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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

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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

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Financial Secretary	Mrs. Nancy Nase	679-5553
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	Sandy Young, After-School	679-0221


## Our Congregational Council

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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
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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
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Girl Scouts	Cindy Robinson	215-541-1705
Cub Scouts	Ed Moreland	215-892-3174
Youth Team	Kelly Lesko/Vicar	679-5553

## March Birthdays

- |    |                                                                                                           |  |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1  | Heather Bergan<br>Charles Diehl<br>Christine Ferketich<br>Rebecca Hilmer<br>Grace Schultz<br>Kellie Smith |  |
| 2  | Emily Feldmose                                                                                            |  |
| 3  | Nicholas Brey<br>JoAnn Chryst                                                                             |  |
| 4  | Deborah Liddle                                                                                            |  |
| 5  | Edward Lapinski<br>Charles Roth                                                                           |  |
| 6  | Richard Hansen<br>Eleanor King<br>Bruce Lynch                                                             |  |
| 7  | Aubrey Gibbs<br>Richard Kline<br>Richard Kressly<br>Dominic LaSalle<br>Linda Stevens<br>Marianne Uber     |  |
| 8  | Glenn Sands                                                                                               |  |
| 9  | Donna Curley<br>K Himmelwright<br>Daniel Niess<br>Shelby Thomas                                           |  |
| 10 | Charles Keck<br>Jordan Wampole                                                                            |  |
| 11 | Brian Stever                                                                                              |  |
| 12 | Lucas Lapinski<br>Lindsey Parke                                                                           |  |
| 14 | Lauren Bonar<br>Adam Boyer<br>Andrew Johnson<br>Charles King<br>Thomas Uber                               |  |
| 16 | Brandi Cathers<br>Matthew Stever<br>Maja Taylor                                                           |  |
| 17 | Linwood Genszler                                                                                          |  |
| 18 | Cynthia Butz<br>Jennifer Eisenhart<br>Megan May<br>Michele                                                |  |
| 19 | Rodenberger<br>Tyler Seislove<br>Karen Mauer<br>Tia Miller<br>Kate Rodenberger                            |  |
|    |                        |  |
|    | <b>Look who's having a Birthday!</b>                                                                      |  |
| 20 | Thomas Landis<br>Casey Nyce<br>Heather Schantz                                                            |  |
| 21 | Linda Kriebel<br>Gregory Wlatter                                                                          |  |
| 22 | Andy Bonekemper<br>Avah Virus                                                                             |  |
| 23 | Aidan Frye<br>Sheila Hersh<br>Richard Nace                                                                |  |
| 24 | Lori Burnley<br>Evelyn Diehl<br>James Fryer<br>Rbt McCormick                                              |  |
| 25 | Brian Gerhart<br>Jacob Kressly<br>Alfred Wiessener, Jr                                                    |  |
| 26 | Rudy Leister                                                                                              |  |
| 27 | Frank Carpinello III                                                                                      |  |
| 28 | Frank Grim                                                                                                |  |
| 29 | Keith Brey<br>Robert Foreman<br>Dwight Hafler                                                             |  |
| 30 | Sarah Marion<br>Lynn Taylor                                                                               |  |
| 31 | Ida Benner<br>Christine Henry<br>Edward Kraus                                                             |  |

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

## *In our Prayers*

### ~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

John Cairns-*GrandView*  
 Marion Henry- *GrandView*  
 Ruth Wonsidler- *St. Luke's Q-town*  
 Lewis Gaul- *Pottstown Hospital*  
 Dorothy Mohr- *Grand View*

### ~ At Home ~

Naomi Bartholomew  
 Louis Barner- *Tom Sand's father*  
 Mary Lou Bechtel- *friend of C Weiss*  
 Norm & Muriel Benner  
 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*  
 Lindee Harney- *friend of K Creghan*  
 Joanne Hersh  
 Honey- *Rose Sherer's sister*  
 Miles Hontz  
 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 Turowski'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*  
 Serfass family- *friends of K Creghan*  
 Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*  
 Elaine Spiezio  
 Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*  
 Kevin Steinman- *nephew of I Benner*  
 Ronald Swinehart- *friend of the Grim's*  
 Serge Szuhaj- *father-in-law of Kristin Richard Szuhaj*  
 Greg Thren- *son-in-law of the King's*  
 Betty Treffinger  
 Joyce Wimmer  
 Gene & Barbara Woehr  
 Robert Wood  
 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  
 Ruth Wonsidler

