

# *The Chimes*

*November 2023*



St. Paul's  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *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)

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

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## **All Saints Sunday** Sunday, November 5

Join us for our 10:00 am worship service as we honor our newest saints, those who have been baptized during the past year. We will also give thanks for the lives of those who have died and are now in God's hands.

**Join us for All Ages Sunday School at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall**



Set your clocks back one  
hour before bed on  
**Saturday, November 4.**

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**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 Wednesday, November 29. Your articles are due in the office no later than Friday, November 24.

# Pastor's Letter

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Dear siblings in Christ,

What does it mean to be thankful? As we look forward into November and celebrating Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we hear words like thankfulness and gratitude often. Less often do we ponder what those words truly mean and how we live them out.

Thanksgiving, a holiday meant to celebrate gratitude for a life-sustaining harvest, has become a symbol of consumption and consumerism. Advent, a time of expectation and hope, has become frenetically filled with holiday parties, school events, and ticking presents off the list. Christmas, means to celebrate God's miraculous presence with us, has become about sales and marketing.

In the face of all of this, what does it mean to be thankful? To show gratitude? We read in the Psalm 100: "Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name."

Thankfulness, at its core, is a response to the many blessings of God in our lives. It is a reflection on what we have been given, and it is a consideration on how we can bless others. Thankfulness and gratitude are not just feelings, but rather attitudes and actions that reflect our blessedness to others. Through sharing and encouraging others, we spread thankfulness and gratitude.

But gratitude doesn't just benefit others; it is also a way of pushing back against cultural forces that tell us we ought to always seek more. By giving, we recognize our true dependence on God. But we also realize that we have more than enough in a culture that is constantly telling us we are lacking.

This year at St. Paul's, we will have consecration Sunday on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It is an opportunity for all of us to consider how our generous gifts can be blessings to others through the ministry of the church. This past year we have seen firsthand how generosity enables great things to happen: through our garden which has produced abundant blessings to share, through our Rally Day service projects, through our outreach efforts, including our very first Trunk-or-Treat, through our fellowship and time spent together. Imagine what we can do together with God in 2024!

So, brothers and sisters, although this time can get hectic and busy, I invite you into a season of gratitude. A season of reflection on our blessings and how we may bless others. And may the God who has provided us with every good thing, continue to bless us during this holy time.

In Christ,

*Laura M. Tamcredi*

Pastor Laura

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## Prayers

**Please pray for our men and women in the armed services,** Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); 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); Sandy Foote (friend of Sandy Farina); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Rev. Arlene Greenwald (friend of Kris Peterson); Neil and Rosemary Jacob (friends of the Miller's); Jim Kamedrze (cousin of Bob Burns); Beth Kane, Tom Keyser, Kathleen Martini (friend of Laurie DeWarf); Andy McGhee (friend of Bill Henderson); 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); Mary Jo Scott (friend of Belle Miller); Joel Wilkins (friend of Louise Pierce); Andy (nephew of Linda & Bob Burns); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Bart (brother of Gail Feustel); Jenn Phelps, Betty (aunt of Liz Cassidy) and Colleen (friend of Mark Muller).

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## Baptism

**Ewan Johnson Boyd**, son of Jeffrey Boyd and Rebecca Johnson was baptized on October 15.

### **Ardmore Food Pantry Social Ministry Challenge**

The November Challenge will be a Protein challenge - we're asking folks to bring in donations of canned chicken, meat, tuna/fish, beans. If we're able to collect 200+ cans of this, we'll host a Christmas Cookie decorating treat on Dec. 10 for Coffee Hour.

### **Women's Dinner**

**When: Monday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

**Where: Casey's Restaurant**

812 N Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

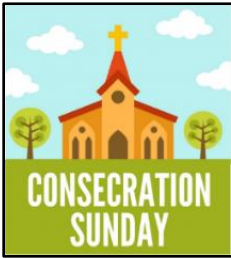
*(Across from the Acme / Bond Shopping Center ... next to CVS)*

**How: Everyone will pay for whatever they ordered plus 25%  
for tip and tax.**

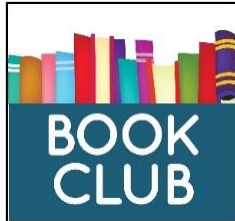
*If you can RSVP to the church office or Beth McElvenney, that would be helpful to get an accurate headcount and in case we need to reschedule)*

## **Farewell to Carisa Cantor**

Carisa Cantor, our Parish Administrator of 10 years, is leaving us soon to be closer to her family. Join us on Sunday, November 12, to wish her farewell and Godspeed. We will have a special blessing in worship, followed by a festive coffee hour to celebrate Carisa's time with us and wish her well.



**Save the Date**  
Consecration Sunday  
November 19



**Tuesday, November 28**  
***Between Two Kingdoms* by Suleika Jaouad**

A searing, deeply moving memoir of illness and recovery that traces one young woman's journey from diagnosis to remission to re-entry into "normal" life—from the author of the *Life, Interrupted* column in *The New York Times*.

## November Birthdays

2	Joanne Mullin
3	Grant Heller, Wyatt Schmeiss
4	Reed Lukaszewicz, Camryn Lyons
5	Kathryn Kerr, Matt Wendelken
6	Sarah Carstens, Hanna Lyons, Maddie Tintera
8	Carolyn Ashburn, Susie Stout
9	John Freestone, Marianne Weldon
11	Michael Dean, Ella Gill
14	Libby Anderson, Bridget Mullin
15	Peg Gibb, Megan Ruehr
16	Ellen Conybear, Jordan Cox
17	Boofie Younkin
18	Alex McColgan
19	Earl Fox
20	RJ Weldon
21	Stark Lash
22	Larry DeWarf, Christine Mazzanobile, Wendy McGarvey
23	Carol Hammarberg
24	Paige Carnall
26	Patrick Freestone, Stephen Kistler
29	Angie Freestone



## Green Team News

The Main Line Carbon Pollution Reduction Initiative (MLCPRI) is offering a series of 3 programs focused on energy conservation, efficiency, and clean energy.

MLCPI is a grassroots initiative created by a small group of environmentally active Lower Merion Township residents. They have developed three 1.5-hour educational programs based on science and carbon reduction best practices.

The final program will be **Wednesday 11/29 @ 7 p.m.** -- “Buying Renewable Energy for your Home” (we recommend participants bring a phone/tablet to be able to look at these resources online as they are discussed.) The session will be held in Fellowship Hall.



## **Save the Date**

The Retreat is returning after 4 years.

**Friday, 5pm-Saturday, 3pm  
February 23-24, 2024**

Leader: Pastor Maggie Ainslie

Location: St. Raphaela Center  
616 Coopertown Road, Haverford, PA

Coordinator: Diane Pringle

More information to come.

## **Save the Date**

**St. Paul's Annual Meeting  
Sunday, February 11, 2024**









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