

The Vision

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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 8AM-1PM; 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...

- Parish Register & Birthdays ~ 2
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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:	William A. Vanderslice	541-4130
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Child Care Admin Asst.	Mrs. Beth Nichols	679-0221

Our Congregational Council

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Barry Troxel	Robert Walp

Committees, Groups & Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday @ 8 PM	
Altar Guild	Bonnie Thomas	679-5553
Appalachia Service Project	Ron Rodenberger/Matt Stever	
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 @ 8 PM	
Newsletter – Vision	Church Office	679-5553
Prison Ministry	Bonnie Bonser	679-9126
Property	Frank Grim	679-5553
Stewardship Committee	Rbt. Foreman/Rbt. Walp	
Girl Scouts	Karen Britton	215-679-4943
Cub Scouts	Tracy Lauanders	215-703-3162
Youth Team		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1	Charles Diehl	
	Grace Schultz	
	Christine Ferketich	
	Heather Bergan	
	Rebecca Hilmer	
	Kellie Smith	
2	Emily Feldtmose	17
3	JoAnn Chryst	18
	Nicholas Brey	
4	Deborah Liddle	
	Donald Rohrbaugh	
	Brandy Schwenk	19
	Corinne Porter	
	Cody Mauer	
5	Charles Roth	20
	Edward Lapinski	
6	Eleanor King	21
	Richard Hansen	
	Lorriisa Knepp	22
7	Richard Kline	
	Linda Stevens	
	Richard Kressly, Jr.	23
	Jordan Johnson	
	Aubrey Gibbs	24
	Dominic LaSalle	
	Marianne Uber	
8	Glenn Sands	
9	Donna Curley	25
	Christopher Clayton	
	Daniel Niess	
	Shelby Thomas	
	Kevin Himmelwright	
10	Charles Keck	26
	Jordan Wampole	27
11	Brian Stever	28
	Elizabeth Kuhn	29
	Liam Hower	
12	Lindsay Parke	
	Lucas Lapinski	30
14	Charles King	
	Adam Boyer	
	Lauren Bonar	31
	Andrew Johnston	
	Thomas Uber	
15	Matthew Harris	
16	Maja Taylor	
	Brandi Cathers	
	Matthew Stever	

Did we miss your birthday? We apologize, and hope you will let us know so we can add it to our list.

In Our Prayers

~Hospitalized In The Last Month~

~At Home~

Paul Angstadt Cousin of Shirley Kaiser
Ronnie Angstadt Cousin of Shirley Kaiser
Jeff Bird
David Brey – Brother of Edith Stevens
Harry Diehl – Brother of Barbara Roeder
Michael Dziedzic- brother L Foreman
Nina Fehnel
Gregg Fetterman -- Cousins of
Diane McMurtrie
Jeffrey Fox- son of D & L Fox
Michael Fox grandson of D & L Fox
Suzanne Fox
Dick Frederick – Friend of Grim’s
Don Fuoss- Donna Montich’s father
Orphia Gardian-D Richard’s mother
Bill Gredecik – nephew of Bonnie Thomas
Steve Green- son of Barb Green
Frank Grim
Ray Grucello
Jeff Gruskay -son in law of Lechner’s
Sandy Heidler
Diane Landis
Jerry Landis
Kevin Langenbach
Donald Lechner
R & G Leister- Alice Hager’s parents
Betty Lonergan- K Cummins’ mother
David McMurtrie- deployed
Sharon McMurtrie-sister-in-law of Jeff
Calvin Miller
Bill Mullin- friend of Carol Elias
Pastor Bill Phillips- LCT Nursing
Elsie Rehak
Franklin Renninger
Margie Rodenberger
Tom Sands
Mildred Seasholtz

Kelly Sell- Diane Schantz’s daughter
Landon Shoemaker- grandson of
Cheryl & Larry Weiss
Laura Harriet Smith- A Zepp’s sister
Kevin Steinman- nephew of Ida Benner
Regina Stifter- freind of Janet Hill
Sarah Sweinhart- sister of D Schaffer
Jeanette Terpoilli
Carl Thomas- brother of H Thomas
Shelby Thomas
Betty Treffinger
Fay Whitmire
Barbara Woehr

***We welcome into our faith
community:***

Lea Elizabeth Clemmer who was
received through baptism on
February 19, 2012.