### **Lutheran Community @ Telford**

Betty Mensch  
 R. Wm. Phillips  
 Evelyn Gerhard

### **Souderton Mennonite**

Alverda Smoll

### **Pennsburg Manor**

Fern Kurz  
 Dalton Boehm  
 Theresa Kautz  
 Hal Schatz  
 Marion Henry

### **Manor Care Home, Allentown**

Gladys Hetrick

### **Morlanton Villas, Douglasville**

Virginia Mensch

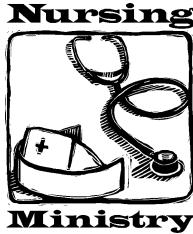
### **Topton Lutheran Home**

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.



"Baby teeth" , who needs them!?! For years, they have been the domain of tooth fairies. Pediatric dentists, however, say that these teeth are the basis for good digestion. They also hold the spaces for permanent teeth. A missing or decayed baby tooth can cause speech problems. Here are some tips on how to promote your child's dental care: Give limited sweets - only after a meal, not many times a day, and brush afterward. That brushing is important. Sugar can stay on the teeth for hours, promoting decay. Start cleaning teeth as soon as they come in, using a washcloth or soft brush for babies, and "practice" brushing sessions for toddlers. ( It can take until age 8 or 9 for a child to do a good brushing job on his own.) Start flossing when the teeth come together, usually at ages 5 or 6. Age 1 is the recommended time for the first dental exam. Dentists report seeing more 2 year olds with cavities. Finally, if a baby tooth gets knocked out, don't try to re-insert it before seeing the dentist. That could injure the permanent tooth bud underneath. Permanent teeth that are knocked out, however, have a good chance of survival if reimplanted quickly. Gently rinse off the dirt, put it back in the socket, and immediately see the dentist. That's something to smile about!

## ~ 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 ~

Thank you for all of your prayers and expressions of kindness prior to my foot surgery and during my continued recovery. Thank you to Pastor Vanderslice and former associate Pastor Evenson for their home visits. Thank you, also to the Health Advocates for the cards and phone calls checking on my progress.

The support from the St. Paul's congregation is something that has always sustained me throughout life. It's been a constant presence I sincerely appreciate.

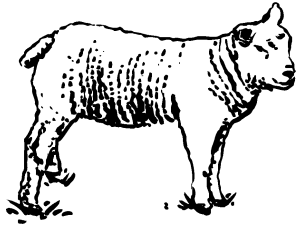
*Warmly, Carol Elias*

## ~Bible Quiz~

An Old Testament prophet wrote the following words about Jesus: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

Who wrote those words?

- A. Amos
- B. Jonah
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Isaiah



Answer: D

(See chapter 53, verse 7)

## ~ 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

## ~ What is faith? ~

"Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith."

—Hannah Whitall Smith

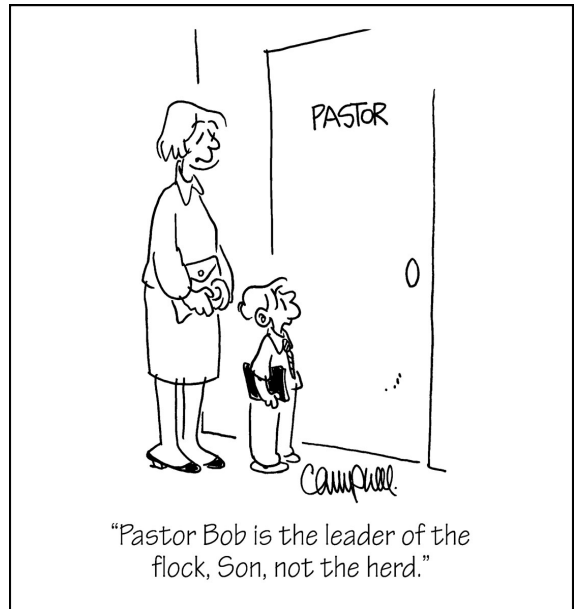
## ~ Quotes ~

"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Mater calls a butterfly."

