or Suspense Funds

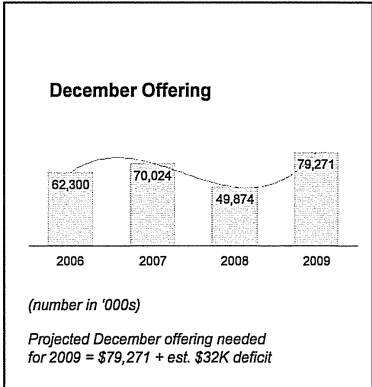
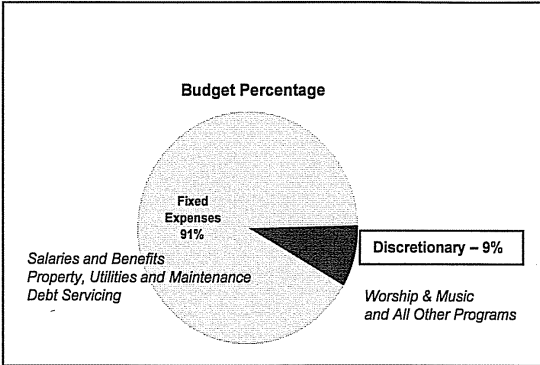
<sup>2</sup> Approved at Congregational Meeting, Feb. 1, 2009

<sup>3</sup> As of end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, commitment is \$33,750; \$19,000 has been paid

Waneta Peart  
Financial Secretary  
October 21, 2009

**St Paul's  
Financial Update and Executive Summary  
October 25, 2009**

*Submitted by Finance Committee, James Schneider, Chair*



	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Endowment Fund</u>		<u>Endowment Fund Contribution to Budget</u>		
		<u>Year End Value</u>			vs 2009	vs Prior Yr
2007	\$ 162,995	\$ 2,178,098	2009	\$ 131,200		\$ (17,123)
2008	\$ 310,029	\$ 1,357,003	2010	\$ 115,233	\$ (15,967)	\$ (15,967)
Sep-09	\$ 178,700	\$ 1,403,474	2011	\$ 102,599	\$ (28,601)	\$ (12,634)

**Giving Statistics:**

1. Based on family/giving units that contributed, 2008 average giving per unit was \$2,080. Range was less than \$25 per year to more than \$20,000 per year
2. To meet anticipated budgetary expectations for 2010, an annual increase of at least \$375 per family /giving unit would be necessary

**Conclusions & Recommendations:**

1. Expenses are fixed and already cut as much as possible
2. Endowment fund contributions will continue to decline for two more years
3. The only way to mitigate the deficit for this year and the next three is to increase giving

# Sponsors Needed for 2009 Christmas Ingathering of Gifts

The mission of the Christmas Ingathering is to provide congregations in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA with the opportunity to share in Christ's love by providing holiday gifts for children in need. Saint Paul's will sponsor 100 children in this year's Christmas Ingathering. If you choose to sponsor a child, you will be asked to buy "your" child a \$25 gift that the child has asked for. The gift should be wrapped and returned to the church office anytime before 10 AM Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate:

- ❖ Sign up with Helene Roth in the narthex on Sundays throughout November
- ❖ OR contact her at [helene.roth@verizon.net](mailto:helene.roth@verizon.net) or 610-649-5145



Helene will provide the gift information you need about "your" child and ensure that the gift you have purchased and wrapped is delivered to him/her on Christmas day.



## Attention Committee Chairpersons

Annual reports for the year 2009 are due in the office no later than Wednesday, December 30. Please note that reports are expected from all committees, subcommittees and groups. Observance of the deadline will greatly assist the church office in distributing the annual report to members in a timely fashion.

# Ministry Fair on Commitment Sunday

## November 22 Fellowship Hall

Saint Paul's will host a Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall between services on November 22, Commitment (Stewardship) Sunday. Don't miss this opportunity to peruse displays and to talk with committee chairpersons, group leaders and group organizers about the ministries/activities available at Saint Paul's. Stewardship involves the giving of time and talents as well as monetary giving.