~In Memory~

We remember in our prayers the family
of Earl Kulp who went to his eternal rest
in February.

We remember in our prayers Linda
Wood and family on the death of
Linda’s father Robert McCreary

We remember in our prayers the family
of Marjory Saeger who went to her
eternal rest on February 14th

We remember in our prayers the family
of Ruth Kniep who passed away January
27th and will be interred in March.



Retirement & Nursing

Frederick Mennonite Community

Joyce & Forrest Allebach
Norman Benner
Ginny Dale
Mildred & Linwood Genszler
Charles Keck
Don & Frannie Lechner
Anna Mensch

Life Quest, Quakertown

Grace Leister

Little Lehigh Manor

Grace & Patricia Hoffman

Lutheran Community at Telford

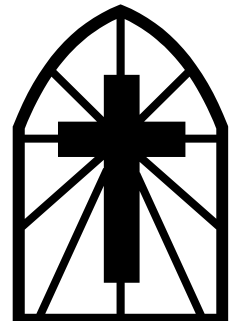
Betty Mensch
R. William Phillips
Evelyn Gerhard

Pennsburg Manor

Dalton Boehm
Theresa Kautz
Marion Henry

Manor Care Home, Montgomeryville

Gladys Hetrick
Gene Woehr
Don Yerger



~Health Advocates Ministry~

Have recently had vomiting and diarrhea lasting one or more days? Norovirus is making the news. It's a group of related viruses that inflame the stomach and intestines. It's NOT the stomach flu or food poisoning, but an illness that affects 1 in 15 Americans each year, sending 70,000 to

the hospital. It's usually not serious, lasting 1-2 days, However, young children, the elderly, and those with other health conditions can have severe dehydration (decrease in urine output, dry mouth and throat, dizziness when arising), leading to hospitalization and even death. Those infected are contagious from the time they first experience symptoms to 3 or more days after they recover. The virus is in their blood and stool. There is NO vaccine, antibiotic, or drug to treat this disease. Antibiotics only fight bacteria, not viruses. Prevention, therefore, is essential. Wash your hands often, or use alcohol based solution, especially when preparing food. Do not prepare food if you are ill and don't share utensils. Disinfect all contaminated surfaces with bleach based household cleanser (check label directions). Wear gloves when removing soiled, contaminated linens. Wash them with detergent at the maximum cycle time and machine dry. Above all, don't put your fingers in your mouth or eyes.



*~Weatherization Program from
Montgomery County~*

The Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission is helping individuals to cut their fuel bills by having a more energy efficient home. The state and federal government pay for this through your tax dollars and there is no cost to you for labor or materials, and no liens will be placed on any property. There is no catch. An energy auditor will come and visit your home and determine what needs to be done. They will give that work to a contractor who will make repairs that may include wrapping pipes and water heaters, calking windows, adding attic insulation, weatherstripping doors, adding doorsweeps and tuning up your gas or oil heater if needed. Anyone who owns or rents can qualify provided their income in the past 12 months doesn't exceed the guidelines. Income Limits – 1 person family \$21,780 - 2 person family \$29,480 – 3 person family \$37,060 – 4 person family \$44,700 - 5 person family \$52,340 – 6 person family 59,980 – 7 person family \$67,620 – 8 person family \$75,260 Call (610)277-6363 ext. 118 to ask questions or apply.

~To Ensure Hospital Visitation~

To ensure pastoral visitations, please give permission to the hospital to include your name in the patient information directory and also to 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 e-mail, please email us with your address so that we can add it to our e-mail list.

~Quotes to Consider~

“Lent is 40 days till Easter, not counting Sundays. Lent is actually six and a half weeks of very violet repentance and very purple passion.”
~Wayne Saffen

“Christ distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship.”
~Max Lucado

“I’ve long since stopped feeling guilty about taking ‘being’ time; it’s something we all need for our spiritual health, and often we don’t take enough of it.”

