

# *The Chimes*

*Jan/Feb 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](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsardmore)

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**Mark your calendars –**

**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, February 11, 2024  
In person only**

**Following worship**

The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary; a luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall.

**Chimes publication  
information**

The Chimes, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published 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 Friday, February 23. Your articles are due in the office no later than Thursday, February 15.

# Pastor's Letter



## *From the Youth and Family Minister*

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Friends in Christ,

In July of this year, three of our young people and I will be traveling to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering. As you may know, St. Paul's has had groups attend many previous iterations of this event all over the country.

Youth Gatherings are an opportunity for high school-aged Christians to engage with one another on a scale that no other ELCA event can offer, with tens of thousands of people in attendance. Over five days and four nights our group will hear inspiring speakers, participate in mass worship gatherings, engage in service projects across the city of New Orleans, and learn about the myriad ways the ELCA does ministry across the world.

This year, our group will join other local youth from Temple and Trinity Lutheran churches, both in Havertown. This larger group will meet several times over the coming months to deepen our relationships with one another and prepare for our time in New Orleans.

Here are some thoughts that our young people have about our impending trip:

*"I'm excited to gather with other youth from around the country and worship God together! I've never been to New Orleans, so I can't wait to experience the city and serve the community."* - Lauren Baxter

*"I am looking forward to the new experiences I will have on the trip. I have never gone on one of these before and am looking forward to seeing what the main event is like and seeing the city of New Orleans. I also am looking forward to helping the residents of New Orleans while I am there."* -Ryan Baxter

As you might imagine, attending an event such as this has considerable associated costs for air travel, hotels, food, and registration fees. The families of our youth have already contributed to this cost, but we are going to be asking you, the congregation of St. Paul's, to invest in this opportunity as well, as a sign of our commitment to the faith formation of our young people.

To that end, in the coming weeks we will be holding a Youth Gathering “Stock Sale.” You are encouraged to invest in this trip, with shares starting at \$50. The total cost for our trip will be around \$7,000, and we hope the stock sale will be a great start to our fundraising.

As potential investors, you might ask, “What return will I see on my investment?” The biggest return is the knowledge that you have supported three young people on their faith journey. In addition, however, all shareholders will be invited to a thank you dinner, at which our group will give an in-depth presentation about what we experienced and how this event has impacted their lives.

More information will be forthcoming about how to participate in our stock sale. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider supporting our Youth Gathering Group, and thank you for all that you do as part of this community.

Peace,  
Pastor Tim



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## 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); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Pat Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Lily Fernandez (mother of Belle Fernandez); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Rev. Arlene Greenwald (friend of Kris Peterson); Jim Kamedze (cousin of Bob Burns); Jason Hoose (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tom Keyser, Kathleen Martini (friend of Laurie DeWarf); Lynda McNab, David Miller, Irma Payan, Allie Puccio (friend of Judi DellaBadia); 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); Andy (nephew of Linda & Bob Burns); 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); Ann Hally (friend of Louise Pierce); and Overbrook Presbyterian Church and it's community.

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

# Women's Christian Fellowship

Thursday's 1:00- 2:30 pm

**January 11 - February 8**

*Songs of the Faithful*

Five session series going in-depth on five psalms: 1,51,113,37, and 146. Looking at psalms as poetry, scripture, and inspiration. Every session also includes discussion of another poem by authors like Robert Frost and Langston Hughes.

**February 15 – March 21**

*Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*

Six week series for the season of Lent reading Josh Scott's book Bible Stories for Grown-Ups.

How can we read the Bible with mature eyes? How might the most popular stories from children's Bibles have something new to say to grow-ups?

In-person or online

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

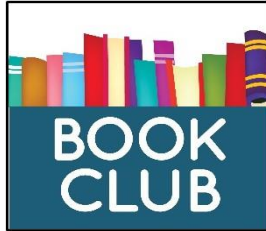
**Meeting ID: 825 7758 7862**

# Book Club

Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 pm

*What We Carry: A Memoir*, by Maya Shanbhag Lang

A deeply moving memoir about immigrants and their native-born children, the complicated love between mothers and daughters, and the discovery of strength. - As described in Goodreads.



Member, **Noëlle Streuber-Eden**, a high school freshman will perform the Finale of Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra as an Irving Ludwig Youth Competition Winner.

**Date:** February 11, 3:00 pm

**Place:** Harriton High School 600 N Ithan Ave, Bryn Mawr (note different performance location)

**Price:** *Tickets:* \$20, \$18 (senior), \$5 (student)

Other works on the program include Beethoven's – Leonore Overture No. 3,

Tchaikovsky's – Pezzo capriccioso for Cello & Orchestra, Dvořák's – Symphony No. 7.

Joy Baxter, also a member, is the concertmaster of the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra.

# Green Team News

St. Paul's Solar Installation is generating electricity and income  
Joy Baxter, Green Team Chair

St. Paul's has a 25.5 kW solar system installed on three properties in the cemetery, two rental houses and the cemetery maintenance building. During 2023, 16,800 lbs of CO<sub>2eq</sub> was saved due to electricity generated by our solar installation instead of by the grid.

See in-time generation from the solar installation in action from links on the Creation Care page of St. Paul's website: <https://www.stpaulsardmore.org/creation-care>

The amount of electricity generated in 2023, 27,724.4 kWh, was 111% of our 3 houses (2 rental houses and parsonage) and cemetery maintenance building electricity usage or 27% of total campus electricity usage including the main church building.

