

# *The Chimes*

*March 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](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsardmore)

*&*

[www.youtube.com/stpaulslutheranchurchardmore](https://www.youtube.com/stpaulslutheranchurchardmore)

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*415 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003*

*The Rev. Laura Tancredi, Pastor*

*The Rev. Timothy Ness, Youth & Family Minister*

*610-642-3211*

[www.stpaulsardmore.org](https://www.stpaulsardmore.org)

# FAREWELL & HAPPY RETIREMENT



## DAVE CURRY

Join us, during worship service on **Sunday March 10**, with well wishes and heartfelt “Thank You’s” to Dave, for his 15 years of dedicated service as St. Paul’s Caretaker.

If you’d like to contribute to a cash gift, to be presented to him, please deliver to office by March 9.

---

**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 Thursday, March 28. Your articles are due in the office no later than Wednesday March 20.

# Pastor's Letter



---

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this article, we are one week into the season Lent. Recently I was talking with a friend of mine who is not a church-goer (and didn't grow up in the church either), and she had a ton of questions about Lent—and a lot of misconceptions about it, too! “Is that when you're not supposed to have fun or eat chocolate?”

But those misconceptions are also things that those of us who are active in a congregation might wonder about, too. Why do we observe Lent? What are we supposed to do during this season? And why do we say it lasts 40 days, when anyone with a calendar and basic arithmetic skills can see it's really 48?

Lent as a season grew organically in the early church. The celebration of Easter was always central to our worship as Christians, and as converts came to the church, they were usually baptized on this most important festival day. The season before Easter became a time of preparation, prayer, and study. It became formalized as a period of 40 days to reflect and mirror Jesus' time in the wilderness.

As the church grew and spread, there were fewer adult converts to the faith, and most people were being baptized as infants. So the season of Lent changed as well, and became a general season of renewal and refocused dedication.

Throughout the years, it became a very penitential and somber season, but it doesn't have to be. We can take Lent seriously as a time for focus on prayer and our relationship with God without insisting that there be no fun (or no chocolate!).

Lent is a time to return to the Lord. To assess the ways our lives have gotten out of sync with God's intention. Because Jesus mentions them specifically in Matthew 6, the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving have always been central to Lent.

These three things can take many forms: adding a daily devotion, attending midweek services, giving something up, taking on a meaningful practice like daily gratitude or time outside, finding a new charity or cause to support. There's no one right way to do Lent, and if whatever we choose to do draws us closer to God and to our neighbors, it's a great thing!

Finally, that question of math: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Maundy Thursday, when we enter the Great Three Days. And the forty days of Lent do not include Sundays, which, as the day when Christ was raised, are always a feast day.

However you observe Lent—whether it's through one or more of these practices, or something else entirely—I pray you have a blessed and holy season. May we be drawn in by God's never-ceasing love, nourished in our faith, and (re-)shaped as God's hands and feet in the world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Laura

*Laura M. Tancredi*

---

---

## 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); 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, 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); Gail Feustal; as well as Overbrook Presbyterian Church and it's community.*

# Women's Christian Fellowship

Thursday's 1:00- 2:30 pm

**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 grown- ups?

In-person or online

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577587862?pwd=VXY4L2hZNUd0KzhKc  
k51d2ZsbFVZdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577587862?pwd=VXY4L2hZNUd0KzhKc<br/>k51d2ZsbFVZdz09)

**Meeting ID: 825 7758 7862**

**Passcode: 590284**



## **Families with Young Children**

Snacks with the Easter Bunny

**Sunday, March 17**

2:00 – 4:00 pm

We are asking families to bring snacks to share. Some snacks and  
drinks will be provided.

If you have your own Easter baskets, please bring them for the egg  
hunt.

There will be snacks, crafts, an egg hunt, and Bunny visits!

