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Sunday Schedule

- Early Communion Service • 8:00 AM
- Sunday Church School • 9:15 AM
- Contemporary Service • 9:15 AM
- Traditional Service • 10:30 AM

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 1 PM; 1:30 - 4:30 PM

The Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center

- a ministry of St. Paul's

Weekdays: Mon - Fri • 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
infant, toddler, 3 & 4 yrs, Pre-K, 6-12 yrs

Not to be missed...

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~ STATEMENT OF MISSION ~

St. Paul's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a gathering of God's people called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. To fulfill our mission we are committed to be a faith community that:

- invites and welcomes others to share in the ministry of this church;
- gathers in joyful thanksgiving to be nourished by God's gifts of Word and Sacrament;
- promotes daily discipleship of its members by following Christ's example;
- provides a variety of opportunities for making Christ's love known through worship, education, fellowship, service, and the stewardship of God's gifts;
- responds to Christ's call for justice and peace in our community and world.

Partners in Mission in the Body of Christ

Ministers:	The People of St. Paul's	
Pastor:	Pastor William A. Vanderslice	541-4130
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Parish Sexton:		679-5553
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	Sandy Young, After-School	679-0221

Our Congregational Council

Chris Brust	Karen Cummins, <i>Secretary</i>
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Gary Hager	Janet Hill
Reiner Mauer	Michelle Rose, <i>President</i>
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Linda Smith	Henry Thomas
Barry Troxel	Debbie Turofski
William A. Vanderslice, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Robert Walp

Committees, Groups and Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday at 8:00 PM
Altar Guild	Bonnie Thomas 679-5553
Appalachia Service Project	Larry Weiss 679-9632
Cemetery Association	Henry Thomas 679-2902
Cherub Choir	Patricia Klinger 610.265-3869
Christian Education	Patricia Klinger 610.265-3869
Finance	Charles Shagg 679-2083
Evangelism	
Kitchen	Donna Stever 679-7521
Men's Fellowship	church office 679-5553
Music Committee	Mr. Reiner Mauer 679-6886
Narcotics Anonymous	Sunday at 8:00 PM
Newsletter - Vision	Church Office 679-5553
Prison Ministry	Bonnie Bonser 679-9126
Property	Frank Grim 679-5553
Stewardship Committee	Rbt. Foreman, S. Rose, Rbt. Walp
Girl Scouts	Cindy Robinson 215-541-1705
Cub Scouts	Ed Moreland 215-892-3174
Youth Team	Kelly Lesko/Vicar 679-5553

February Birthdays

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|----------------------|
| 2 | Andrew Johnson | |
| | Jennifer Raider | |
| | Jennifer Scoma | |
| 3 | Daron Pijanowski | |
| 5 | Lynn Compton | 20 Mildred Dulin |
| | Janine Lossino | Debbie Eisenhart |
| | Clyde Richard | Rachel Vanderslice |
| | Tammy Skavinsky | 21 Mia Baringer |
| | Virginia Zimmerman | Leah Frank |
| 6 | Beth Jenkins | Alecsander Rea |
| | Britt Kerr | Zakary Reck |
| | Fern Roth | 22 Jeff Liddle |
| | Jeffrey Thomas | 23 Quinten Felton |
| 7 | James Henry | 24 Stacey Horrocks |
| | Edith Stevens | Anthony Sobjak |
| 8 | Elaine Belick | 25 Alan Gryshuk |
| | Charles Shagg III | Robert Kratzer |
| | James Shelly | Brenda Koder |
| | Kevin Weeks | 27 J Schmidenberg |
| 9 | David Hoffman | Robert Walp |
| | Michael Wimmer | 28 Doris Brendlinger |
| 10 | Cindy Godshall | Jocelyn Elias |
| | Scott Henry | Dan Heinrichs |
| | Erik Olsen | Alexandra Miller |
| 11 | Nicole Belick | |
| | Craig Frank | |
| | Jeffrey Frye | |
| 12 | C. Donald Lechner | |
| | Barbara Woehr | |
| 13 | Jack Ambuka | |
| | Alan Richard | |
| | Erin Uber | |
| | Mary Lou Weber | |
| 14 | Adam Burnley | |
| | Diane Greisemer | |
| 15 | Candie Brown | |
| 16 | Kevin Brey | |
| | Erna Heintz | |
| | Ronald Leister | |
| 17 | Connor Rea | |
| | Shea Reeder | |
| 19 | Sophia DeVoll | |
| | Sheree Harris | |
| | Emily Henry | |

Rebecca Walter



Did we miss your birthday? Not on purpose. So sorry. Let us know.