—Richard Bach

"In the Cross, God descends to bear in his own heart the sins of the world. In Jesus, he atones at unimaginable cost to himself."

—Woodrow Grier



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

Come join us on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring your mug, your lunch and invite a friend. Get ready for some foot stumping music by the Bucktown Banjo Brigade, including some sing-a-long and some instrumentals. This group has been performing in the Pottstown & surrounding areas for 14 years. There are 15-20 performers in the group. So be ready for a great time.



**\*\* 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.**

**~ New church phone extensions ~**

When calling church or Child Care Center enter the extension for the person or classroom you wish to speak to.

Callers without a "touch tone" phone will be transferred to the church office.

Church Office: ( <i>extension</i> )	110
Child Care Coordinators	122
Education Director	125
Financial Secretary	126
Musician	124
Sexton	127
Pastor	111
Vicar ( <i>pastoral intern</i> )	112

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Pre K	119
Pre-School	115
Twoodles	120
Sch Age / Fellowship Hall	116
Nursery	117
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**~ 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.*



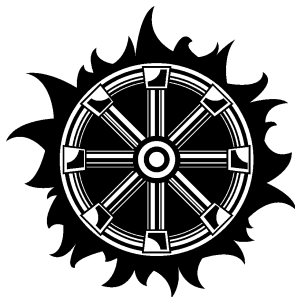
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## ~ Christian Symbols ~

### Wheel

A rotating wheel symbolizes God's divine force. Wheels with flames shooting out often portray God's throne, based on Ezekiel's vision (see 1:1-18). Some artists also show a burning wheel when God sends Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.



## ~ King of kings ~

During Jesus' earthly life, colored cloth was very expensive. Only royalty and wealthy people could afford it. When Jesus was arrested and sentenced to die, the soldiers set about humiliating him (see Mark 15:16-20, NRSV). They found a purple cloak — the color of royalty — and put it on him. Then they placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they mockingly cried. The soldiers hit Jesus with a reed and spat on him. They taunted him and knelt before him, pretending to honor him.

Despite what he endured, our Lord did end up a King — King of kings and Lord of lords.



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## ~ Vicar Jack's Kenya update ~

St. Paul's touches a Kenyan Village with a hand of love.

Love is one of those words that are thrown almost everywhere. Yet the practical part of what love entails is rarely manifested in its entirety. However, the true essence of love was captured this month when St. Paul's touched the hearts of hundreds of children in a small village of Kenya. With the expression of love that transcends boundaries and cultures, St. Paul's made a great impact in the village where I was born and grew up. The church donated \$800 dollars for this small sleepy village that lies 40 miles east of Lake Victoria—the third largest fresh Water Lake in the world.

The money was used to buy dozens of boxes of books, pencils, pens, soccer balls and backpacks for the local Primary / elementary School in the village. In a school where children have nothing but balls made by tying together plastic bags, the scene of real soccer balls was like a dream come true for kids who enjoy playing soccer, yet they have never touched real soccer ball. The teaching staff at the local school was so appreciative of the gifts. Many children especially whose parents can not afford to buy school supplies for their kids will be the primary beneficiary of the gifts.

On behalf of the Kenyan village, I would like to express sincere gratitude to all that donated the gifts. Your kind gesture was an act of faith. You may not have known those kids and that village, but because of your faith, you donated for the sake of those in need across the ocean. This in my opinion, is our purpose of living. Being there for one another. I am reminded of words of Abraham Lincoln: "Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and plated a flower where I thought a flower would grow." You have planted so many flowers in the Kenyan village. They are now blooming. Your donations blessed so many. Thank you and God bless you all.

~Vicar Jack Ambuka  
Pastoral Intern St. Paul's

## ~ March Lutheran Magazine ~

**HELP FOR HAITI:** In *The Lutheran's* March issue, see how Lutherans are doing good in Haiti and doing it right. Learn how Lutherans respond generously with immediate and long-term help. See how generosity, grief and hope span the ELCA in "Hearts for Haiti." Meet a man who helped bring 54 orphans to the U.S. Read how the quake claimed a future pastor.