~Madeleine L’Engle

~Bible Quiz~



Job's "friends" weren't exactly supportive when he experienced great trials. Which of the following lists his friends' names?

- A. Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi
- B. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar
- C. Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar
- D. Philemon and Onesimus

Answer: B (See Job 2-11)

~Unnatural~

It's countercultural, unnatural even — this Lenten call to deny oneself and resist temptation, to put aside comfort for a time in reflection of Jesus' sacrifice for us. It's downright uncomfortable.

Lent is a most unwelcome experience because human nature seeks pleasure and avoids pain at all costs. But those who dare to follow Jesus into the desert will find a rich reward.

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St. Paul's – Red Hill participates in the Thrivent *Care in Community*® matching funds program by supporting a local food pantry, soup kitchen, prison ministry, medical assistance and annual servant trip for home repairs in the Appalachia mountains.

A new program *Thrivent Choice* enables benefit members to designate Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul's benevolent fund.

Pastor Vanderslice serves on the Upper Montgomery Chapter Board as Vice President and Coordinator of the *Care in Community*® program.



Spring Ahead



~Church Phone Extensions~

When calling the church or UPCCC, enter the extension for the person or classroom you wish to contact.

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

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Church Office: Ext. 110
- Child Care Coordinator Ext. 122
- Education Director Ext. 125
- Financial Secretary Ext. 126
- Musician Ext. 124
- Sexton Ext. 127
- Pastor Ext. 111
- Vicar (Pastoral Intern) Ext. 112

Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center

- Little Explorere Ext. 118
- Kindergarten Ext. 113
- Pre K Ext. 119
- Pre-School Ext. 115
- Twoodles Ext. 120
- School Age/Fellowship Hall Ext. 116
- Nursery Ext. 117
- Church Library Ext. 123

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

Welcome to the month of March, the welcome to Spring!! Come out to our Lunch Bunch Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, at 11:30 am**, in Church Fellowship Hall. Bring your mug, you will be served Pork Meat Pie, Apple Sauce, and Dessert for Lunch. However, if your palate doesn't care for meat pie, please pack your lunch. Our entertainment is back by popular request. We will be entertained by the S. O. S. Gang playing their banjo music, songs, and stories. You ask who can be a part of this fun group "The Lunch Bunch?" We are an adult group with no age qualifications. If you are able to join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am until 1:30 pm you are welcome. Invite a friend or relative to join you, they don't need to be a member of St. Paul's. See you on March 14. Don't forget if you shop at Redners, we save the register tapes, but you need to use the Save-a-tape/gas card when checking out. Thank you.

~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 decoration, flower plants, and faded artificial arrangements

~Bulletin & Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship~
Do you want to remember someone? Celebrate something special with a loved one?
Sponsor the Bulletin or Sanctuary Lamp for a given Sunday. A sign-up sheet is located in the elevator hallway on the bulletin board. \$20.00 donation required. We appreciate your support.

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~Christian Symbols~



Shamrock

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.

~Paper Recycling~

Please help support UPCCC by bringing your paper to the recycle bin located in the lower child care parking lot. Newspapers, magazines, and junk mail are welcome. Please, no cardboard, that can't be recycle here. Thanks.



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~Special Dates~

- World Day of Prayer, March 2, 2012
- Second Sunday in Lent, March 4, 2012
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 11, 2012
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 11, 2012
- Girl Scout Sunday, March 11, 2012
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2012
- First Day of Spring, March 20, 2012
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 25, 2012

~Not Ok, But Forgiven~

Since Thomas Harris' popular self-help book *I'm OK, You're OK* was first published in 1967, the title has become a cliché, thanks to knock-offs and parodies. One is titled *I'm OK, You're Not So Hot*. Indeed, it's often in our nature to be more accepting of our own behavior than of others'.

Yet at other times we're too quick to dismiss a wrong done against us. When a wise Christian apologized to me for something she'd done, I immediately replied, "It's OK." But she responded, "No, it's *not* OK, but you can tell me I'm forgiven."

Lent reminds us that none of us is perfectly "OK" in our relationships with God and one another. But thanks to God's unconditional love, demonstrated through Jesus' willingness to suffer even death for us, we're indeed forgiven.