The second service will begin at 10:45 am on Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, to give everyone a chance to attend the fair. ***Those who attend the later service are invited to come early on 11/22.***

Look for representatives from the following groups at the Ministry Fair display tables:

<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS &amp; OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>
Stewardship	Choirs: Children's, Youth, Adult, Matins
Parish Activities	Senior Friends
Cemetery	Families with Young Children
Christian Education	Mahjong
Evangelism	Miriam Circle
Finance	Women's Dinners
Property	Altar Guild
Staff Personnel	Women's Bible Study
Social Ministry	Men's Bible Study
Worship & Music	Stephen Ministry

*News from ELCA Missionary Barbara Robertson  
Serving in Morogoro, Tanzania  
October 2009*



*Emanyani Beach on the Indian Ocean*

I returned to Tanzania just about a month ago. I'm surprised how quickly my time in the U.S. went and I'm even more surprised how quickly time has flown since I've been back.

### *Work Life*

Life at work has been uneventful. Meetings, paper work, the usual stuff. I'm planning a workshop for youth on entrepreneurial skills and HIV prevention. But scheduling can be a bit of a challenge. My hope is to get in a couple of seminars before the rains come. Once it rains, people who are engaged in farming activities rush out to their fields.

Last year I talked with a group of women about an income-generating project. I'm very enthusiastic about sunflower oil seed presses and they are very keen to have such a project in their parish. They grow a lot of sunflowers but the closest press is a long ways away and transportation costs eat up any profit they might make. I suggested to the women that if they have a small secure structure to install the press, it would show they were serious about the project. I honestly thought that would be the end of it. Well, I recently got news that they have built a structure! I've been very impressed that they are so motivated! I'm excited about their enthusiasm and their "can-do" attitude. This means I now have to seriously look for funds for a press. What a lovely position to be in!

The other day I took my car to the garage I always use for servicing. Since I have such a reliable car these days, I don't have much need to go there. As the young mechanics were putting on the final touches and as we were all sort of hanging over the hood of the car, one of the young men I know said, "You know, Mama, we have a lot of new young fellows working here. They need to hear what you said to us about HIV/AIDS. And we need to be reminded about it too. Won't you come again to teach us? It would be good for all of us to be reminded about what you said." I was very touched by the invitation. Many of these young men have a special place in my heart. Whenever I go to the garage, I hear them calling to me by the various nicknames they have for me—"Mama Mwenda, how are you? Mama

Mkude, where have you been? Welcome Mama Mweupe. We're glad to see you." Given that my dad was a mechanic, sharing with these boys seems like a fitting way to honour him.

## *Home Life*

In the past few days, life has been punctuated by two things: rain and power outages. We had two days of lovely rain—the first in months. As is the case here, it got VERY hot just before it started raining. The rain was much needed and very welcomed.

Electricity is at a premium these days. Rationing started a few weeks ago. One day there's no power from 8 or 8:30 AM until about 5:30 PM. The following day there's power. The third day there's no power from 5:30 to 11 PM. Next day there's power. Then we start all over again. PLUS there are the usual rainy season power failures. Poles that the termites have gotten to suddenly fall over once it rains. Sagging wires get wet and then short out. Branches and trees crash down and knock out power for hours or days. I'm grateful that at least kerosene is available for light at night. And I'm so grateful that my office and home have opposite rationing days.

## *Other Stuff*

I had a chance to do a little bit of traveling this month. ELCA missionaries had gathered together for a weekend retreat. It was lovely to see my fellow missionaries. It was especially nice to visit and catch up with people who I seldom have a chance to meet.

One of our tasks during the retreat was to write contingency plans in case of an emergency. Apparently "hide out at friend's house" is not considered an appropriate plan!

On the way to the retreat, I took a little side trip to Pangani—a lovely quiet beach on the Indian Ocean. I had a chance to swim, walk on the beach, take an afternoon nap, visit with long-time friends and make some new ones. The photo at the top of the [previous] page is where I stayed, Emanyani Beach.

## *Prayers*

- Please keep rain for East Africa in your prayers. Enough rain at the right time!
- We are starting to experience a food shortage. It will only get worse before it gets better.
- For the relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, which is experiencing some challenges.
- That those in more resource-rich countries will be compelled and courageous enough to continue to give. The needs of the poor, the disenfranchised, the disabled, the marginalized do not go away even in times of financial uncertainties.

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- For Jenifa Segule and Christina Naman—two friends who are struggling with cancer—and for ALL those who battle against and are touched by cancer.

## *Thanksgiving*

- I'm thankful for good friends, both in the U.S. and Tanzania.
- I'm thankful for safe travels to and from the U.S. as well as here in Tanzania.
- I'm thankful for rain.
- I'm thankful that the young man who I met in July when his motorcycle and my Land Cruiser collided has fully recovered and is on good terms with me.