In our Prayers

~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

Robert Wood-*LVH-178*
Verna Thomas- *GrandView*
Georgie Leister- *Grand View*

~ At Home ~

Naomi Bartholomew
Louis Barner- *Tom Sand's father*
Mary Lou Bechtel- *friend of C Weiss*
Norm & Muriel Benner
infant Ryan Cairns- *grandson of John Cairns*
Clara Castorina- *Alice Oliver's sister*
Richard Croisette- *Claude's brother*
Linda Dunn- *friend of D McMurtrie*
Michael Dziedzic- *brother L Foreman*
Ty Eckhart- *friend of L Foreman*
Carol Elias
Marylisa Escobar- *friend of Hager's*
Richard Frederick- *friend of F Grim*
Don Fuoss- *Donna Montich's father*
Frank Ganther-*friend of the Kressly & Elias families*
Orphia Gardian-*D Richard's mother*
Evelyn Gerhard
Delia Grim- *Frank Grim's mother*
Ray Grucello
Ward Haines- *Bonnie Ferrero's dad*
Marion Henry
Honey- *Rose Sherer's sister*
Wm. Kelso- *neighbor of Leister's*
Shirley Keyser
Carol Kratzer
Lisa Lancellotti- *wife of friend of M Rose*
Alma Leister
Betty Lonergan- *K Cummins' mother*
Shirley Marconi- *D Turofski's mother*
Molly Mauro- *J McMurtrie's cousin*
Calvin Miller- *Barb Miller's grandson*

Donald Moll- *friend of Loretta Baver*
Delue Moyer
Ed Peery- *Tim Klavon's uncle*
Pastor Phillips- *LCT Nursing*
Tom Sands
Hal & Marianne Schatz
Christoph Schmidt
Mildred Seasholtz
Kelly Sell- *Diane Schantz's daughter*
Braden Sell- *nephew of Jeremiah Sell & Heather Walter*
Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*
Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*
Ronald Swinehart- *friend of the Grim's*
Serge Szuhaj- *father-in-law of Kristin Richard Szuhaj*
Joyce Wimmer
Gene Woehr
Ruth Wonsidler
Nancy Yerger



Retirement & Nursing



Frederick Mennonite Community

Norman & Muriel Benner
Ernest Brendlinger
Ginny Dale
Charlie Keck
Don & Frannie Lechner
Anna Mensch

Life Quest, Quakertown

Grace Leister
Gordon Leister

Lutheran Community @ Telford

Betty Mensch
R. Wm. Phillips
Evelyn Gerhard

Souderton Mennonite

Alverda Smoll

Pennsburg Manor

Fern Kurz
Dalton Boehm
Theresa Kautz
Hal Schatz

Manor Care Home, Allentown

Gladys Hetrick

Morlanton Villas, Douglasville

Virginia Mensch

Topton Lutheran Home

Lewis Gaul

~ Health Advocates Ministry ~

This article is brought to you by our Health Advocates Ministry. This health ministry system is designed to maintain and promote good health and illness prevention in our congregation. It integrates the concepts of physical, emotional and spiritual health to enrich the lives of our church community.



Today, many of us take medications on a regular basis. These medicines have often improved both the quality and duration of life. How much do you know about the medications that your doctor has prescribed? Do you read the instructions and warnings on the bottle? Some foods, or even supplements in your cabinet, may inhibit the action of a medication. Do you take your medications any old time? Some are better acting if the doses are spaced at regular intervals. Having a set routine for taking your medications means that you are less likely to forget your meds altogether. Also, keep a copy of your prescription and check it against what is written on your bottle. If you can, look up what the pill actually looks like (at pdrhealth.com) before you go to the pharmacy. Make sure that what you get looks like the picture. If not, check with the pharmacist. Finally, keep your prescription pills to yourself. Sharing them with others exposes them to risks, such as a potentially dangerous interaction with something that they are taking.

