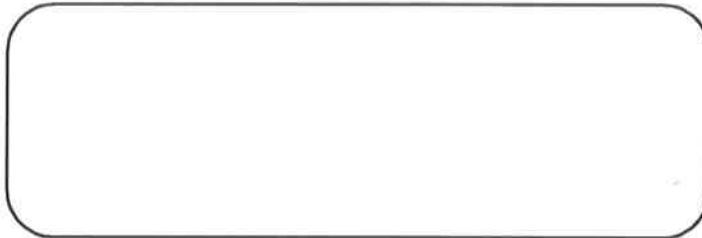


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- Sunday Church School • 9:15 AM
- Contemporary Service • 9:15 AM
- Traditional Service • 10:30 AM

**Church Office Hours**

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

**The Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center**

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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.



## In our Prayers

### ~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

### ~ At Home ~

Forrest Allebach  
 Norm & Muriel Benner  
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 Richard Croisette- *Claude's brother*  
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 Orphia Gardian- *D Richard's mother*  
 Evelyn Gerhard  
 Steve Green- *son of Barb Green*  
 Ray Grucello  
 Nancy Hass- *sister of Edith Stevens*  
 Ward Haines- *Bonnie Ferrero's dad*  
 Lindee Harney- *friend of K Creghan*  
 Gloria Harpel- *home*  
 Sheree Harris- *daughter of L & E Stevens*  
 Joanne Hersh  
 Miles Hontz  
 Gary L. Keller- *friend of B Week's*  
 Wm. Kelso- *neighbor of Leister's*  
 Shirley Keyser  
 Carol Kratzer  
 Diane Landis  
 Donald Lechner  
 Alma Leister  
 R & G Leister- *Alice Hager's parents*  
 Barb Lloyd  
 Betty Lonergan- *K Cummins' mother*  
 Nick Mantell  
 Shirley Marconi- *D Turofski's mother*  
 Molly Mauro- *J McMurtrie's cousin*  
 David McMurtrie- *deployed*

Sharon McMurtrie- *sister-in-law of Jeff*  
 Louise Mest  
 Donald Moll- *friend of Loretta Baver*  
 Delue Moyer  
 Steven Moyer, Jr.- *USN son of N McClain*  
 Bill Mullin- *friend of Carol Elias*  
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 Elsie Rehak  
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 Christoph Schmidt  
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 Mildred Seasholtz  
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 Braden Sell- *nephew of Jeremiah Sell & Heather Walter*  
 Linda Shagg  
 Landon Shoemaker- *grandson of Cheryl & Larry Weiss*  
 Judy Shupe- *friend of Edith Stevens*  
 Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*  
 Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*  
 Arlene Smoll  
 Sarah Sweinhart- *sister of D Schaffer*  
 Jeanette Terpoilli  
 Verna Thomas  
 Bob Twisdale  
 Ray Valentine- *J Fox's grandfather*  
 Gene & Barbara Woehr  
 Herbert Wolf  
 Robert Wood  
 Harry Wood  
 Nancy Yerger

## Retirement & Nursing



### Frederick Mennonite Community

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

### Life Quest, Quakertown

Grace Leister  
 Gordon Leister

### Little Lehigh Manor

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Betty Mensch  
 R. Wm. Phillips  
 Evelyn Gerhard

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Alverda Smoll

### Pennsburg Manor

Fern Kurz  
 Dalton Boehm  
 Theresa Kautz  
 Marion Henry  
 Esther Walter  
 Robert Mack

### Manor Care Home, Allentown

Gladys Hetrick

### Topton Lutheran Home

Lewis Gaul



~ Health Advocates Ministry ~

~Current Staff Email Addresses~

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.



It's March. Can we breathe a sigh of relief that winter's fury is over? It has been a busy season for pneumonia. Pneumococcal disease can cause serious infections: lungs (pneumonia), blood (bacteremia), and the brain's covering (meningitis). Anyone can get a pneumococcal disease. Those at greater risk are 65 and older, the very young, and anyone with special health problems (heart or lung disease, kidney failure, diabetes, HIV, or certain types of cancer, etc.) The CDC reports that about 1 out of every 20 people with pneumococcal disease dies, 2 out of 10 who have bacteremia, 3 out of 10 with meningitis. The disease is now resistant to the effects of the old "stand by", Penicillin, making treatment more difficult. But there is a vaccine (PPV) that protects against 23 types of pneumococcal pneumonia. It's recommended for those 65 and older and for anyone over 2 years old who has either a long-term health problem or condition that lowers their resistance to infections. For more information, see the pamphlet, "VACCINE", in the narthex.

