

The Chimes

April 2024



Sunday Worship

9:00 am Sunday school for Children and Adults

*10:00 am Worship service
(also livestreamed)*

Live stream:

www.facebook.com/stpaulsardmore

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www.youtube.com/stpaulslutheranchurchardmore

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Pastor's Letter



Dear siblings in Christ,

April 2024

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!now what? Each year, we join the joyful proclamation sharing the good news of Christ's triumph over death and the grave. The forces of evil and hate do not get to have the last word—God does. And God speaks a word of love, of new creation, and of salvation—lives freed from sin and despair and free for life in God's kingdom.

But what comes next? If Easter morning is the culminating moment of Jesus' story, the climax of the scriptural narrative, what are we meant to do after Easter? This year, in the seven-week season of Easter, we'll be thinking about exactly that in a new sermon series titled *Go: The Church in Act-ion*.

Every Easter season, our first lesson each Sunday is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the account of the early church. We see what the earliest followers of Jesus did after his death and resurrection. We see how their lives were different because of everything that had taken place. And we see how they tried to shape a community—a church—that reflected the teachings and values of Jesus and would be part of his mission to usher in God's kingdom.

The early church wasn't perfect (go and read 1 & 2 Corinthians if you need examples), but they did strive to live a different way. They did strive to make God's love real in their words and actions, in the way that they treated each other, and in their witness to others.

I hope you can join us as we look at what the early church was up to and explore what lessons and callings the Book of Acts has to offer the church today.

Go: Believers in Act-ion:

April 7: Active in Generosity and Service

April 14: Active in Repentance

April 21: Active in Healing

April 28: Active in Breaking Barriers

May 5: Active in Giving and Receiving Hospitality

May 12: Active in Tending to its Communal Health

Blessings in this Easter season,

Laura M. Tamcredi

Pastor Laura

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: *Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Nick Belvick (friend of Bob Burns); Dottie Buchanan, Charlotte Conybear, Carl DellaBadia (brother-in-law of Judi DellaBadia); Mary Devereaux (niece of Boofie Younkin); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Diane Duane (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Bill Egan (friend of Bob Burns); Jim Kamerdze, Pat Fenstermacher, Mark Fenstermacher, William Fenstermacher, & Steve Stachlik (cousins of Bob Burns); Lily Fernandez (mother of Belle Fernandez); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Jason Hoose (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tom Keyser, Kathleen Martini (friend of Laurie DeWarf); Lynda McNab, David Miller, Irma Payan, Johnathan Richards (friend of Pastor Tim); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Dorothy Schulz (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Joel Wilkins (friend of Louise Pierce); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Bart (brother of Gail Feustel); Jenn Phelps, and Colleen (friend of Mark Muller); John Vrana (friend and soon to be In-Law of Linda & Bob & Mike Burns); Gail Feustel; Marlene Buchhop (aunt of Jim Perry); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jackie Henderson (sister of Bill Henderson); Jackie Miller (sister-in-law of Bill Henderson); Agnes Schopff (friend of Bill Henderson); as well as Overbrook Presbyterian Church and it's community.*

(Please notify the church office to add or remove a name on the prayer list.)

We celebrated Dave Curry's Retirement & Farewell!



**Heartfelt thanks for your dedicated 15 years of service to
St. Paul's Church and congregation**

**Chimes publication
information**

The Chimes, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published for inspiration, education and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office. The next issue of The Chimes will be published on Thursday, April 25. Your articles are due in the office no later than Wednesday, April 18.

Evening Christian Fellowship

The Evening Christian Fellowship will be reading and discussing the *Peacemakers In God's World study*, examining the ELCA's Social Statement.

This is the same as what the Adult Sunday School has been doing during Lent.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of the month, beginning Wednesday April 3, 7:30 via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Beth McElvenney (bethmcelvenney@gmail.com) for more information and the zoom link.

Women's Christian Fellowship

April 11- May 2

Thursday's 1:00- 2:30 pm

1 John

Four session series looking at the epistle of 1 John, which we will be reading in church during Easter season. This book is full of comfort and challenge for early Christians and for us today.

In-person or online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577587862?pwd=VXY4L2hZNUd0KzhKc k51d2ZsbFVZdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 7758 7862

Passcode: 590284

Stewardship Committee

Please join us for a “Thank you Brunch to Celebrate St. Paul’s Generosity” on **Sunday, April 28th** following the service.