**THE SEASON OF LENT:** *The Lutheran's* March issue gives you plenty to think about during the season of Lent. Read Keeping a good Lent, piety, practices and pilgrimage. Take a look at Christ's intergenerational ministry in Jesus' wisdom not from gray hair or fresh face. Discover how Lutherans in New England are "Going 3 deep" by studying "40 days, 3 persons, 1 God."

**THERE'S SOMETHING** for everyone and all ages in *The Lutheran's* March issue ... **find** out how relationships ease today's stress in "Life lessons take time" ... **help** your kids discern God's call in their daily lives ... **read** reviews of *Stones into Schools* and *Listen to the Wind* ... **meet** an artist who takes on white walls in her church ... and **discover** a "gentle worship" service for children with disabilities and their families.

**THE CHURCH AT WORK:** In *The Lutheran's* March issue, read "Paying it forward" to see how a woman in Tanzania helps others after an ELCA member gave her the gift of a sewing machine. And see how the ELCA works through the Lutheran World Federation to give "A gift of life, laughter" by building wells in Mauritania.

**Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*** April cover story:

The fallout/status from the sexuality votes at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

Ask, "Why did Jesus' disciples follow him?"

See what it means to say, "I am a Christian"

Reflect on why we need the message of Easter especially today.

See how you can help nurture spiritual resiliency in older adults.

Learn how a struggling Delaware church is embracing a new approach to ministry.

## ~ 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 ~

Welcome to March. Have we left the snowstorms of February behind? Only the Lord knows. But all we need to know is, "This is the day that the Lord has made. I will be glad and rejoice in it." So there you have it. It's all about attitude! For all you snow boo hooers, just remember you were once a child and were probably delighted with it. Of course that was before you grew up and had to shovel it! Personally, I enjoy the beauty of the snow covered landscape. And there is something peaceful about snow. Oh well, those are my thoughts; but I'm sure most of you have had enough - snow, that is.



March - Lenten soup suppers and services, the ASP Ham dinner on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, don't miss it, St. Patrick's Day - otherwise known as the birthday of Linwood Genszler. Will it be 93 this year, Linny? You go fellow!!! And Spring. Well, officially anyway. March - will it come in like a lion or a lamb? What will be blowin' in the wind? Who knows. One thing is certain though, March like every other month will bring its delights, challenges, and changes.

Speaking of changes, there sure have been a few around here. There is a new sexton. His name is Scott. I've been watching him closely and he is doing a fine job. Even one of the daycare teachers commented to the pastor how much she appreciated him. He is eager to do his job well. If you see him, introduce yourself. The "No Name" room that the daycare staff used as a break room has now been made into the music room. Marcia Vanderslice is coming in on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons to do music with the children of the

child care center. They just love her and music. I can't tell you how good it is to hear children joyfully singing and having a great time with music. And asking for more. Thank you, Mrs. V for restoring the joy of music!

Another change that has happened some of you may look at with mixed emotions. The parish assistant has taken a "new" position. I have heard many of you say congratulations, but at the same time comment that she will be missed behind the desk in the church office or on the other end of the phone. Well, never fear. She has reassured me and I heard her tell the pastor that she will always be there - somewhere in the building that is, around, you know. And will still be there to help you in anyway she can. She does have a wonderful new office at the end of the hall from the church office. It is now one of my favorite places to hang out. (She has lots of mice back there and she really likes us.) You are welcome to come see it and spend a while just enjoying the peace therein. (I promise I nor none of my family will scurry around and scare you.)

Since the daycare staff break room is now officially the music room the staff have been told they can use the Library. However, the Library is sometimes in use during the day. So, the staff have also been invited to use the director's office for their breaks as long as she is not in a meeting.