*May God bless and keep you all.*

*Barbara Robertson*

[bubia2@hotmail.com](mailto:bubia2@hotmail.com)



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

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

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

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

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Montgomery County Chapter #31014) provides additional funds (\$600) for this program.

**Saint Paul's is looking for a permanent nursery caretaker** who would be available for three hours on Sunday mornings during the school year (8:45 – 11:45 am) and one and one-half hours during the summer (9:15 – 10:45 am). Please send an e-mail message to Chris Fritton at [cfritton@aol.com](mailto:cfritton@aol.com) if you are interested in the position or know of anyone who might be interested.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY . . . SHARING LOVE



Stephen Ministry has been in operation at our church since 2008. The ministry of the Stephen Ministers has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the whole congregation. In order to continue to expand this ministry of care, we are planning another Stephen Ministry training class starting in January 2010. Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You will find that being a Stephen Minister will not only be helpful to others, but it will be one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences that you have ever had.

Here's a quote from one of our Stephen Ministers who was in our first class:

*Stephen Ministry training has enhanced and benefited all aspects of my life. It has helped me become a better wife, mother, grandmother and confidant to many—one of my life-changing experiences. My thanks.*

There will be an **Information Session** on **Sunday, November 8** at 11:30 am in the Kugler Room (*lunch will be served*). If you have the slightest interest in this ministry, PLEASE COME and learn more about it and ask questions of Stephen Ministers. If possible, please RSVP to the church office or Beth McElvenney ([bethmcelvenney@yahoo.com](mailto:bethmcelvenney@yahoo.com) or 610-853-2444) so we're sure to have enough food!

If you can't make this session, but would like more information, please talk to Pastor Skip McDowell, or any of our Stephen Leaders here at Saint Paul's: Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444); Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835); or Toni Whaley (610-896-7193).



## *Save the date!*

*Come join the women of Saint Paul's  
for a relaxing, fun-filled evening at the **December Women's Dinner.***

***December 14 in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm***

*Delicious catered Italian buffet of various pasta entrées, salads & desserts  
\$15.00 per person*

*Moms—babysitting will be available for an extra fee.  
Please call Helene Roth at 610-649-5145 if you plan to attend.*

## December Birthdays

- 1 Ryan Holland, Arundhati Jane Kennedy
- 2 John Johnson, Jr., Rolando Luistro
- 3 Heather Davidson
- 4 Tracy Scota
- 5 Michael Brophy, Linda Martin, Diane Zimmer
- 6 Helen Somma
- 7 Riley Cadd, Phil Jacobsen
- 9 Taryn Riggs, Robert Williams
- 10 Bethany Coover, Miguel Garcia, Brianna Riggs, Heather Shaw
- 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 Joy Baxter, Alexia Gibb, Benjamin Hasson, Rolando Jayden Luistro, Ryan Schuster
- 18 Jennifer Joyce, Helen Marlin
- 19 Stephen Carroll, Jonathan Memmel
- 20 Elizabeth McCoid
- 22 Piper Billingsley, Stuart Krissinger III, Cady Schimpff
- 24 Angela Jones, Robert Perry
- 25 Michael Aleardi, Hazel Pelletreau
- 26 Elizabeth Cassidy
- 27 Carol Henry, Barbara Keyser, Peter Lucas
- 29 Barbara Erickson, Charles Horn
- 30 Abigail Bullard, Daniel Erdos, James Perry
- 31 David Legnini, Grace Sweeney

## Gifts of Flowers for the Altar

Consider becoming a weekly or monthly sponsor of altar flowers for Sunday morning worship. The cost of the flowers is \$25 per week, \$100 or \$125 per month. A sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers is available in the narthex, or you may call Dottie Buchanan at 610-789-8092 to make your request. 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).

# Council Corner

## Barbara (Barb) Henderson, Property

### Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

I was born at Fort McClellan Army Base in Anniston, Alabama. My Dad was in the service at the time and thus my original roots are southern in nature! Can't you tell? Alas, I only stayed one year in Alabama and moved back north to Norristown, Penna., where my father set up his dental practice. We then moved to the country—Worcester, Penna.—when I was in first grade, and I lived there until after college. Since that time, I have resided at my home on Greythorne Road.