~ To Ensure Hospital Visitation ~

To ensure pastoral visitations, please give permission to the hospital to include you name in the patient information directory and also notify the church office.

~Current Staff Email Addresses~

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If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive information from the church via your e-mail, please e-mail us with your address so that we can add it to our e-mail address book.

~ A thank you ~

The family of Dorothy Koons would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Vanderslice and Vicar Jack for their support and prayers. Thank you to everyone who offered their sympathy and kept us in their thoughts and prayers. Thank you to all who participated in her funeral service. Thank you to all who helped with the luncheon after her service.

Sincerely, Robert Koons
Dolores, Debbie, David and families

~Bible Quiz~



What did Jesus say his earthly mission was all about? Choose the correct answer from the list below:

- A. Doing his own will
- B. Doing God's will
- C. Doing the will of the people
- D. All of the above

~ Community of Faith fund ~

You don't have to go to Africa to find people in need. We have started a fund to help people and families who have needs in our own faith community and neighborhood. If you would like to contribute to this fund, simply write "Community of Faith" on an envelope or memo line of your check.

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

~ An every day God ~

A missionary was telling a Native American about Christ, the Son of God, and how we gather every Sunday to worship our Creator. The man was curious why Christians worship together each week. "Does this God come only on Sundays?" he asked.

How would you have answered?

~ Quotes ~

"Faith doesn't get us out of trouble; faith gets us through it." *—Anonymous*

"One of the sanest, surest and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others." *—Archibald Rutledge*



~ The Lunch Bunch ~
A Fellowship Group for the Young at Heart

Glory, hallelujah! The Lunch Bunch is back. Come join us on Wednesday, February 10th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring your mug, your lunch and invite a friend. Put on your hat and scarf and come along for a ride in you merry Oldsmobile. Dab on some coldcream or see what the Flintstone's advertized as Pastor Vanderslice presents a program on "Vintage TV Commercials from the 1950's and Early 60's". It will be a stroll down memory lane when you could actually understand what the commercial was advertizing.



Coming up in March - don't miss the Bucktown Banjos.

**** Please save your Redner's tapes to support the Lunch Bunch. Make sure to use your Save a Tape card or ask the store to use theirs.**

~ Be a love bird ~

Many stories about the origin of Valentine's Day have come down through the centuries. There's no definitive story, but most revolve around the imprisonment of Valentinus (St. Valentine) for his disregard of Roman laws.

Many legends are also associated with Valentine's Day. For example, because birds seemed to arrive and mate in some countries in mid-February, human couples came to be called "love birds."

In 1667, the first recorded Valentine card was printed. Today, people will give their sweethearts countless millions of cards and acres of heart-shaped boxes filled with candy. But why wait for Valentine's Day to share love with others? Remember Jesus' words in John 13:34 (NRSV): "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."





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~ Warm Heart Tree report ~ Update

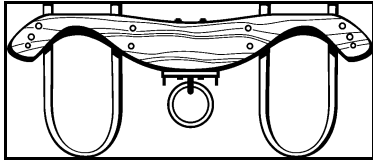
Vicar Jack went home to Kenya with \$825.31 for the village children, a potty seat for his parents and a portable shower for himself. Stay tuned.

~ Cemetery Flowers ~

*Please assist with the care of the cemetery.
 Within 30 days after any holiday
 or special occasion, please remove from the
 church cemetery floral decorations, flower
 plants and faded artificial arrangements.*

~ Christian Symbols ~

Yoke



The yoke is a burden of hardship and toil, as well as of subservience. But Jesus said the “yoke” of serving him is “easy” and that he provides rest for the weary (Matthew 11:28-30). The yoke also symbolizes human allegiance, as in marriage (2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV).

~ The natural religious sense ~

Humans are naturally people of wonder. We wonder at this amazing earth, our temporary but glorious home. We wonder at birth — the birth of a baby or bird or animal. We wonder at the mind-dazzling beauty of a rose. We wonder at love — the love of God, the love of a spouse or parent, the love of another who smiles and laughs when we share thoughts and experiences.

We wonder at scientific discoveries. We wonder about the gift of life and the puzzle of death. We wonder about our brain and talents. We wonder about our fascinating body, how a Genius put it together, what it can and cannot do.