~Heidi Mann

~Girl Scouts Reach Century Mark~

In 1912, Georgia resident Juliette Gordon Low phoned a distant cousin and said, "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight!"

Today the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) continues to empower girls through community service, camping experiences and the teaching of other practical skills. The organization, which has nurtured more than 50 million participants, strives to build "girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place."



~ Confirmation Ministry ~

Confirmation ministry is underway and is an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, affirm the Christian faith, and assume a larger role in the life of the Christian community through service to our neighbors. The Classes are listed below. Confirmation offers us an opportunity to pray for those who are experiencing this ministry and to help and encourage them in their studies.

- 03.04.2012 – March 4 – no class meeting. Youth attend Wednesday. Lenten and Holy Week Services
- 04.01.2012 – Class | April 1 | 4:30 PM
- 04.05.2012 – April 5 | 7:30 PM - *Maundy Thursday service*
- 04.06.2012 – April 6 | 7:30 PM – *Good Friday Service*
- 04.08.2012 – April 8 – *Easter Sunday*
- 05.06.2012 – Class | May 6 | 4:30 PM
- 05.27.2012 – May 27 – *Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation*

~ Bloom ~

A gardener planted two small shrubs side by side. During the dry summer, both plants struggled to get established. One developed black spots and lost most of its leaves. The gardener assumed the little plant wouldn't survive but was sure the healthy-looking shrub would bloom.

The following spring, to the gardener's great surprise, the stronger plant had not a single bloom but the weak, stricken shrub had produced a beautiful flower.

This is often true, as well, of people who've experienced great sorrow and loss. They know the Savior's love and comfort in ways that only those who suffer can know. And by God's grace, they share that love and comfort with others. As Ugo Bassi said, "He who suffers most has most to give

~ An Irish Blessing~

May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you.
A moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel
So nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you — and whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

~ Messengers of God ~

In *Half Broke Horses*, Jeannette Walls tells how her grandmother Lily, at age 10, and Lily's younger siblings were bringing cows in for milking when the animals suddenly ran for high ground. Lily realized a flash flood was coming.

She directed her brother and sister to climb a tree, where they clung all night as water and wind slammed against them. Lily helped her siblings stay awake and hopeful. As dawn broke, the water subsided and the children waded home. Their mother prayed gratefully, telling them to thank their guardian angel. Young Lily protested that *she* had saved them all. But her father answered wisely, "Maybe the angel was you."

The Hebrew word for *angel* literally means messenger. Through words and deeds, we all can be God's angels for one another.

~ Stewardship~

In growing up, even though I was giving my time and talents to serve the Lord, tithing was not a part of my life. I know I missed many blessings during that time because when I started tithing and increasing my tithing to more than 10%, I was so generously blessed. Blessings were showered on me not only monetarily but in priceless other ways that no amount of money could ever buy, such as good health, happiness, etc. One Example of God's blessings is finding checks in my mailbox unexpectedly. Another example and most surprising was how God gave my husband and me a sizable blessing equal to 10 times the wedding anniversary milestone we were about to celebrate a few days later. Yes, God does keep his promise and gives back a hundredfold when you are obedient to him.

~Pat Klinger

~ Be Fed Fellowship~

A new fellowship group is forming in the St. Paul's Community. Be Fed Fellowship is for families who are looking to share fellowship with other families around food and learning. Our first event will be on Saturday, March 24th from 4 to 8 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. Questions? Contact Vicar Ryan.

~Chester Squeaks – Er - Speaks~



First let me say, if you missed the Great Chili Cook-Off on February 11th, you missed a fun, good eatin' and talent time. There were 13 different chilies to choose from, taste, and vote for. And believe it or not, many people sampled ALL 13! The Jr Youth group hosted the event, and your own council president, Bob Foreman, was the MC with the entire Foreman family either helping to organize or providing talent for the evening. A great big thank you to the Sr Youth Group who helped set up, serve, clean up, and did a fabulous job in the kitchen. And a special thank you to all of you who made the chili, cornbread, desserts, etc., came to eat it, or presented talent.