### How do you spend your days? What is your calling?

I am a stay-at-home Mom these days. Prior to the birth of my second daughter, Kendall, I worked in investments for 20 years. I am quite busy keeping my house in order and tending to the garden and lawn. I really enjoy being outside. I will spend hours eagerly cutting the grass, edging the beds and planting annuals. On the other hand, I do not respond so well to my husband's *Honey, do-list* to "top dust!"

### What do you do in your free time? Hobbies?

I find myself trying to balance my life as a volunteer at my girls' school and at church. Some hobbies of mine are knitting, interior decorating, cooking and walking.

### What brought you here? What keeps you here?

I found Saint Paul's when Bill and I were trying to find a church in which to get married. You see, Bill and I were both raised Catholic and decided it wasn't for us. Ironically enough, my first Sunday here was Reformation Sunday in 1991. I was so impressed by the warm welcoming and the way that everyone participated in the service (loudly saying prayers and singing ALL the verses) that I knew I had found a church for us. My family of friends keeps me here.



*Senior Friends Luncheon*  
*Wednesday, November 18*  
*12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall*  
*Cost: \$10*

Join your friends for a CATERED LUNCHEON and BINGO on Wednesday, November 18. Bingo winners will receive Christmas gifts as prizes.

Watch for menu information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Please notify the church office if you plan to attend this event (610-642-3211).



***Join us for Breakfast with Santa!***

Families with Young Children will gather  
Saturday, December 5  
9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Pancake breakfast, your picture with Santa, and a craft will be on the menu.  
Families, please bring the following items:

A – I	Orange juice
J – R	Fruit
S – Z	Bagels & cream cheese

Please register with the church office by Wednesday, December 2  
(call 610-642-3211 or send an e-mail message to [millie@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:millie@stpaulsardmore.org)).

Family and friends are welcome. A free-will offering will be collected.



## 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 pine roping	= \$ _____ enclosed
Contribution toward cemetery decorations	= \$ _____ 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
<b>Total</b>	= \$ _____ 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 Tuesday, December 15**, in order to include your information in the bulletin.

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 1

9:30 am

7:00 pm

Staff meeting

AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 2

TBA

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Thursday, December 3

9:15 – 11:15 am

1:15 – 2:15 pm

6:30 pm

7:30 pm

Community Bible Study/throughout church

Women's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Children's choir rehearsal

Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 5

8:30 am

9:30 – 11:30 am

Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Families w. Young Children Breakfast w.

Santa/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 6 (*Free blood pressure checks between services*)

8:40 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

7:00 pm

Matins choir warm-up

Holy Communion (Family Worship)

Holy Communion

Youth choir rehearsal

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 pm

AA/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 10

9:15 – 11:15 am

1:15 – 2:15 pm

6:30 pm

7:15 pm

7:30 pm

Community Bible Study/throughout church

Women's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Children's choir rehearsal

Council meeting/Kugler Room

Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 12

8:30 am

9:00 am

Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room

Decorate church for Christmas

**Sunday, December 13—*Alternative Gift Fair after both services***

8:40 am

9:00 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

Matins choir warm-up

Sunday School

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

**Lessons & Carols Service/Sanctuary**

**Dinner following Lessons & Carols service /**

**Fellowship Hall**

7:00 pm

Youth choir rehearsal

Monday, December 14

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Women's dinner/Fellowship Hall

Stephen Ministry – Supervision/Kugler Room

Tuesday, December 15	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 16	
12:00 noon	Senior Friends catered luncheon & Christmas carols w. Andy Heller/Fellowship Hall
Thursday, December 17	
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, December 19	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, December 20	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Christmas Pageant
10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry/basement kitchen
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Tuesday, December 22	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve	OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 pm	Holy Communion (Christmas Eve service)
7:00 pm	Holy Communion (Christmas Eve service)
11:00 pm	Holy Communion (Christmas Eve service)
Friday, December 25: Christmas Day	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday, December 26	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, December 27	<i>one service only, no Sunday School</i>
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 29	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Thursday, December 31: New Year's Eve	OFFICE CLOSED



The next meeting of the Miriam Circle is Tuesday, November 10 at 1:30 pm in the second floor Meeting Room. All women—members and friends—are welcome. For additional information, contact Judi Zucker at 610-525-7582.

Save the date for the next Bear Creek camping trip for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders: **January 29 – 31, 2010**. Plan to arrive at Bear Creek on Friday afternoon and leave at 12:30 pm on Sunday. Watch for additional details in the months to come.

Save the date! **Saint Paul's Women's Retreat, February 19-20, 2010**, Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA. More details to be announced.

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