Whatever changes there are in your life this month I hope you remember the Lord is never taken by surprise. I hope you remember that your life is hidden in Christ. I hope you know and remember that He has provided all you will ever need. And that all you need to do is to learn how enter into His rest. Trust in Him. He is faithful! Happy March. Go fly a kite! Happy Spring! And remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester



~ Growing in grace ~

**Is it GRACE or are you still trying?**

*“Now to a laborer, his wages are not counted as a favor or a gift, but as an obligation (something owed him). But to the one who, not working [by the Law], trusts (believes fully) in Him Who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness (the standing acceptable to God.) Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of faith and depends [entirely] on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor),...”*

Romans 4:4-5,16a Amp

As Christians we are New Covenant people or at least we are supposed to be New Covenant people. However, many of us are still living under the Old Testament Law. We are still trying to work or perform to be good enough for God to approve of us and show us His favor. Few of us have heard the radical grace message that Paul preached, the radical grace message that was given to him by the inspiration of God and that he wrote about in all his epistles. The letters he wrote to the churches, the epistles, were full of God's radical grace. The grace was so radical - I can't use that word enough - radical, that Paul was accused over and over of giving a license to sin because of the great grace he preached and Peter said Paul could be difficult to understand and that people twisted and misconstrued his teaching.

One reason most Christians don't believe and adhere to this radical grace Paul preached is that most churches don't teach it. Most churches talk grace, but preach the Law. Religion will keep you under the Law - works righteousness. In other words, **you** still have to do something to be right with God or to make God accept you. It's still about **you**. While the New Covenant says **it's all about JESUS!** And that's the Gospel - the too good to be true GOOD NEWS! However, many churches preach mostly Law (Old Testament-Old Covenant) with a little grace sprinkled in. The only trouble is Law and grace don't mix. It's like oil and water. Jesus plus anything else equals nothing, zero, zip, zilch, nada. Jesus plus nothing else equals

EVERYTHING! If you try to mix Law and grace then Jesus says you are lukewarm and He will spit you out of His mouth.

Another reason many Christians don't know the difference between Law and grace is that they don't read and study the Scriptures for themselves. God said through the Prophet Hosea that His people perish for lack of knowledge. Jesus said that one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit whom He would send was to be the Teacher of the church. God gave us the Book. He gave us the Teacher. He sent Jesus, The Truth, The Way, and The Life, Who was full of grace to keep and fulfill the Law for us. Jesus is the only One who could and did completely keep the Law. And He did it for us in our place. So that on the cross He could say, "It is finished." He bore the curse of the Law for us so that in Him we could be made the righteousness of God. But if we don't study and get a revelation for ourselves of what Christ did for us and who we now are in Christ, then our lack of knowledge will keep us from the truth and from inheriting the promises God has for us. We will perish just as those Jesus talked about saying, "Not everyone that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have **we** not prophesied in Your name? and in Your name have **we** cast out devils? and in Your name done wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, you that work iniquity."

We can't keep the Law. James says in his letter if you offend in one point of the law you offend in it all. God doesn't grade on a curve. It's an all or nothing proposition. If you still think you can keep the Law, then see if you have ever gotten past the first commandment without breaking it. The Law was to show us our need for a Savior. Our Savior kept the Law for us so that we could live under the GRACE of God!

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## ~ Upper Perkiomen Child Care ~

*a weekday early childhood educational  
ministry of St. Paul's*



Wow! What a way to start out as the Director of UPCCC having to make a decision to close and for 2 days in a row. From the office staff, and me personally, I want to thank all of you parents for your understanding and cooperation.

Hopefully we are heading toward Spring and no more snow. Transitions can be bumpy, but I am thankful to the fine office and teaching staff of the Center for helping me settle in. And I am looking forward to getting to know the staff, children, and parents better. We all work together to make UPCCC the best place for the children in our care. Please know we are here for you and your children. And we are looking ahead to Spring and Summer fun together. Here is the news from our classrooms.

**Nursery** ~ During February we decorated our room with colorful hearts, sentiments of love and festive bulletin boards. We painted a great deal with the colors red and pink. We are asking for donations of crib mobiles and board books for the Nursery. If you'd like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the church or daycare office with a "Nursery Donation" label on them. Thanks, the Nursery teachers.

**Little Explorers** ~ must still be hibernating, so let's not disturb them. Maybe by the end of the month when Spring arrives, they will be ready to wake up.