The month of March starts out with the right letter "M" for mysterious. You just never know about March. Will it come in or go out like a lion or a lamb? How much snow or a blizzard will we have before or after spring arrives on the 20th even if it doesn't look or feel like spring?

Well, there are some things we can count on in March. Saturday, March 3rd will be another delicious ASP ham dinner. Of course you know I wouldn't miss an ASP dinner. Shhh, I hear Mrs. Chester coming and you know I can't talk about food and church dinners around her even though she enjoys them as much as I do. Then daylight savings time will begin again on March 11th - spring forward. So don't forget to set your clocks ahead or you will be late for church, how embarrassing. And of course March wouldn't be March without St. Patrick's Day on Saturday the 17th. That's the day when everyone is Irish, aren't they?! So be wear'n the green and be hav'n a wee bit of fun. St. Paul's favorite Irish-Duetchman, Linwood Genszler, will celebrate his 95th birthday that day. Go, Lenny!!

During March there are Lenten services every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM with a soup supper before the service starting at 6:45 PM. Come out and join us for soup & service.

Here's hoping March turns out to be our glorious entrance into spring. But one thing I know, lamb or lion, wind, rain, or snow, God is still on the throne and to Him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. Happy March. See you next month. And remember until then, the walls have ears!

~ Chester

~Sr. Youth Ice Skating Trip~

The Senior Youth will be Ice Skating at Hatfield Ice World on Sunday March 18th. Be at church by 1:45pm session lasts from 2:40 – 4:40. Admission \$7, skate rental \$3. MUST RSVP to Amy by 3/1.

~ Ways to Help~

*****FLOWERS:** There are many openings for people to sponsor Altar and Chancel flowers. Please call Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 if you wish to sponsor flowers. Arrangements start at \$35.00

~Buck A Chick~

From now until Easter Sunday the Sunday Church School children will be participating in the ELCA's Global Barn Yard Buck-A-Chick program. Each child that donates a dollar will be given a chick coloring sheet that will be displayed on the Sunday School Bulletin Board. That dollar will go to buy 1 baby chicken that families in poverty stricken countries can use to help pull them out of poverty. Not only does the chicken provide food for the family, it also provides extra eggs that the family can sell at the market. This opportunity is not limited to the children of SCS. There is a box on the table in the Fish Tank Hallway in which children of all ages can donate a dollar or two to this wonderful cause. Please use a pew envelope with your name on it to make a donation. For each dollar received one name will go up on the bulletin board. What a great way to be stewards of the gifts that God has given us!

~Growing in Grace~

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, who He has appointed heir of all things, through whom He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”

Hebrews 1:1-4

For the past several months we have been studying the names of God from the original Hebrew. It is like a walk through the Old Testament from Genesis through the prophets. But since God tells us He changes not; the New Testament confirms this. In Hebrew 13:8 we read, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” And since Jesus is the express image of God, He is God. Therefore all the names and characteristics revealed about God by His Hebrew names in the O.T. also apply to Jesus in the New Testament.

In the power and glory of His Being, He is Creator, Elohim. (Gen. 1:1) As Jehovah He expresses Himself as a God of righteousness, holiness, love, and redemption who deals personally with His people. He is El Shaddai, our All Sufficient God. As Jehovah-jireh He is the God who sees and provides. In Exodus He is our Healer, Jehovah-Rophe and our banner, Jehovah-nissi. In Leviticus He is Jehovah-M’Kaddesh, the God who sanctifies, the Holy One. Just as Jehovah-M’Kaddesh sanctified Israel, His people, so too has Jesus sanctified His body, the church, by calling us out and separating us to live holy lives to God and His kingdom. In Judges God reveals Himself as Jehovah-shalom, Jehovah is peace.

When you read the Book of Judges you see that during this time in Israel’s history they had anything but peace. Why? Because they had forgotten their God and His commandments and ways and had prostituted themselves to the gods (who were not gods at all) of the other peoples around them. It was only when they turned to Him that Jehovah-shalom restored their peace and made them whole, well, and complete again. But then they would forget their God again. So over and over this pattern was repeated for hundreds of years.