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## ~Bible Quiz~

Just before the Last Supper (John 13), Jesus took off his outer robe, poured water into a basin and began

washing his disciples' feet. One disciple, however, protested having the Lord wash his feet. Jesus told the reluctant man that unless he allowed Jesus to wash his feet, he really had no share in Christ's leadership. The disciple then relented. He

said Jesus could wash not only his feet but his hands and head, as well.



Choose the name of this disciple from the list below:

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Andrew
- D. Judas

Answer: A (see John 13:1-9)

## ~ The truly successful life ~

According to the Bible, true success comes when we do what God requires of us, namely "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with him (Micah 6:8, NRSV). God wants us to use the talents and gifts he's given us to pursue his kingdom on earth.

Success comes when we share our achievements, blessings and wisdom with others, especially people who are hurting or in need. Success comes when our family is tied together with love, prayer and worship — and when we share one another's struggles, successes and goals.

## ~ Lenten schedule ~

The season of Lent begins on March 9<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday with a service at 7:30 PM. This will be a service of healing and ashes. Communion set up for this service is: Niccole Oswald. The Communion assistant will be: Cheryl Weiss, and ushers are team #5 - Brian Stever and Frank & Chad Grim.



Beginning on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Lenten Service at 7:30 each week until April 13<sup>th</sup>. Preceding these services will be a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:45 PM each week.



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

Lunch Bunch is ready to welcome Spring with our March gathering. Mark your calendar, Wednesday, March 9, 11:30 am, in Church Fellowship Hall. You can pack a sandwich and a bowl of soup and your dessert will be provided. Don't forget your mug!

Entertaining us will be, "Hobo Queen," Betty Roberto. Betty will share her stories and adventures of the Railroad Hoboes and their gatherings. Hobo organizer and King, Karl Teller will be joining her. Let's fill the room and give them a warm Lunch Bunch Welcome. Bring a friend!



If you shop at Redners, use your save-a-tape card and bring the entire tape to Lunch Bunch. The 1% savings helps to support our programs. Thank you.

**\*\*Please save your Redner 's tapes to support the Lunch Bunch. You need to use your Save a Tape Card. Cashiers no longer have a card at their register.(Please bring the entire tape)**

~ 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.

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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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Twoodles	120
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~ Cemetery Flowers ~

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



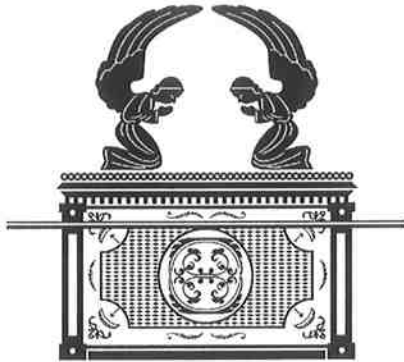
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~ Christian Symbols ~

Ark of the Covenant

The ark was at the center of worship for the Israelites. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron’s rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God’s throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies, where the Holy Spirit dwells.



~ A great fit ~

A caller to Christian radio station KLOVE spoke of the amazing way God restored her struggling marriage. On the weekend that she and her husband separated, they each attended different services on different days at their large, multi-campus church.

For an object lesson, the pastor had purchased three 1,500-piece puzzles and given one piece to each worshiper that weekend. The woman took hers home and placed it on her dresser.

That Sunday, the husband stopped by the house to do yard work. When the woman walked by her dresser, she noticed that another puzzle piece was attached to hers — and it fit. It was the piece her husband had received at church.

The woman said that was a loud sign from God that she and her husband “fit” together and would be okay. Life and marriage aren’t always perfect, but she framed the puzzle pieces “as a constant reminder to our covenant to each other” and to God’s promises.

~Paper recycling~

Please help support UPCCC by bringing your paper to the recycle bin that is located in the lower child care parking lot. Newspapers, magazines, and junk mail, but please no cardboard.

~ Pray without ceasing ~

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too.”

—J.C. Ryle



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Ecclesiastes 5:7b, NIV

## ~ March Lutheran Magazine ~

**IT'S A STRUGGLE:** But there is hope. *The Lutheran's* March issue looks at "Coming to grips with struggling congregations." The magazine found that challenges abound, but so do ministry responses. Learn how a shuttered congregation keeps on giving to its community. See how another congregation stopped, looked around and saw what's going down—but now up. And find out what the ELCA presiding bishop has to say on the topic.