**Twoodles** ~ We've been busy with art projects during this cold and snowy winter. We learned about Groundhog Day. We are singing the alphabet song, counting from one to ten, and playing new games. We have been talking about some animals who make new winter homes and learning new fingerplays about some animals.

**Preschool** ~ During this month of March we will be learning about the history of St. Patrick's Day. We hope to get lucky and catch some leprechauns and find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Also we will be learning about the different kinds of weather which will lead us into our Spring unit.

**PreK** ~ February blew into the area with lots of snow and cold weather. The Pre-K room stayed warm playing in our grocery store. We also built a bear cave while we were learning about animals hibernation. We had lots of fun baking cherry pies in honor of President's Day. Last but not least, we had a Valentine's Day party filled with games, treats, and our annual Valentine card exchange. Stay warm and enjoy the white stuff that keeps falling from the sky.

**Kindergarten** ~ In February Kindergarten began a new writing program. Twice a week the children will be thinking about and writing their own short stories. These stories could be one sentence or several depending on how much detail the child adds. They will have it read by a teacher (to check and review spelling) and then illustrate a picture that corresponds with their ideas. Our goal is that by the end of the school year, the children will increase their spelling and word recognition. They will also have a nice folder which will contain all of their pieces and document their growth as a writer.

**School Age** ~ Will March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? The School-Age teachers and children hope it does so we are able to spend more time outdoors. We have certainly had our share of snow for the Winter. Hopefully Spring will be here soon!



~ Thrivent ~

### Talk to your parents before it's too late

Talking to your parents about care giving, end-of-life issues and their wishes is important, but many people put it off because of being uncomfortable. Reduce the stress and start by discussing the location of information, not the contents.

One tool that can help is a financial inventory, which should be updated annually and include:

**Legal documents:** property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills and health care and financial directives, birth, marriage and military discharge certificates, and instructions.

**Contact information:** attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone who provides financial, legal and medical advice and care.

**Current account information:** type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including checking, savings, retirement, investment, loans and insurance policies.

For more guidance on talking with your parents or other loved ones, contact Brook A. Williams, ChFC, CASL, FIC. 215-361-2810 today or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).



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~ Lenten schedule ~

### St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Lenten Schedule 2010

#### Wednesday Midweek Services

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

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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### conclusion of Growing In Grace from page 10

Old Covenant Law or New Covenant grace. Do you know the difference? It is the difference between life and death. "For the Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." That better hope was Jesus and the New Covenant that was ratified in His Blood. So stop trying to earn your way into God's good graces - you can't! Instead, accept what Jesus has done for you and enter into the rest of God through His gift of grace to you.

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

## ~ Victory House soup kitchen ~

On February 14, 2010 Diane Benner, Laura Foreman and the McGrotty family traveled to the Victory House to prepare and serve dinner to the residents. The crew served lasagna that was donated by Marcia Vanderslice along with garlic bread, salad and some fresh brownies care of Luke McGrotty for dessert. The residents devoured the lasagna and waited patiently for the brownies to be taken from the oven. The crew was also blessed to sing Happy Birthday to six of the residents celebrating this month. 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, 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 sign up 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 NKJV

## ~ Thank you from Victory House ~

On behalf of the board, staff, and clients of Victory House, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$145.00 from the Warm Heart Tree and the BJ's gift cards. Also thank you for the donation of men's clothing and sports jackets. Your support and that of the community will enable us to continue our mission of helping the homeless and less fortunate of the area.

*~Pasquale DiLuzio, Jr. Executive Director*

## ~ 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.

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# DIRT CUPS

Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

### What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

### What you do:

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups 3/4 full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.

**Just for KIDS**

*God's teaching is like...*

In December, snow's water is frozen in a land covered in a spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the letters you learn in this class, leaving the blank space blank.

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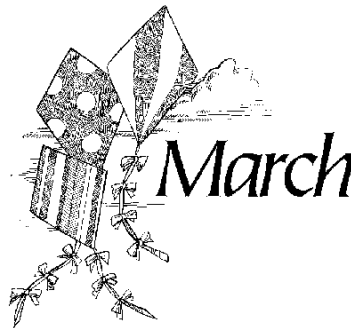
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