God will be true to Himself. He can not be anything other than who He is, Holy. He is the set apart One. He is the Righteous One. He is Peace. And so is the Jesus we see in the N.T. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. Jesus took our sin so that we could be made the righteousness of God in Christ.

In Jeremiah chapter 23:5-6 we see Jeremiah declare another name of God. Jeremiah calls Him Jehovah-Tsidkenu which means Jehovah our righteousness. Here once again God’s people have turned away from Him. They are and have been living in great sin. God has called the prophet Jeremiah to speak His words to the people of Judah, the Southern kingdom. The Northern kingdom of Israel has already been captured and the ten tribes dispersed throughout other nations never to return. Jeremiah tells Judah that unless they turn again to their God He will send the great nation of Babylon against them and they will be taken captive or killed because of their disobedience and sin, because they have forgotten God’s command to them, “Be holy, for I the LORD your God am Holy.” But punishment was not all Jeremiah prophesied. He told the people that God would bring forth a Righteous Branch and King who will reign in righteousness. Judah would be redeemed, healed, cleansed, be victorious, at peace, and made righteous. This righteousness would not come from them but from this King. Jesus is our Righteous King!

None of us can be righteous in ourselves. Righteous is who God is. He alone is the Righteous One. He alone can make us right with Himself and He has done this through the shed blood of His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Righteousness is a gift and the only way to receive it is to be found in Christ. Let us not be prideful and say, “Who me, righteous? I could never be righteous.” That is false humility which is actually pride. No. Let us be truly humble and confess, “I have been made the righteousness of God in Christ through His death and resurrection! Thank you, Jesus. It is all about You!”

~Peanut Butter~

Please remember we are the community’s “peanut butter church” for the Open Line. We are always very grateful for your gifts of peanut butter. Please be sure your jar is unopened, and please keep those jars of peanut butter coming!

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

Nursery ~ We're seeing green in the Nursery as we have fun with our themes of Shamrocks and St. Patrick's Day! We are busy playing, learning, growing, and making a special St. Patrick's Day project.

Little Explorers ~ Have you seen a 4-leaf clover? We will be busy looking for one and making paper Leprechauns as we learn about the color green. We are also working on name recognition and counting with our fingers.

Twoodles ~ "In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, we're making green eggs and ham!" the Twoodles say. "We will be learning about spring, the color blue, and doing a special St. Patrick's Day art project, too."

Preschool ~ Our class is happy to welcome Drew Bennett! We have lots of special activities planned such as a baby chick incubation, St. Patrick's Day, and kite flying! We will also be learning about Daylight Savings and march Madness as well as the letters "K,L,R,E" and the number "8," the color blue, and weather/spring.

Pre-K ~ Pre-K welcomed our student teacher, Ms. Kirsten, to our class last month and she is helping with our themes; weather, spring, and forgiveness. We are also learning about the letters "K,L,R,E" and the number "8" and the color blue. We are going to have a lot of fun on our egg hunt and when we learn about baby chick incubation and do a recycling project!

Kindergarten ~ While we wait to see if Luck the Leprechaun comes to play any tricks on us, we will be making leprechaun paintings, shamrocks, weather windsocks, and painted eggs! We will also be learning about the letters "K,L,R,E" and the number "8." Our themes are weather/spring and the color of the month is blue.

School-Age ~ We are excited to welcome Mia Dorn to our class! We will be "marching" outside more to enjoy some of the spring weather! We are also starting up our band called, "S.O.S." (Sounds of School). We are happy to perform a concert some time in the future!



~Shallow Life~

A shallow life lives on its impulses, impressions, intuitions, instincts and largely on its circumstances. Those with profound character, however, look beyond all these and move steadily ahead, seeing the future, where sorrow, seeming defeat and failure will be reversed. They sail right through storm clouds into the bright sunshine which always awaits them on the other side.