RSVP to [office@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:office@stpaulsardmore.org) by 3/11

## 2024 Congregational Council

<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Joan Talley</b>
<b>Christian Ed.</b>	<b>Angela Freestone</b>
<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Stephenie Yeung</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>William Henderson Jr.</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Scott Ruehr</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>Robert Hampson</b>
<b>Social Ministry</b>	<b>Laura Bickert Ciarllo</b>
<b>Staff Personnel</b>	<b>Frank Roth</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>William Wagner</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>Steve Kistler</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>Nicole Barron</b>

### Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	<b>William A. Henderson Jr.</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>William Wagner</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Donald Parman</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Angela Freestone</b>

**Bill Henderson Jr.**

**[WilliamAllenHendersonJr@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamAllenHendersonJr@gmail.com)**

**Cell-484-437-8472**

## Welcome Sean Forde!

We welcome Sean Forde, who starts on February 26 as our new caretaker. Sean has a background in carpentry and construction and lives in Havertown with his family. If you stop by during the week, be sure to say hi and introduce yourself!

# Social Ministry

Full Freezer = Nourished Neighbors

Thanks to all who have contributed meals  
to our Caring For Friends freezer.

We are off to a FANTASTIC start to 2024  
with 120 meals in less than a month.

For the first time in years, we were able to  
deliver to headquarters instead of needing  
the dinners for local delivery.

Keep up the tremendous effort!

If anyone has questions about becoming a  
volunteer or making meals for CFF, please  
be in touch with

Lisa Lexa at (610) 291 - 1475

**Youth Group**

**Grades 6 – 12**

**Sunday, March 10**

**4:00 – 6:00 pm**



Come on out for a small service project  
Dinner and Games provided

RSVP to Pastor Tim

# **Sundays in Lent:**

Sermon Series: Covenant

*Trusting God's Everlasting Promise*

## **Topics:**

**March 3: Contracts and Covenants**

**March 10: Unbreakable**

**March 17: Written on the heart**

## **Garden Planting**

Our first garden planting is coming up!

**Sunday, March 24, 11:00 am**

Join us after worship to plant our early spring crops in the garden! All are welcome, we will have lunch provided after.





## **Wednesdays in Lent:**

**7:00 pm**

### *Affirming our Baptismal Promises*

March 6: Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger, “To proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed”

March 13: Rev. Dr. James Pollard, “To serve all people, following the example of Jesus”

March 20: Rev. Regina Goodrich, “To strive for justice and peace”

### **Soup & Bread Suppers in Lent**



**Wednesdays 6:00 pm**

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

**If you are preparing soup, please provide a list of ingredients to assist those with allergies.**

Wednesday night services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. You can watch with or without a Facebook account at:

[facebook.com/stpaulsardmore](https://facebook.com/stpaulsardmore)



### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Palm and Passion Sunday** | March 24, 10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday** | March 28, 7:00 pm

**Good Friday** | March 29, 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** | March 31, 9:00 am & 10:45 am

Reception in between services

**GODSPELL**

### **Movie Time**

**3:00 pm, Kugler Room**

Start Holy Week with a screening of  
*Godspell* (1973 film).

Runtime: 1 hour 43 minutes.

Popcorn provided, feel free to bring other snacks to



# RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 4  
1:00 - 6:00 pm



**American Red Cross**

Sign-up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), search sponsor code: StPaulArdmore, or contact Christina Thompson [christina.thompson@redcross.org](mailto:christina.thompson@redcross.org)

## Green Team News

Interested in joining our

### COMPOST BIN SWAP PROGRAM



Scan the QR code to sign up & receive a compost bucket



Fill your bucket with organics



We provide clean buckets and liners.



We collect it & the cycle repeats!

Program hosted by  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Services provided by Mother Compost



Contact us:  
610-509-9700  
[info@mothercompost.com](mailto:info@mothercompost.com)

**COMPOST PICK UP, MARCH 20**  
**4:30 – 8:00 pm**

## “Bee” Kind to God’s Creation

This year’s Sunday School and congregation–wide Lenten benevolence project will focus on bees, agriculture and beekeeping.