The solar installation also benefited the church operating fund in 2023 by \$4064.47. This value was derived from several sources:

- \$2604.00 Rental house payments for electricity consumed
- \$1001.20 Virtual net metering to parsonage from cemetery maintenance building (offsets parsonage electricity usage through a monetary credit from PECO)
- \$315.39 Excess solar credit from PECO for 1345 Wynnewood
- \$220.84 SREC income
- \$48.63 Solar value of electricity used at cemetery maintenance building
- -\$125.59 PECO charges for two rental properties

Even though the solar system installation started in 2022, it was technically completed in March 2023 when PECO gave "Permission to Operate" for the two rental houses on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, and March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 for the cemetery maintenance building. These are the dates when PECO started giving the "net metering" benefit for the solar energy not used immediately by the buildings.

In addition, SRECs did not start to be generated until May 2023. It is anticipated that in 2024 there will be more realized value due to 2.5 more months of realized electricity production from the largest array and ½ month more production from the other two arrays and increased SREC income. In addition, the Inflation Reduction Act allowed for Direct Pay of 30% installed cost to be returned to nonprofits. That capital return of \$21,088 is expected this year.

Ash Wednesday  
February 14



*Holy Communion &  
Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 pm*

*Service will be live streamed*



## **Sundays in Lent:**

February- 18, 25, March- 3, 10, 17

Sermon Series: Covenant

*Trusting God's Everlasting Promise*



## **Wednesdays in Lent:**

*Affirming our Baptismal Promises*

February- 21, 28, March- 6, 13, 20

Soup Supper at **6:00 pm**  
Evening Prayer at **7:00 pm**



# ***St. Paul's Women's Retreat Returns!***

**Topic:** *Vocation: Deepening Your Sense of Calling at Work and in Life.*

Ever feel like your life is in a rut? Or that you're just going through the motions, working the to-do list, and blindly walking from day to day? This retreat will focus on calling us all back to the core of why we do the things we do. Come, be refreshed, and revived in your sense of calling every day.

**Fri. February 23, 5:00 pm – Sat. February 24, 3:00 pm**

**Location:** St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Road, Haverford, Pa 19041

## **Pastor Maggie Ainslie: Leader**

Pastor Maggie Ainslie is the Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital, where she supervises 45 paid and volunteer chaplains. Prior work includes Pastoral Care work in the Jefferson Hospital System, and 11 years pastoring Atonement Lutheran Church in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. Her husband Matt is a librarian at Temple University and they are parents to Ben (20) and Isaac (18). They live in Swarthmore.

**Cost:** *\$165*, includes use of meeting spaces & grounds, overnight accommodation, Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. *\$90*: for Saturday only registration.

\*\*Please note as dietary restricted/allergies, requiring a certain meal, i.e. gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, or pescatarian when registering \*\*

(Checks made payable: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and left on Aimee's desk in the office.)

**Registration and payment deadline: Sunday February 4.**

For more information contact Diane Pringle:  
<mailto:dianepringle101@gmail.com>

# **PUB THEOLOGY**

**Monday, February 26**

**Sam's Brick Oven Pizza, County Line Road**

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



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!



## January Birthdays

- 1 Aiden Gale, Morgan Gale, Michael Ruehr, Ginger Vitty
- 4 Sarah Krissinger
- 5 Ginger Mace
- 6 Kari Draper
- 7 Alexa Foust, Giang Nguyen
- 8 Olivia Osborne
- 9 Beth McElvenney
- 10 Eugene Bright, Andy Horn
- 11 David Harkins, Frank Roth, Emily Tripple, Kylie Williams
- 12 Zoe Bozman, Jake Mullin
- 15 Luke Curtis, Kendall Henderson, Louise Pierce, Molly Trombello
- 18 Chris Geiger, John Nagle, Jim Van Horn
- 19 Russ Carstens, Jason Sack
- 20 John Martin, Grady P. Walters, Anthony Wilkerson
- 22 Melanie DeWarf, Ellie Jacobson, Christina Wagner
- 23 Barbara Orwig, Grady L. Walters
- 24 Timothy Lyons
- 28 Denette Stetler
- 29 Paige Badovick, Ben Brophy
- 30 Vernon Newhouse
- 31 Charlotte McColgan

## February Birthdays

- 1 Ben Barron, Jack Conybear, Chip O'Neill, Jim Scherzer
- 2 Daniel Dry
- 3 Debbie Keyser, Connor Perry, Ginette Wendelken
- 4 Noah Isenberg
- 5 Tommy Freestone
- 6 Colleen Schramm
- 7 Rolf Johnson
- 8 Susan Janasik, David Williams
- 9 Laura Bickert Ciarllo
- 10 Charlotte Conybear, Sean Hopkins
- 11 Dottie Buchanan
- 12 Ty Kunsu, Lisa Nagle
- 13 Ellie Nagle, Hannah Nagle
- 14 Grant Gale, Ellie Krissingner
- 15 Jennifer Curtis, George Koerner
- 16 Sarah Scherzer, Lee Berry, Anders Laurersen, Adam Trombello
- 17 Lily Aleardi, Colin Marshall, Arianna Martino, Devany Penne
- 18 John Byrne, Jack Denman, Sharon Robinson
- 20 Bonnie Legreid, Paul Trombello
- 23 Paul Schimpff
- 24 Joanne Cooper
- 25 Addilyn Stellwagen
- 26 Melissa Gaile
- 27 Michele Allman, Sarah DeLar, Charlotte Memmel, Rebecca Memmel
- 28 Ronan Badovick, Lauren Baxter, Kristen June, Brian Kistler, Ariel Shaw





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