St. Paul’s 2024 Pledges were record breaking so we want to say thank you to everyone and invite you to enjoy a catered brunch including a mouthwatering assortment of foods from Whole Foods Markets.

New Members Reception

New members will be received during worship service
on
Sunday, April 14.
Contact Pastor Laura if you are interested in joining.

St. Paul's Community Garden is back for the 2024 season!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your help on Sunday, March 24 in completing our initial spring planting for the community garden.



Our partners from Trellis (<https://trellis4tomorrow.org/>) were on site with us after worship to put in our spring crops: collards, red, green, and napa cabbages, kale, potatoes, lettuce, arugula, turnips, and peas.

Social Ministry and the gardening team will be sharing updates throughout the harvesting season so you can help maintain the garden, too!

We will need volunteers after worship each week to help with harvesting (beginning at the end of April/early May), assistance with weeding and pruning throughout the weeks, and help with summer and fall planting.

We also deliver each Monday to the Ardmore Food Pantry if folks would like to help with our deliveries.

Parenting Book Group:
“The Power of Showing Up” by Dr. Dan Siegel & Dr. Tina Payne Bryson

Kugler Room,

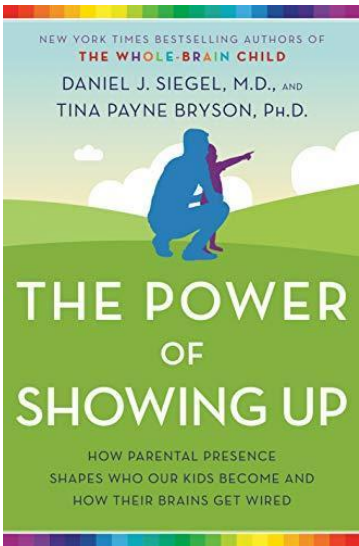
Parents of young-ish children are invited to participate in a book group beginning April 16 led by Kenya Kistler, a member of St. Paul's, a school psychologist and parent coach.

We'll be reading "The Power of Showing Up" by Dr. Dan Siegel & Dr. Tina Payne Bryson. The book is available from all major book sellers in both digital and hard copy.

If you would like to participate, but the cost is prohibitive, please speak to Pastor Tim.

Here is a little more about the book:

The Power of Showing Up, by Dr. Dan Siegel & Dr. Tina Payne Bryson



*This book shares the latest brain and attachment research - through stories, scripts, simple strategies, illustrations, and tips - helps you feel empowered to honor the Four S's:
(feeling safe and seen as well as being soothed and secure)
in all kinds of situations.*

The book will help us understand that mistakes and missteps are repairable and that it's never too late to mend broken trust. This book is a powerful guide to cultivating a child's emotional landscape and finding the joy in parenting and building deeper relationships with our children.

PUB THEOLOGY

Monday, April 22

Sam's Brick Oven Pizza, County Line Road

**6 :00 pm for those ordering dinner,
7:00 pm discussion begins**

Join DCVA's 40th Annual Watershed Clean Up!

This is great project for school-aged kids to do with their families; also great for teens - and so satisfying! As Nicole Barron put it, "It felt so good to get all that garbage out of the stream!"

Closest locations for St. Paul's members are these 3 in Haverford township and one in Lower Merion,

all begin 9 am - 12 pm

April 6: Havertown (Haverford Township) - Nitre Hall –
Site Captain Kate Clifford

April 13: Havertown (Haverford Township) - Merry Place –
Site Captain Tim Denny

April 20: Wynnewood (Lower Merion Township) - Shortridge Park –
Site Captain Stacey Hirsch

April 27: Havertown (Haverford Township) Westgate Trail –
Site Captain Deisy Gomez

Save the Date: Lutheran Settlement House
Fundraiser



Powerful Together: A Fishtown Feast

Tuesday, April 30, from 6:00-8:30 pm at Rivers Casino.

Powerful Together is a fundraising event supporting LSH's ongoing work with some of Philadelphia's most vulnerable families.

We hope you will join us for a night of delicious food for a great cause.

Participating restaurants include: Kensington Quarters, La Colombe, Martha, Lilah, and WM Mulherin's Sons.