—A.B. Simpson, as quoted in *Streams in the Desert*

~Lent & Easter Schedule~

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Feb. 29 | March 7, 14, 21, 28 | April 4th
Soup Supper – 6:45 PM
Service – 7:30 PM

Palm Sunday | April 1

8 AM | 9:15 AM | 10:30 AM Services
 9:14 AM Sunday Church School

Maundy Thursday | April 5

Holy Communion at 7:30 PM

Good Friday | April 6

Tenebrae Service at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday | April 8

Sunrise – 6:30 AM
 8:00 AM | *Festival Communion Service*
(No Contemporary Service)
 10:30 AM | *Festival Communion Service*

~Upcoming Events~

Sunday Church School | Ages 2 - grade 6 runs from 2nd Sun. of Sept. through the 4th Sun. of May on Sunday Mornings • 9:15 AM

Jr. Youth Fellowship - Grades 1 - 6
Second Friday • 6:30 PM

Sr. Youth Fellowship - Grades 7 - 12
Ice Skating at Hatfield Ice World March 18th. Be at church by 1:45pm session lasts from 2:40 – 4:40.
Admission \$7, skate rental \$3. MUST RSVP to Amy by 3/1

Bible Study Thursdays • 7:00 PM
First & Third Thursday • 1:00 PM

Cemetery Committee • Third Monday • 7:00 PM

Finance Committee • Fourth Tuesday • 6:45 PM

Congregational Council • Fourth Tuesday • 7:30 PM

Cub Scouts meet Mondays • 6:30 PM

Frontier Girls (a new program) Fridays at 6:30 PM

Daisy and Brownie Scouts
Meet Fridays • 6:30 PM (brownies every other week)

Table Talk - Faith & Fellowship • 3rd Sunday • 4:30 PM

Confirmation Ministry | Grades 7, 8 & 9
No Class in March – See Page 8 for obligations.

Property Committee • February 6th • 7:30 PM

Lunch Bunch – February 8th at 11:30 AM

Health Advocates – Service at Pennsburg Manor February 15th at 10:00 AM

~ Support Groups~

AA – Meets every Wednesday at 8:00 PM

NA – Meets every Sunday at 8:00 PM

~Music Notes~

Handbell Choir Sunday Evening Rehearsal • 7:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal on Mondays • 7:30 PM

~Attitude~

“Attitude is the mind’s paintbrush. It can color a situation gloomy and gray, or cheerful and gay. In fact, attitudes are more important than facts.”

~Mary C. Crowley

~ Adopt an Inmate~

Looking for a way to be salt and light in this world?

There is someone in prison who needs to see the love and grace of God in a very practical way.

If you have a heart for the lost and are willing to take the time to write a card or letter and to give \$30.00 of support per month, please contact Bonnie Bonser.



You can call, email or see Bonnie in person. Jesus is in business of changing lives, and we can help.

Go to:
www.stpaulredhill.org/who-we-are/faith-in-action/prison-ministry to view the powerful video *Taking One Small Step to Change Someone's Life*. One of the lay chaplains we relate to and support is featured in this video.

~ ASP 25th Anniversary~

ASP at St. Paul’s will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary of home repairs with an ASP reunion picnic on July 28, 2012. A combined worship hour will be held at 9:15 on July 29 with Pastor Bill Bixby as the guest preacher. Pastor Bixby was associate pastor during the initial years of ASP.

~ ASP HAM DINNER~



ASP will be holding a ham dinner on March 3rd at 3 PM. This is an awesome event that supports the Appalachia Service Project Home Repairs Ministry!

~ Preparing To Worship ~

Lord Jesus, as you lead us toward your cross and resurrection, help us set our sights not on human things but on divine things.

May we, like the psalmist, be “consumed” by “zeal” for God’s house (Psalm 69:9).

As we prepare for worship, trust this promise: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16, KJV).

We draw near the commemoration of your death, dear Jesus. Keep us ever mindful of all you sacrificed so we can know the invincible power of love and life.

~ Elevator Donations Still Welcome~

Last year was marked by a big event here at St. Paul’s Red Hill. Our elevator was installed, and is up and running. This has provided help and mobility to many in our congregation who were previously unable to travel about the building due to mobility issues. We extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who made this possible through their support in terms of time, talents and financial gifts.

As we start the new year, there is still much to be done in terms of our financial responsibility to this project. It is not too late to help. A donation to our elevator fund is a wonderful way to remember a loved one, say thank you to someone who has helped you, or simply support your faith community.

