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## St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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## Pastor's Letter

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May 2024

Dear siblings in Christ,

During the Easter season, our readings in church follow a very prescribed order. The gospel on Easter Sunday is always an account of the Resurrection. On Easter 2, it is the story of Doubting Thomas. Easter 3 gives us a story of the resurrected Christ sharing a meal with his disciples. Easter 4 is a passage from John 10, on the Good Shepherd. The first readings during the season of Easter are always from the book of Acts, sharing the stories of the early church. And the second readings always go sequentially through an epistle.

This year, that epistle is 1 John. It's a great book—a short one, too, if you're ever inspired to read a whole book in one sitting—written to and for a community living through changing and challenging times. This group of early Christians was trying to figure out who they were and how they would follow Christ when things that they'd once taken for granted—their faith community, their neighbors, their families—all suddenly looked very different.

My favorite verse from 1 John is perhaps its most famous: “Little children, let us love, not in word or in speech, but in truth and action” (1 John 3:18). As author and former Peace Corps director Jerry Sternin said, “It's easier to act your way into a new way of thinking, than think your way into a new way of acting.”

I love this idea that our habits and our actions influence our beliefs, because so often we assume it's the other way around! But when we're struggling, when we're not sure what we believe, when the whole world seems confusing and scary, this is when we continue to walk the walk. When we continue *doing* the things that Christ bids us do: loving our neighbors as ourselves, sharing his love, being people marked by forgiveness and mercy.

In some ways, it's almost a "fake it 'til you make it" mentality, which can seem flippant when talking about our faith. But I love the idea that we don't always have to have it all figured out to be *doing* the stuff of discipleship. That it's okay to have questions and doubts, and at the same time, we are still active in following Christ. One does not negate the other.

So, beloved of God, let us love, perhaps *not just* in word and in speech, *but also* in truth and action. And may we be drawn ever closer to the one who appears despite our doubts to share with us the resurrected life of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Laura

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## **Kitchen Update**

At our 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting, a proposal was raised to update the industrial stoves and ovens in our basement kitchen to both increase functionality and safety and also to reduce our emissions and waste produced by these appliances. At the February meeting, after much discussion, the congregation voted to table the issue, to assess the situation further.

Church Council created a Task Force to look into this issue and make a recommendation to council. The Task Force members were: Laura Bickert Ciarllo, Rob Hampson, Don Parman, Bill Wagner, and Stephenie Yeung.

The Kitchen Task Force took time to confer with the Green Team, who made the original motion, talk to chefs and cooks, and considered several options. Their proposal to purchase new stoves for both the downstairs and upstairs kitchens, and a new refrigerator for both kitchens was approved by Church Council at our April meeting. These new units will increase safety, improve functionality, and significantly reduce our emissions.

The total cost of these upgrades is \$22,000, and we have received two generous gifts towards this project, totaling \$15,000. The remaining money needed will be able to be accommodated in the 2024 budget. No money will be required from our Endowment Fund.

With council's approval, work on this project will begin in the coming weeks, and we are excited for the new and improved kitchens to be ready soon!

## Prayers

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**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; Mary Devereaux (niece of Boofie Younkin); Carl DellaBadia (brother-in-law of Judi DellaBadia); 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); MaryJo Scott (friend of Belle Fernandez); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Jason Hoose (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tom Keyser; Lynda McNab; Kathleen Martini (friend of Laurie DeWarf); Irma Payan; Johnathan Richards (friend of Pastor Tim); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Dorothy Schulz (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Joel Wilkins (friend of Louise Pierce); Bart (brother of Gail Feustel); Jenn Phelps; 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); and Agnes Schopff (friend of Bill Henderson)*

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

# Upcoming Concerts

## Temple University Prep Orchestra

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Sunday May 5, 3:00 pm @ St. Paul's

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.

The program is free and open to the public;  
an offering will be collected to support the program.

Reception to follow.

## **Polyphony**

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Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 pm @ St. Paul's

Nazareth-based nonprofit Polyphony Education aims to bridge the divide between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel through excellence in western classical music education and performance and foster a vibrant shared Israeli society based on mutual respect and partnership. Particularly during such highly polarizing times, music and the arts can bring diverse musicians, audiences, and communities together, inspiring empathy, communication, and hope. **Concert highlights:** Mendelssohn String Quartet No.1 Op. 12; Mozart Duo No. 1 for Violin and Viola in G Major. Works by Bach, Hindemith, Glière and Dvorak.

# Lutheran Night at the Phillies



**Friday, May 31**

Join St. Paul's in supporting our synod's youth ministries and having a great time at the ballpark! Lutheran Night at the Phillies is Friday, May 31, for a 6:40 game vs. the St. Louis Cardinals.

If you'd like to be part of St. Paul's group ticket order, please RSVP by May 1 to the church office. Our aim is to purchase tickets around \$35 each, but we may need to be a little flexible with a large group order.

Need a ride? Have an extra seat in your car? Please let us know so we can help coordinate carpooling for those interested.

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## **Blood Drive**

**Monday, May 6, 1:00-6:00 pm**

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



**American  
Red Cross**



formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line

On **Wednesday, May 8**, members of St. Paul's will host and provide dinner at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ardmore for the parents and children in the Family Promise program.

There are three families currently in the program, including three parents and three children (ages 2-15 years old).