I am simply full of wonder. Right now, I’m wondering what you’re wondering about. Are you wondering about God and what he has in mind for you today? tomorrow? for eternity?

D.H. Lawrence said, “When the wonder has gone out of a man, he is dead.” He also said, “All are related by one permanent element in all life: the sense of wonder. That is our sixth sense. And it is the natural religious sense.”

—Charles Ferrell

~ Hearts Ablaze Women’s Event ~

Ladies,

Are you tired of the long, dark, cold days of Winter yet?

Need something to look forward to?

Well, we have a day that is sure to warm your heart, tickle your funny bone, and take you out to lunch.

You are all invited to our third Women’s Event - Hearts Ablaze on Saturday, February 27, 2010. We will gather in Fellowship Hall from 9 to 9:45 AM for coffee, tea, and goodies while enjoying live harp music. Our program will begin thereafter with speakers, video, games, prizes, laughter, and just plain heartwarming fun. The entire morning is for fun. An optional freewill offering will be taken.



Then to complete the morning we will be going to the Gilbertsville TeaRoom for a high tea luncheon. The teahouse can accommodate 40 people and we must let them know how many are coming by February 15th. There is a sign-up sheet near the poster on the Fellowship hallway bulletin board. The total cost of the tea luncheon is \$20 (tip included).

Mark your calendar; reserve the date and invite as many friends as you wish. All are welcome. Questions: call Bonnie Bonser in the church office 215-679-5553 or Jan Woertz at 215-541-1027. Hurry. Sign up now!

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~ February Lutheran Magazine ~

ARE YOU CONNECTED? In February, *The Lutheran's* cover story enters the world of Facebook, Twitter and other social networks. Articles include: Social media and faith, a wedding and a funeral merge on ebook; First step: Just show up; Do's and don't's, say no to Facebook excess; and When does the mission trip end? It doesn't.

THERE'S SOMETHING for everyone and all ages in *The Lutheran's* February issue ... **meet** Fast Eddie, a 90-year-old lay minister who hands out cookies, communion and \$2 bills ... **find** out how parents can help build unity among young and old during worship ... **get** inspired by a swimmer who lost the use of her legs but not her spirit ... **learn** how youth (plus cookies!) showed God's love to prisoners ... **discover** the lost art of storytelling ... and **read** reviews of the *Lemon Tree* and *Mama, Will it Snow Tonight?*

CHURCHES IN ACTION: In *The Lutheran's* February issue ... **learn** how noise the kind that comes from kids is golden at a California congregation ... **visit** a once-empty church loft in New York City that brings in money and people ... **meet** a congregation in Harrisburg, Pa., that handed over their sanctuary to a Coptic Orthodox church ... and **travel** to California where carpentry meets self-examination in one Lutheran community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the ELCA and beyond? In *The Lutheran's* February issue ... **head** to port, where chaplains offer advocacy and moments of grace to seafarers ... **meet** an ELCA missionary who helps Japan's Lutherans serve dying people ... **get** an update on recent action Augsburg Fortress took on its defined benefit retirement plan ... and **find** news briefs that report on religion in the ELCA and world.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*
March cover story: Exploring the Bible in the new context.

- Enjoy a Lenten reflection.

- Learn about a Sunday afternoon worship service tailored for children with autism.
- See how lament serves as hope's real presence for the church.
- Travel to Mauritania, where the Lutheran World Federation builds wells.
- Discover how Tanzanians' pay forward a gift from Nebraska.

~ Looking for ways to help? ~

Be a Bulletin or Candle Sponsor ~ If you would like to congratulate, honor, or remember your loved ones, there is a Sanctuary Light or Bulletin sign up chart in the hallway or you call the church at 215.679.5553. The donation is \$20.

FLOWERS: There are also many openings for the sponsoring of Chancel flowers. Please call Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 if you wish to sponsor flowers. Arrangements start at \$30.

READERS & Communion Assistants
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AT 9:15
MUSIC & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

~ Equal opportunity~

When young Kelli said her prayers each night, she would bless every family member, every friend and every pet (current or past). Toward the end of her prayers, she'd say, "And all girls."

One night her father asked his daughter why she always ended that way.