**LET'S DISCUSS.** *The Lutheran's* March issue gives you some articles to think about and discuss. Read Peter Marty's column and ponder "The sweet spot of vocations." Walter Wangerin Jr. writes on Lent and humility. Ponder a hard Lenten lesson by reading "Forsaken?" And discuss "Ambience," which is more than pillows for congregations—their welcome rests in the theology of the cross.

**THERE'S SOMETHING** for everyone in *The Lutheran's* March issue: **see** which films our reviewers list as the "most spiritually literate" of 2010 ... **get** to know an 85-year-old who says it's never too late to volunteer ... **meet** a teen who takes worn-out shoes and helps build 'safe surfaces for children to play on' ... **learn** how to make Mother's Day special with a "net" corsage and how to hand out love from your glove box ... **find** a way to encourage your children to tune in during worship ... and **get** advice on how to resolve pastor/parishioner conflicts.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING** in the church and beyond? In *The Lutheran's* March issue, see how ELCA Bible camps are using technology to get you there and keep you connected ... **hear** what four ELCA ethicists have to say about civility following the shooting of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords ... **read** the "News" section to learn about the church at large, including the lawsuit against the ELCA and Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, and the retirement of the head of the ELCA Board of Pensions

... **meet** an ELCA pastor who is cleared for takeoff ... and **see** how two congregations are looking to a pastor who's had a hard life to help in their ministries.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*

- April cover story: What Lutherans have to give/share with conservative evangelicals.
- A congregation designs its garden as the "Stations of the Resurrection."
- An Easter reflection.
- Six suggestions for church leadership as they plan how their faith communities can move forward.
- The difference between being "blessed" and being "privileged."
- May cover story: Making sense of the ordination process.

## ~ Looking for ways to help? ~

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED AT 9:15**

We are looking for dedicated volunteers who have a calling to impart a faith foundation to children and are willing to teach in our Sunday Church School program. We will be needing teachers for the PreK & K class come September and perhaps openings in other classes as well. This is an important and rewarding ministry need. Please contact Bonnie Bonser at 215-679-5553 ext. 125 or e-mail at [stpaulupccc-ed-dir@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulupccc-ed-dir@comcast.net) or see Pat Klinger if you are interested.

**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 Altar and Chancel flowers. Please call Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 if you wish to sponsor flowers. Arrangements start at \$35.

## ~ Chester squeaks - er - speaks ~

Has anyone seen that tricky little leprechaun that runs around here every March? He certainly has a good time playing tricks on all the children in the child care.



Just think, it's March. Can Spring be far away? Already the flowers in front of the church have poked their heads out of the ground. Several robins have been spotted. And I've heard all you humans saying how ready you are for Spring after a long, cold, snowy Winter. Spring continually proves the goodness of God to me. It reminds me of His restoration. He renews all nature by the light of His life.

I think we have made it past the worst of the noise in the construction of the elevator. This is what I have observed as I travel around on my building inspection: all the men on this project have been extremely conscientious, hard working, and kind. I'm sure you will all be pleased when this project is done.

This month starts with one of my favorite events here at church - an ASP ham dinner. Yum!! Make sure you bring the entire family. It's a great meal and the money goes for ministry to help others. So there's another reason to come out. You get a good dinner and contribute to helping others just as Jesus said we should.

Lunch Bunch sounds like it's going to be a real hoot this month. Betty the "Hobo Queen" is coming. I don't think I've ever seen a hobo queen before. I'm sure mother will be interested in meeting a queen.

There will be extra services this month starting with the Ash Wednesday service on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. And

starting the following Wednesday the mid-week Lenten services will begin each week at 7:30. There will be a soup supper before each service at 6:45 PM. Vicar Chris will be bringing the message each week.

Did I tell you I have to be more careful going into the pastor's office now and then? It seems every once in a while he brings his dog or dogs to the office with him. I get along fine with them when he's not looking. It's a good thing they like me considering Esther the basset hound ate the pastor's popsickle stick and all. I must look like a doggie treat! Of course the vicar never notices when I am around. And I certainly don't allow most of the office ladies or child care teachers to ever see me except "Miss Bonnie". She likes mice and has quite a few of them in her office.