Tickets can be purchased at
lutheransettlement.org/events/powerfultogether

LADIES
GAME NIGHT

Bring your favorite game



Monday, April 29th 6 pm

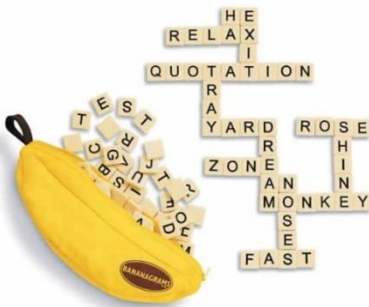
Bring a heavy appetizer to share

Since we didn't play games at the retreat, it was suggested we have a Game Night, so we are!

- When: **Monday, April 29th at 6 pm**
 Where: **St Paul's Fellowship Hall**
 Food: How about **appetizers for dinner**? If you can, bring an appetizer to share, and bring your own beverage too.
 Games: We will have a few game options, but if you have a favorite, you can bring that too.

*RSVP to the church office or Beth McElvenney
 (bethmcelvenney@gmail.com) to help with planning.*

Feel free to bring friends,
 the more the merrier.



Temple University Prep Orchestra to play at St. Paul's on May 5 at 3:00 pm

The **Youth Chamber Orchestra of Temple University's Music Prep for Gifted Young Musicians** will perform a program at **St. Paul's on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 pm**. This outstanding group of young musicians will be backed by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The program will include works of J. S. Bach, Pietro Locatelli, Tchaikovsky and others. Soloists include Maxwell Brown, Mio Imai, Jiaray Shi, Daniel Qi and St. Paul's own Noelle Streuber-Eden. They will be conducted by Aaron Picht, who has directed the ensemble since 2003, performing locally and in tours as far away as Iceland.

Temple Music Prep offers music and dance classes and programs for people of all ages. The Center for gifted Young Musicians provides training for young musicians of exceptional ability.

The program is free and open to the public. An offering to support the program will be received.

St. Paul's Women's Retreat Returns after 5 Years!

By Diane Pringle



Group photo caption:

2024 attendees: *Front seated l-r: Pastor Laura Tancredi, Barb Keyser, Joy Baxter, Belle Miller, Pastor Maggie Ainslie (leader), and Kate Gonzalez. Standing l-r: Laurie DeWarf, Jane Knappe, Beth McElvenney, Amanda Fox, Lisa Lexa, Helene Roth, Linda Bailey, Claudia Muller, Boofie Younkin, Linda Burns, Terry Hopkins, Gail Ruehr, Liz Cassidy, Joan Munyon, Jennifer Gambino, and Diane Pringle. Attendees not pictured: Rue Kennedy, Mary Lynn Kennedy, and Louise Pierce.*



Finally, after five years the St Paul's Women's Retreat was held on February 23 and 24, 2024 at the St Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA. Due to the Covid shutdown we were unable to hold Women's Retreat in March 2020. The sale of the Franciscan Spiritual Center (our usual retreat location), ongoing Covid outbreaks, and concerns about large group gatherings kept us from planning retreats in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The last retreat in 2019 seems like so long ago.

Our leader, Pastor Maggie Ainslie is the Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital where she supervises 45 paid and volunteer chaplains. Her prior work includes pastoral care work in the Jefferson Hospital system, and 11 years as a pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Fishtown.

It was a joyous gathering; there were 25 of us in attendance. Unfortunately, three others were unable to attend at the last minute, so we missed Carol Hammarberg, Lynda McNab, and Hazel Pelletreau.

The retreat opened on Friday night with dinner at the Center, an introductory session, and fellowship which included refreshments brought by the participants. The program continued on Saturday with morning and afternoon sessions, breakfast and lunch in the Center's

cafeteria, and ended at 3pm following closing worship led by Pastor Maggie and Pastor Laura.

Pastor Maggie led our retreat discussions on the topic of “Vocation: Deepening your sense of calling at work and in life.” During the Friday night session, we looked back, tried to remember who our mentors were and what we dreamed of being when we grew up. On Saturday morning we talked about and reflected upon where we are now in our lives; note that the Serenity Prayer was important during this session! The afternoon conversations revolved around our hopes, dreams and plans for the future.

A few comments from attendees confirm our joy at being together for a retreat again.