"Because," she replied, "everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All men.'"

~ Chester squeaks - er - speaks ~

The Vision

February. It's the month when most of you people start complaining about the cold and the dull, gray days of Winter. It's the month when you men had better not forget that February 14th is Valentine's Day, that is if you want to stay happily married. Chocolate, flowers, jewelry, a dinner date, all the above; whatever it takes, just do it!



In addition to those things, you can make sure you send the wife off to the women's event ~ Hearts Ablaze on Saturday, February 27th. Oh, and give her the \$20 so she can go out to the tearoom lunch afterwards. Mother always has a grand time when she goes to these. She comes home laughing, relaxed, and in good spirits for many days thereafter.

Last month the vicar returned to Kenya for a week. He went off with over \$800 for the children in his village thanks to your generosity, an outhouse "box" complete with toilet seat and paper holder (do they use toilet paper in Kenya?), and a portable shower stall. Nothing like taking all the comforts of "home" home with you. Ah, how are you going to keep them "down on the farm" after they've lived in the good old US of A?! Have you seen the pictures? And if any of you are in desperate need of an outhouse box-seat, I know just the guy who can fix you up. Thanks, John.

Too bad he couldn't fix the chair-lift. Yes, it seems as if the parish assistant broke the chair-lift the evening of December 17th when she was so graciously transporting people to the sanctuary for the child care Christmas program. (Well, it really wasn't her fault.) Anyway the good news is, it's fixed and running like new. And the better news is, the kindly gentleman who fixed it didn't even charge us! Of course then the next month the telephone system gave up the ghost. She swears it was not her fault!

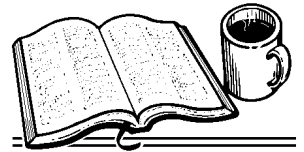
As you should know by now, since my family and I live here at St. Paul's we see and hear a lot. Most of you only know what goes on for one hour on a Sunday morning. But there are many things that have to be done week after week to keep a church ready for Sunday. We are blessed to have dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents to work hard behind the scenes. They don't receive acclaim nor would they acknowledge what they do to receive a pat on the back. You know who you are and the Lord sees your good deeds. Thank you for your service to the Lord, your church, and to your church family.

Happy Valentine's Day from our family to all of you. Love the Lord and love one another. And remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester

~ Bible studies ~

Looking for a Bible study? From September to May we offer a weekly Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM. We even provide dessert first. If you don't like evenings and are available to come in the afternoons, we offer a Bible study on the first & third Thursdays of each month from 1 to 2 something PM. Snack included. These both meet at the home of Bonnie Bonser. For more information, directions, questions, call the church office or leave a message at 215-679-9126. These Bible studies are open to everyone.



Always check the weekly church bulletin and the Vision calendar for any changes in the Bible study schedule.

Need a study at a different time or evening? Ask us about it.

~ Growing in grace ~

“And they said to one another, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’” Luke 24:32

“Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.”

Romans 12:11 Amp



Are you passive or passionate? What lights your fire? What kindles the flame inside you and causes you to get up and get going? In other words, what is really important to you? What charges your batteries and sets you zooming off? What lights up your life? What sets a fire

under you?

In our culture today it seems many people are like turtles. They just pull their heads inside their shells and hope the world and its problems go away. Or they are like ostriches and keep their heads buried in the sand. They seem to think if they avoid things long enough, maybe they will go away. Many others are zealous for causes like going green, save the whales, animal rights, global warming; but it's okay to murder babies if we call it abortion. In their worldly thinking they are passionate and zealous, but for the wrong things.

What was it that got Moses' attention out there on the side of the mountain in the wilderness while he was tending his father-in-law's sheep? A burning bush, right? But where did the fire come from? When the prophet Ezekiel had a vision of God and His throne, Ezekiel described God as being a fire from His waist up and a fire from His waist down. The writer of Hebrews says our God is a consuming fire. John the Baptist told the pharisees that the One Who was coming after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. And on the day of Pentecost fire sat on each of the 120 in the Upper room and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Common denominator? Fire! God literally lit a fire in each of those 120 when He filled them with His Holy Spirit.