I wish you all a very warm and sunny March. Take notice to God's renewal. Enjoy each day as it is the Lord's gift of life to us and to all His creation. Until next month... remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester

**ASP Ham Dinner Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 PM served family style, all you can eat, and benefits the Appalachia Service Project a home repair ministry.**

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## ~ Growing in grace ~

*“Friends, when life gets really difficult, don’t jump to the conclusion that God isn’t on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.*

*If you’re abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It’s the Spirit of God and His glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. If they’re on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that’s a different matter. But if it’s because you’re a Christian, don’t give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!*

*So if you find life difficult because you’re doing what God said, take it in stride. Trust Him. He knows what He’s doing, and He’ll keep on doing it.”*

*I Peter 4:12-17, 19 The Message*

Are you a pew sitting Christian or do you put your Christianity out there on the front line? If you can not relate to the scripture above, maybe it’s because you don’t ever venture out of the church bunker where it’s safe and into the world where you might get shot at.

Jesus commissioned His followers to go into all the world not to set up churches and stay comfortably inside them. The world is where there are millions of lost people trapped in darkness and the lies of the devil. The world is a hard, cold, mean, negative, dangerous place. But that is the very place we have been called to go!

If all Christians are corralled and quarantined inside our churches that is just where the world and the devil want us to be. That’s when our light is truly under a bushel. That’s when we truly are preaching to the choir. Who is it that needs to hear the message of Christ? Who is it that needs to see the love and grace of God? The world!

We’ve been issued our marching orders by our Commander and Chief, Jesus. He has given us the

equipment we need. We have been issued the armor of God. That includes a shield and our weapon, the sword of the Spirit. Not only that, but we have all the promises of God that are yes in Christ. Promises like, the battle is the Lord’s. We are more than conquerors. We already have the victory. No weapon formed against us can prosper. And many, many more. Besides, if you read the end of the Book, we win! It may seem like we lose a battle now and then, but we win the war!

If you are one of those comfortable Christians, the least you can do is pray for those in God’s army who are on the front lines. All around the world there are those who have committed their all, risking their lives day after day to spread the Word of the gospel. They take God’s message of love and grace, His forgiveness and mercy to the places God calls them. It’s not always darkest Africa that needs to hear the gospel. It’s places like schools, neighborhoods, prisons, factories, corporate America, colleges and universities, halls of Congress, and believe it or not, to many so-called church people.

We are not all called to go into some foreign country. We are not all called to the same front. But as Christians, we are all called to testify, to be witnesses to the Lord Jesus Christ. There will be a time and a place when God wants us to shine our light, speak words seasoned with salt, risk sharing our faith regardless of the cost. We need to be ready. Ready like troops that can be deployed at a moments notice. That’s not the time to train and learn about how to use our weapon. A good soldier is trained and prepared before he is placed on the battlefield. So should we be.

How long has it been since you picked up your sword - the Word of God, your Bible? Do you know where your armor is? Do you know how to put it on? Do you know what it’s for?, how to use it? Or is your faith only good for sitting in a safe church pew on Sunday morning for an hour and forgetting about it until the next Sunday? We have been given an assignment - all of us who call ourselves by the name of Christ. We can do it in the power of the Holy Spirit Who is the grace of God!

***Grace ~ the power of the Holy Spirit to do in us what we can not do for and by ourselves.***

## ~ Upper Perkiomen Child Care ~

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



### News from the director ~

A great big thank you to all our co-operative, understanding parents who have persevered with us through all the Winter weather we have had. Hopefully it's all over. But knowing

March's reputation, who knows.

We are always looking for ways to improve the quality of care and learning we provide here at UPCCC. Do you fill out the survey we sent home? We are looking for your input.

Another thing I really like about our center's families is the way you support the staff when we do things like bake sales. Thank you for contributing toward Beth's daughter who is going to Ghana.

Let's look forward to Spring and lots of outdoor time for the children. They will be looking for leprechauns for sure.

### Here's the news from our classrooms.

**Nursery** ~ Of our 11 babies, four will have birthdays this month - Michael, Charlie, Tate, & Trent. We were blessed with a new rug donated by Roy Lomas Carpets. We will be enjoying Spring colors and doing Bingo Dabbers & finger painting with our older babies. The Nursery is on the move! We love our babies!

**Little Explorers** ~ welcomed Aniya Mims to our class. This month our color is green and our theme for the month is clover and Spring. We are learning to sign "I love you." We are going to be searching for leprechauns and their gold, taking Spring walks, and making a clover collage.

**Twooodles** ~ We have said good-bye to Ryan Vandernoeth and Savanna Witwer and hello to Amanda Baram. Our theme for March is Spring and weather. We will continue to practice the letters in our name and counting to 20. This month we will be making handprint birds, painting kites, and playing a rainbow color matching game. At our science table we will have a St. Patrick's Day surprise using yellow and blue ice cubes.