“I found it to be much more personally meaningful than I would have expected it to be. Maggie was wonderful. I'd love to see her as the leader again. She has such an easy and comfortable way about her.”

“I honestly think this was the most meaningful for me. Pastor Maggie Ainslie was a wonderful leader, and the insights that everyone shared were so helpful and full of wisdom. The time we spent together was such a blessing, and getting to spend time with the people I didn't know well was so nice.”

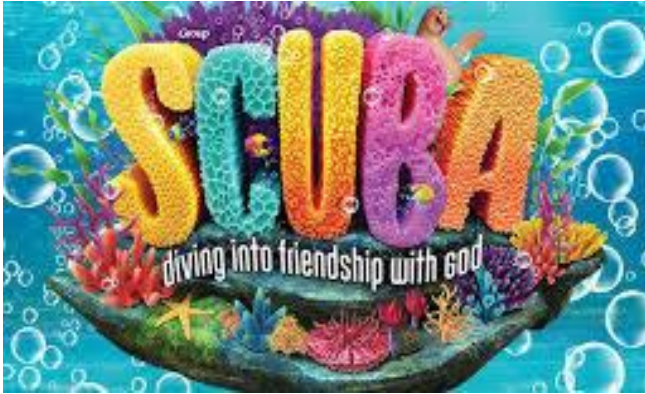
“It was great meeting some of the newer women as well. I had some thoughtful conversations as well as some terrific laughs.”

“With Pastor Maggie's leadership and gentle facilitation, the gathering provided me with the space that I was seeking, a time to reflect whilst in fellowship with the lovely ladies of SP. I felt energized & peaceful afterwards.”

If you have not attended a St. Paul's Women's Retreat, please consider coming next year. It will be April 4-5, 2025!

Thanks to Beth McElvenney for the photos.

Vacation Bible School 2024 registration is open!



This year's theme is:
Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God
June 17 - 21, 9 am to noon each day.

Children aged 4 through children entering 5th grade in fall 2024
are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$20 for a single child and \$30 per family.

<https://www.stpaulsardmore.org/vacation-bible-school-2024>



Registration is now open for the **summer 2024** sessions.

Bear Creek Camp is a ministry of the Southeastern and Northeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). It is located on nearly 3,000 acres in the Pocono Mountains.

The mission of Bear Creek Camp is to invite all people to explore, celebrate, and grown in relationship with God, nature, and community.

St. Paul's has had many children and members attend in past years for a session of summer camp as well as facilitated youth retreats there in the fall and winter seasons.

A typical overnight camp week is held Sunday through Friday, but there is also a "try camp" option: Sunday through Wednesday morning, to children who have completed grades 1 and 2.

If you are interested in sending your children to a session this summer, you can find additional information

here: <https://bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp/>

We'd like to encourage a group of current children (those who have completed 1st - 12th grade are eligible) who are interested in attending to attempt to plan to attend during the same week for familiar faces, additional community, and the ability to bring back their experiences with God and nature to share with their church family.

The week of July 7 - 12 (or July 7 - 10 if attending Try Camp) is what we are hoping to coordinate for.

If you are interested in having your child attend with other St. Paul's members, you can indicate your interest (or any questions) to Pastor Laura or Pastor Tim for us to try to coordinate a group. Registration is open now and if you're registered prior to March 31, you'll receive a free camp t-shirt!



April Birthdays

- 1 Justin Kolb, Madison DeLar, Sandy Farina, Julia Carsten
- 2 Lynda McNab, Melissa D'Antonio
- 4 Barbara Henderson, Michael Sack
- 6 Jane Downing, Dakota Bramble
- 8 Oakley Riggs, Roman Ciarllo
- 10 Dan Kunsu, Coop Cooper
- 12 Sara Denman
- 13 Elena Isenberg
- 14 Maxwell Koerner, Eryn Cronin, Herbert Wendelken
- 16 Grace Weldon, Steven DeWarf
- 18 Stephanie Schommer, Melissa Kaufman
- 19 Evelyn Reider
- 22 Diane Pringle
- 23 Katelyn Lieb
- 24 Sonya Jacobson
- 25 Todd Hart, Kimberly Deiter
- 28 Paul Denman
- 29 Amy Horn, Dylan McGuire

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