You see, it's not a what, a cause, a thing we are to be passionate over. It's a Who we are to be zealous for - Jesus, the Lover of our souls. He is the One Who lights up our life because He is the giver of life. He is the One Who sets us aglow because He is the Light of the world. It is His word that should make our hearts burn because He is the Living Word full of truth and grace. If the Lord of Glory doesn't light up your life, maybe you need to ask yourself if He is really in your life. If the Word of God doesn't excite you and make you want to run off and tell everybody you meet, then maybe it's because you don't really know Him either.

Last month we talked about religion verses relationship. If we have a relationship with Jesus, if we are filled with His Holy Spirit, then He is the Lord of our life and we are happy and blessed, living to do whatever our Lord asks of us. But if we are just coming to church and going through the motions of tradition without the life changing transformation that the new birth gives, then no wonder we don't burn. There is no fire in us. We need to examine ourselves and be truthful with ourselves. Do we believe in Jesus in our head -that's mental assent, or do we believe with our heart, our whole heart? Because if we truly believe, our believing should translate into doing. The fire should be burning and we should be "hot to trot" for the things of the Lord! There's no sitting on the fence. Jesus says it's better to be hot or cold than to be lukewarm. Because if we're lukewarm He is going to spit us out of His mouth.

Did not our hearts burn within us? Does yours? It should if it's filled with the fire of God. Has your fire ever been lit? Have you allowed life's trails to throw water on your fire? May you pursue the things of God so you and everyone else will know you're really "hot stuff" on fire for the Lord! His grace will show you how.

Grace ~ the power of God working in us to do what we can not do for ourselves

~ Upper Perkiomen Child Care ~
a weekday early childhood educational ministry of St. Paul's



There is never a dull moment here at the Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center. The staff in each classroom provide fun and interesting learning experiences for their children. In addition to scholastic learning our children are taught to share, have manners, make good choices, and show respect to others. From all of us at UPCCC may your February be warm and filled with love. Just take it easy on the chocolate! Here is the news from our classrooms.

Nursery ~ In January we had to say good-bye to three of our friends Jocelyn, Ciena, and Sadey who moved on to the Little Explorer's class. We are happy that Mr. Byron has been playing music for us. We love music! And we are looking forward to many exciting activities.

Little Explorers ~ This month we will be learning about Valentine's Day and friendship. We will also be learning about the color pink and the heart shape. We will continue to learn how to make friends, share, and make good choices.

Twoodles ~ Throughout January we explored the winter season through art projects, books, fingerplays, and outside adventures. We also learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the colors black and white. We have been working very hard on our manners, using kind words, and the concept of peacefulness. We are looking forward to playing in the snow some more this month. Stop by and see our beautiful art projects!

Preschool ~ has been enjoying the cold winter fun. This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day by showing our love and kindness to others. We will also be doing some fun Groundhog activities and we hope the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2nd. Also this month we will be learning how to take good care of

our teeth. A volunteer dental hygienist will be visiting our classroom.

PreK ~ Pre-K stayed nice and warm inside during the chilly month of January. We kept ourselves busy with exciting activities and fun games. We painted snowmen, made beautiful snowflakes, and created snowy winter pictures. We learned about peace and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. At the end of the month we had a hot chocolate and a cookie party with our teddy bears.

Kindergarten ~ is trying to stay warm as we learn about the season of winter. To celebrate the new year we issued a new challenge to our class. All January they have been learning how to tie their own shoes. This is a hard task to master, but we are confident they will succeed. The end of January we had a pajama day. A relaxing day filled with fun was had by all!

School Age ~ January saw the start of a new dance program led by Nicole Watts, a St. Paul's church member. Many children were interested and had signed up for weekly dance lessons with Nicole! On Friday, January 29th we had an "All Day School-Age." Upper Perk had an In-Service day which meant "No School" for the School-Age children, but we had lots of fun here at the center with them. From the children and staff in School-Age we wish everyone peace and happiness this year.