**Pre-School** ~ Our theme this month is St. Patrick's Day and weather. We will be learning the color blue, the letters K,L,R,E and the number 8. We will be having a leprechaun hunt. Have you seen him? Our art projects will include painting shamrocks, a shamrock collage, and a weather wheel.

**Pre-K** ~ will be learning about Spring, weather, and St. Patrick's Day. Our color will be blue and our letters are K,L,R, & E. Lucky the Leprechaun will be visiting our room and we will be painting rainbows and leprechauns this month.



**Kindergarten** ~ This month our themes are weather and Spring. The color for the month is blue, but we will be seeing GREEN! are love and Africa. We will be learning the number 8 and the letters KL,R,and E. Lucky the Leprechaun comes to visit and play tricks on us this month. Our projects are leprechaun paintings, shamrocks, weather windsocks, and phonograph art. D. Seuss and kid writing will happen this month too.

**School- Age** ~ We hope to integrate another Dramatic play area in the School-Age program since the Duncan Donuts shop went over so well. Along with fun in the room, Miss Marcia will be in full swing with her music program. The children will be enjoying a Tuesday afternoon choral ensemble along with a Thursday afternoon Handbell session. Hopefully we will be in store for an early Spring.

~ Thrivent ~

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~ Peanut butter ~

Please remember we are the community's peanut butter church for Open Line. Keep those jars of peanut butter coming!

~ Victory House ~

"On February 13th, 2011 Denise, Tyler and Cameron Klavon and Bob and Laura Foreman traveled to the Victory House in Bethlehem to serve chicken tacos with all the fixings to the residents. Tyler and Cameron masterfully chopped the vegetables for fresh salsa and guacamole and Denise and Laura prepared the chicken for the chicken tacos. After Bob skillfully steamed the taco shells, the group served and shared dinner with the residents. While the group chatted with some familiar faces, conversations were shared with some new residents as well. Thank you to all who support the Victory House ministry with your time, talent and money. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory House on March 13<sup>th</sup> for their next visit. 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 via email at [foreman3@hotmail.com](mailto: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)



### ~ Prison Ministry -you can help ~

There are more than 2.8 million people in prisons today in the United States. In the eyes of many in the law enforcement establishment these people are just trash that needs to be thrown away and forgotten about. As Christians we need to see these people as God sees them. They are not trash. They are human beings who have made wrong choices and there but by the grace of God go we.

Prison is the place where many of these people find God. Yes, there is "jailhouse religion", but there are also those who truly give their hearts to the Lord and become new creations in Christ. God is no respecter of persons. He can change a heart in prison just as easily as anywhere else (and sometimes easier). Many who have become Christians and are still in prison reach out to their fellow prisoners with the love of God. They share the word of God's grace and also minister to their fellow inmates in physical, tangible ways such as sharing what little money and supplies they have with them.

This is where we can all help. *Adopt An Inmate* is a way we can reach out with the love of God to those who are in prison with no family or means of outside support. Most prisoners if they can get a prison job make 9 to 14cents an hour. They are provided by the state with 3 meals a day (maybe better than third world countries, but far from the amount and quality of food we have). They receive one pair of boots, one set of clothes, one small bar of soap, and one jacket. If they need or want more of anything or if things wear out, they must go to the commissary and pay for what they need or do without. They must pay for their own medical, dental, and most other needs.

How does God show His love to us? He provides for us. This is what *Adopt An Inmate* is all about. We are looking for people who would be willing to send an inmate who has no other support \$30 a month and be willing to write to them, send an encouraging card, or

share some words of faith with them each month. Our prison ministry would arrange this between you and the inmate. By receiving this support they realize someone cares - God cares. We can help God change lives, one life at a time.

Please pray about and consider whether you would be a candidate to participate in our *Adopt An Inmate* program. We have men who are waiting for someone to care about them in the love of the Lord. We all need love and grace. But those who have been condemned and deserted by society, their family, and friends, need to know that God does not condemn them. He is the God of second, third, ... chances. After all, His grace to us never ends nor does His love and forgiveness. And we are no different from them. We are all human beings who have fallen short of the glory of God.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact me, Bonnie Bonser at 215-679-5553 ext 125 or e-mail me at: [fimjn836@comcast.net](mailto:fimjn836@comcast.net) or [stpaulupccc-ed-dir@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulupccc-ed-dir@comcast.net)

I pray you search your heart and inquire of the Lord what He would have you do. We are to be His hands of provision in a hurting world. Won't you please help.