In order to be able to feed the world’s growing population, we need ever more food that is diverse, balanced and of good quality to ensure the well-being of humankind. Bees have an important part in providing high-quality food such as honey and healthcare products like beeswax and honey bee venom but the greatest contribution of bees and other pollinators is the pollination of nearly three quarters of the plants that produce 90% of the world’s food. One-third of the world’s food production depends on bees, i.e. every third spoonful of food depends on pollination.

ELCA Good Gifts provides critical support to ministries and programs that help people in need throughout the world.

- **For \$20.00, we can purchase honeybees from ELCA Good Gifts.** Honeybees provide honey for a farmer to eat, beeswax that allows a farmer to start a small business selling their products, and a boost to crop growth by pollinating plants everywhere they go.
- For \$75 we can fund a woman to attend a Farmers’ field school to help provide equal access to training resources and result in food production that would put a significant dent in the number of people living with hunger.
- For \$220, we can purchase an ELCA Good Gift of Honeybees and a Community Vegetable Garden. The gift includes a shared plot of land and soil, drought-resistant seeds, and a gift of honeybees.

*Lutheran World Relief works with farmers and communities around the world to reduce global poverty and instability. Farming is the single largest source of income and jobs for poor rural households in the world. When families grow enough food for themselves and to sell for income, they are able to build self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.*

*The ELCA motto of “God’s Work, Our Hands” shows that that God is calling us into the world together and with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.*

Our project will run until April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday after Earth Day, and it would “bee” amazing if we collect enough money to fund one or more of these projects! Look for our special “beehive” for your donations!



## New Members

New Members will be received on **Sunday, April 14** during worship. If you'd like to become a member, especially if you were unable to attend the info session in February, please reach out to Pastor Laura!



## Save the Date: Lutheran Settlement House Fundraiser

*Powerful Together: A Fishtown Feast*

Tuesday April 30, 2024, from 6:00-8:30 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](https://lutheransettlement.org/events/powerfultogether)**



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

## March Birthdays



- 1 Mason D'Antonio
- 3 Trinh Tran
- 4 David Miller, Tyler Stellwagen, Savina Tintera
- 5 Aurora Shaw
- 6 Beau Iverson, Jeanne Nelson
- 7 Robin Hoose
- 8 Donna Carstens, Michael Cassidy
- 9 Kelly Mazzanobile
- 10 Jody Betz, Kai Isenberg, Christine Jerpbak
- 11 Mara Gutman, Abigail Lynch, Kimberly Schumacher
- 12 Tuyen Nguyen, Susan Osborne
- 13 Caroline Conybear, Sonja Streuber
- 14 Katherine Bode
- 15 Christine Fritton
- 16 Mark Foust, James Kistler, Alezander Norquist
- 17 Sarah Gutman, Julia Manning
- 18 Shane Boston, Mike Burns, David Wilson
- 19 Erika Gibb, Thomas Stellwagen, Aileigh Stout, Iain Stout
- 20 Judi DellaBadia, Sally Foster-Chang, Kate Schmeiss
- 21 James Dean
- 22 Colleen Kolb, Jason Kunsä
- 23 Andreas Gustafsson, Hannah Gustafsson, Alexa Schommer, James Stetler
- 24 Laura Balcer, Gail Feustal, Missy Perry, Abigail Venezia
- 25 Rebecca Cronin, Caleigh Foust, Luca Norquist, William Wagner
- 26 Kristen Copeland
- 27 Richard Schmeiss
- 28 Abigail Frey, David Simmons
- 29 Adalynn D'Antonio, Lorie Foust, Ava Sack, Sam Vettori, Irma Walters
- 30 Chris Cannon, Hayley, Caroly, Stellwagen, Lynn Yancavage

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

Change Service Requested  
Time Dated Material