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~ Lenten schedule ~

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 2010

Lenten Schedule 2010

Ash Wednesday: February 17, 7:30 PM

Wednesday Midweek Services

Soup Supper: 6:45 PM Service: 7:30 PM

February 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24

Theme: to be announced

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 1, 7:30 PM

Good Friday: Friday, April 2, 7:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 3, 9:00 AM

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 3, 7:30 PM

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~ Victory House soup kitchen ~

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On January 10, 2009 Michelle Rose, Rosemary Sherer and Laura Foreman traveled to the Victory House to prepare and serve dinner to the residents. The crew served chicken tacos with all the fixings and a crisp salad on the side. Eating as many as five tacos, the residents truly enjoyed the meal. For dessert, Tracy Kressley baked fresh cupcakes for the committee to take to the Victory house and the residents gobbled them up quickly. Thank you to all that have donated food, time or money. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory house on February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12 of this year. A signup sheet is located outside fellowship hall on the bulletin board. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve, would like to prepare some food prior to the trip or have any questions about the Victory House at all, please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or 215-272-1445 or via email at foreman3@hotmail.com.

*But do not forget to do good and to share,
for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
Hebrews 13:16 (New King James Version)*

~ February Youth Group Event ~

Senior Youth - time for another Lock-In and happy hoagie making. Lock-In starts on Saturday night, February 6th and ends on Sunday morning. Come prepared. We will be making hoagies - fun is extra! For all the details email Kelly Lesko at lesko.tribe@version.net

~ Shrove Tuesday ~

February 2010

The 2010 Lenten season is rapidly approaching and what better way to prepare for the period awaiting the celebration of our Lord and Savior's resurrection then with laughter, yummy treats and good company.

St. Paul's Annual Shrove Tuesday Talent show and Fasnachts (donuts) are soon to be here and your help is needed. Come share your talents, whether it is singing, dancing, comedy, magic, or standing on your head. God has blessed us all with talents and why not prepare for the Lenten season with a showcase and tribute to His good works! A sign up sheet is located in fish tank hallway and hopefully the sheet will fill up quickly. Be sure to sign up early, as a talent draft WILL be put in place if needed.

Each year, the Shrove Tuesday Talent Show has filled the fellowship hall with laughter and great conversation. So, even if you choose not to showcase your talent (and why would you choose not to?) please come enjoy the fasnachts and entertainment on February 16, 2010 at 7pm in the Fellowship hall.

Please contact Bonnie Bonser in the church office, Kim Watts at 215-541-4399, or Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 with any questions. See you there!

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* A JAR OF *
**Love and
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Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

What you do:

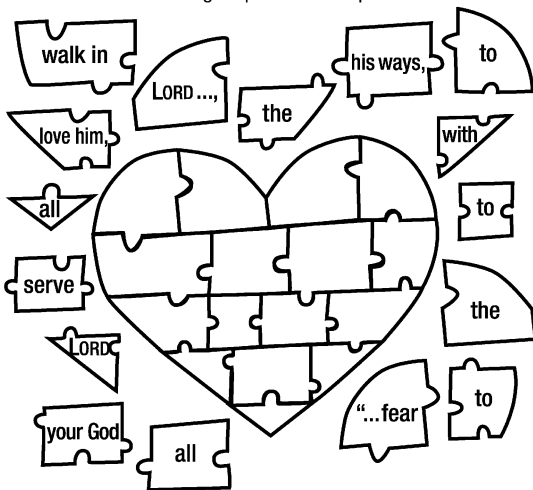
1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!



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In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.



... your heart and with all your soul ..."

Answer: " ... fear the LORD ... to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD ... your God with all ..."



	Saturday	6	13	Cultural Dinner by 9AM	World Event				
	Friday	7:30 PM	6	12	19	26			
	Thursday	Bible study	4 PM	11	Bible study	18 PM	25		
	Wednesday	Bible study	7:30 PM	3 PM	11 AM	7:30 PM	4:30 PM	Souper	4:30 PM
	Tuesday	2	9	Shrove Tuesday	4 PM	Financing	4:30		
	Monday	Scouts	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	
	Sunday								

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		9:19 AM Lori	9:15 AM Ober			9:15 AM Marks	9:15 AM Fox
		10:30 AM Jan	10:30 AM Sandy	7:30 PM Eber	10:30 AM Hertz	10:30 AM Roth	
		Com 08:15 AM Hersh	10:30 AM Walp	7:30 PM Hill	8:00 AM Hertz	8:00 AM Turofski	
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7	Worship Assistants for February 21 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church						