### ~ Quotes ~

- "The birth of Christ brought God to us, but it took the cross of Christ to bring us to God."  
—*Author unknown*
- "There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness."  
—*Josh Billings*
- "The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much."  
—*St. John Chrysostom*

~ Upcoming Women's Event ~

Ladies, it's time to reserve a date on your calendar. Our Spring Women's Event is being planned for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. Following the program will be a 1 PM high tea luncheon at the Gilbertsville TeaRoom for the first 30 ladies who sign up to go. The program is open to all women who come. Only the for the tea luncheon is it necessary to make a reservation. The cost of the tea

luncheon is \$24 so we can all start saving our pennies for that now. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in fish tank hallway. This year's theme and more details will be announced later. Let's just say we are going to have a bloomin' good time!



~ Say yes to God ~

“Many think of self-denial as giving up something during the Lenten season. Others have said that it is to be dead to self, or even to hate self. I disagree with these opinions. When Jesus referred to self-denial (Mark 8:34), he was not talking about denying ourselves some luxury item or denying the reality of self or the needs of self. Rather, he was focusing on the importance of renouncing self as the center of our life and actions.

“In other words, self-denial is the decision of each of his followers to give over to God his body, career, money and time. A true disciple is willing to shift the spiritual center of gravity in his life. Self-denial is the sustained willingness to say no to oneself in order to say yes to God.”  
 —Bill Hull

**WHY FORGIVE?**

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV



Time to Spring Ahead

Set your clock ahead for Sunday, March 13th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Bible Study 1PM Bible study 7PM	Girl Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts Parent's mtg 7:00 PM	ASP Ham Dinner 3-7 PM
6 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15 AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Confirmation-4:30 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	7 Cub Scouts-6:30 Property 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	8	9 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch <b>ASH Wed</b> service 7:30 PM AA-8 PM	10 Bible study 7PM	11 Girl Scouts 6:30 in FH	12
13 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Victory House 4:15 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	14 Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	15	16 6:45 Soup supper <b>Lenten Service</b> 7:30 PM AA - 8 PM	17 Bible Study 1PM Bible study 7PM	18 Girl Scouts 6:30	19
20 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Table Talk - 4:30 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8PM	21 Cemetery- 7 PM Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	22 Finance 6:45 PM Council 7:30 PM	23 6:45 Soup supper <b>Lenten Service</b> 7:30 PM AA - 8 PM	24 Bible study 7PM	25 Girl Scouts 6:30	26
27 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Youth Group 11 AM Bells 7:30 / NA- 8PM	28 Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	29	30 6:45 Soup supper <b>Lenten Service</b> 7:30 PM AA - 8 PM	31 Bible study 7PM		

<i>Worship Assistants for March • St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church</i>							
	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Comm Assist</b>	<b>10:30 Ushers</b>	<b>9:15 Ushers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Counters</b>
<b>6</b>	8:00 AM Nicole Walter 10:30 AM Stephanie Smith Wash: P. Walter	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Lewis Hill 10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	10:30 AM # 4 Jeff & Tyler Bird	9:15 AM H Sue Jarret John Ferrero	10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	Mon 7 - # 1 Sandy Bergey Eleanor King Diane Leister
<b>13</b>	8:00 AM A & D Richard	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Henry Thomas 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 6 Floyd Treffinger John Hinkle	9:15 AM I Ed & Sheila Kraus	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 14- # 2 Fern Roth Linny Genszler D Brendlinger
<b>20</b>	8:00 AM Barbara Miller	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Sandy Bergey 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	10:30 AM # 7 Charlie & Jan Woertz	9:15 AM A Ron & Diane Leister	10:30 AM Jan Woertz	Mon 21 - # 3 Charlie Shagg Tom Sands
<b>27</b>	8:00 AM Sandy Landis	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Charles Shagg 10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	10:30 AM # 1 Bruce Bayer Laverne Keyser	9:15 AM B Craig & Lori Frank	10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	Mon 28- # 5 Leroy Stevens Betty Treffinger Robert Stevens
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	10:30 AM #	9:15 AM	10:30 AM	Mon - #

\*\*\*ASH Wednesday worship assistants listed on page 5\*\*\*  
 Calendar Subject to Change ★ Worship Assistants ★ Sunday Schedule • 8:00 A.M. • 9:15 AM • 10:30 AM.