There are a few ways that you could help:

**Bringing Dinner**

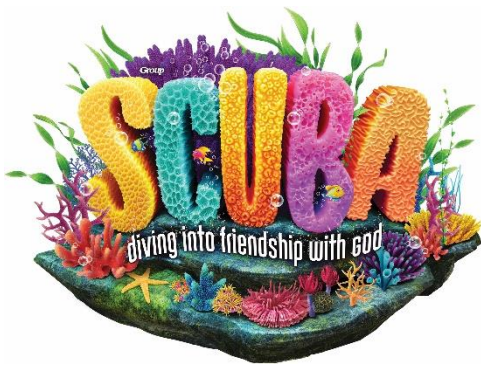
From 5:45-6:00 pm, we need people to bring dinner (beverages, salad, main dish, side, and dessert).

**Hosting**

From 6:00-8:00 pm, we need a responsible adult to be present until the overnight host arrives.

Contact Beth McElvenney (610-853-2244 or [bethmcelvenney@gmail.com](mailto:bethmcelvenney@gmail.com)) for more information or to be put on the sign-up list.

**Future dates:** October 2 and December 5



# Vacation Bible School

**June 17-21**  
**9:00-12:00**

## Registration Information

Children aged 4 through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2024 are welcome to attend. The cost is \$20 for a single child and \$30 for a family (2+ children).

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



## Volunteer Sign-Up

We need your help to make Vacation Bible School a success! Follow this link to sign-up to volunteer. Volunteers can come for just one or two mornings, or the whole week! Those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome to volunteer. Youth and adult volunteers needed!

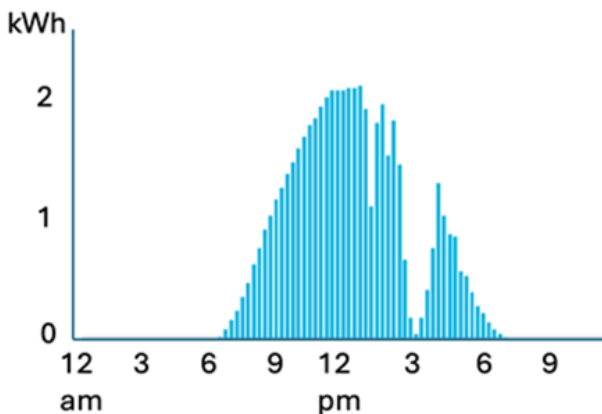


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# Green Team News

Our solar panels registered the solar eclipse! The graph below shows the solar production on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, of the solar panels on the larger rental house in the cemetery. The dip in production around 3 pm shows the absence of solar energy from the eclipse!



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## Community Garden Update



Thank you to all who assisted with early spring garden planting! We now have potatoes, carrots, napa cabbage, green and red cabbage, kale, collards, peas, wax beans, green beans, beets, and onions growing in our garden beds! We're working on including identification on the garden bed board so everyone will know what is planted where, and we'll start noting when weeding and other maintenance help is needed. Starting May 5, we anticipate being able to begin our Sunday harvests after worship, and please save the date for our summer planting on May 12 after worship!

# **Women's Potluck and Caring for Friends Event**

**Monday, June 10  
6:00 pm**

Please join us for a special evening of food and fellowship: a Women's Potluck Dinner, followed by a Caring for Friends meal packaging from our leftovers!

We're asking each attendee to bring a dish for 6-8 people that will be appropriate for freezing and reheating.

- Last names A-L, please bring entrees.
- Last names M-Z, please bring sides.

Salad, bread, and dessert will be provided. After we enjoy our meal, we'll make up Caring for Friends trays for the freezer—our leftovers will become our neighbors' much appreciated dinners! We'll be using the new style of packaging meals, just a tray and cardboard lid, which also serves as a label, so it's a great opportunity to learn how to package meals at home.

*"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." -Isaiah 58:10*

Please let Beth McElvenney ([bethmcelvenney@gmail.com](mailto:bethmcelvenney@gmail.com)) or the church office know if you are planning to attend.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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## May Birthdays

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- 1 Tessa Kraut, Melissa Krissing, Vincent Rodgers
- 2 Hope Iverson, Tyler Soung, Madelyn Venezia
- 3 Ingrid Gustafsson, Steen Hoyer
- 4 Kim Boston, Robin Mazzanobile
- 5 Charles Bode, Maxwell Frey, Erika Schweitzer
- 6 Christopher Bozman, Nicole Byrne, Carrie Kelly, Asher Stanley
- 7 Wendy McColgan
- 8 Stacy Dean
- 9 Shane Foust, Zachary Kraut
- 10 Tom Copeland
- 11 Dan Gale, Carolyn Hoffman, Betty McElwee
- 12 Craig Pringle
- 13 Liam Stanley
- 14 Blake Ertner
- 15 Amanda Fox, Sarah June, Zachary Zimmer
- 17 Amanda Vickrey
- 18 Adeline Tancredi-Ness
- 19 Maura McKeown
- 21 Kaitlyn Cox
- 22 Amy Badovick, Wendy Black, Peter Mazzanobile, Barb Parman
- 23 Kent Cprek, Bill Frey, Lydia Tripple
- 24 Lucia Ciarllo, Madison Ruehr, Mia Ruehr, Nancy Trimbur
- 25 Kelly Lauersen, Kristine Peterson, Claire Robinson
- 27 Jamie Koerner, Rosemarie Lieb-Gormley
- 29 Will Horn
- 31 Jack Vettori

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