Please consider making a donation to the elevator fund. Donations may be mailed to the church office. We appreciate your help and continued support of this wonderful project.

~ In God’s Hands ~

We are not the masters of our own destinies. We are called to plan and strategize, to work and live active lives, to attempt things that are beyond us and tackle challenges that stretch us to the limit. Yet the outcome of our efforts, even our ability to exert ourselves, is always in God’s hands.

—Carolyn Custis James, *The Gospel of Ruth*

~ Women’s Retreat with LTSP~

“A Great Cloud” is the the name for LTSP’s annual Rest, Refreshment and Renewal Women’s Day 2012.

Our day will center on the celebration of the 300th birthday of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the patriarch of the Lutheran church in North America, and the great cloud of women witnesses from Katie Luther and Anna Muhlenberg to all women who will gather on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Those who register by January 1 get a discount – and remember your friends by giving them a gift of rest, refreshment and renewal! Brochures will be sent to those who have participated before and to congregations. Registration deadline is Monday, March 12th. Open to women of all faiths!

~Mid Week Lenten Service & Soup Supper~

Lent is known as a time of reflection, prayer and atonement, a time of self sacrifice and offering up of our sins that precedes the gifts bestowed through Easter and the sacrifices of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here at St. Paul’s it is also a time of fellowship and sharing.

Please join us on Wednesdays during lent, **beginning on February 29, 2012**, as we share a weekly **Soup Supper and Holden Prayer Service** together. Please meet us in the Fellowship Hall for soup at **6:45 PM on Wednesdays** throughout lent. The **prayer service begins at 7:30** in the sanctuary. The theme this year will be “Persons of the Passion”. We hope to see you there!





SIGNS OF *Rebirth*

Isaiah 35 describes the rebirth of a dry land when Jesus returns, as well as the signs of God's beautiful creation at springtime.

Directions: Solve each math problem. Then write the words in order, from smaller numbers to larger numbers, in the spaces below.

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| bloom 6+1= _____ | blossom 2x2= _____ | rejoice 4x2= _____ |
| burst 3+3= _____ | wilderness 2+1= _____ | joy 5+5= _____ |
| crocus 3+2= _____ | desert 1x0= _____ | parched 0+1= _____ |
| glad 2x1= _____ | shout 10-1= _____ | |

“The _____ and the _____ land will be _____; the _____ will rejoice and _____. Like the _____, it will _____ into _____; it will _____ greatly and _____ for _____.”

Isaiah 35:1-2, NIV

Answers: “The desert and the parched land will be glad, the wilderness will rejoice and shout for joy. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom. It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. In the wilderness will rejoice and shout for joy.”



~Marriage Encounter Weekends~

When is the last time the two of you did something just for your relationship? Make 2012 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter **Weekends** run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. The 2012 Pennsylvania Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends **are:** March 16-18 at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center, State College PA, Apr. 20-22 at Park Inn by Radisson-Sharon, West Middlesex, PA, September 14-16 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA and October 19-21 at The Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA To sign up, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card. Or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with a registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.



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11	8 AM Stephanie Smith	10:30AM - #	8 AM Sandy Bergey 10:30 AM Robert Walp	9:15 AM Team A Ron Leister Diane Leister	10:30 AM #4 Jeff Bird Tyler Bird	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 12- #5 Leroy Stevens Robert Stevens Betty Treffinger
18	8 AM Nicole Walter	10:30 AM- #	8 AM Henry Thomas 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	9:15 AM Team B Craig Frank Lori Frank	10:30 AM #5 Brian Stever Frank Grim Chad Grim	10:30 AM Jan Woertz	Mon 19 - #6 Sandy Bergey Claude Croisette Jean Croisette
25	8AM Barb Miller	10:30 AM- #	8AM Cheryl Weiss 10:30AM Vicar	9:15 AM Team C Bob Weber Mary Lou Weber	10:30 AM #7 Barbara Green Paul Godshall	10:30 AM Vicar	Mon 26 - #1 Sandy Bergey Diane Leister Eleanor King