

The Epistle

A newsletter for the Members and Friends of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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On May 3rd and 4th, the Southeastern PA Synod will gather for its annual Synod Assembly, and this year, we will be electing a new bishop. Our current bishop, Patricia Davenport will be retiring for a well-deserved rest! I am relatively new to this synod, but in my short time, I have been grateful for Bishop Davenport's steady hand of leadership. Bishops are the Rostered Leader's pastor, and in that role, she has frequently reached out to me in support and prayer, and for that I am grateful. So please join me in prayers of gratitude for Bishop Davenport and give thanks that the Lord called her into the ministry of Bishop.

I have been a part of electing a bishop in other synods and I find it to be an inspiring process. Most memorably, when I attended the ELCA National Assembly in Pittsburgh, I was a part of the election of a new national bishop, Elizabeth Eaton. Regarding our Synod, I have appreciated the intentionality given to the process of this upcoming bishop election, as discernment materials have been developed and shared, and as a result of the process, there are several candidates identified to serve in the Office of Bishop. I will be attending this year's Synod Assembly along with Denny Detweiler and Cathy Hurley, and so when you see them, say a special thanks for being a part of Synod Assembly. Please pray for us that we may be led to making the best and most faithful decision for the Synod.

Finally, for the good of the congregation, I want to share a few things.

- First, I am grateful for all of those who brought Easter Flowers and Palm Crosses to our church members. A special thanks to Jeanette Johnson for leading this caring ministry, and again, thanks to all who shared the love of St. Paul's.
- Second, through the leadership of Carol Detweiler, Jayne Poole, and other leaders of Senior Ministry, a new vibrancy is emerging in St. Paul's Senior Ministry. The committee received so many responses to the recent questionnaire, filled with many great ideas. I am looking forward to the Senior Ministry luncheon on Thursday, May 23 at 12 pm here at St. Paul's. If you have not yet attended a Senior Ministry event it would be a great time to do so.
- Third, I am happy our children here at St. Paul's have such a loving and supporting community. They are learning about God's love and what is right and wrong, knowing that as they get older, they will have a strong moral background to navigate, this at times, challenging world. For each way that you support our children, thank you, and know that you are making a difference.
- Fourth, during the month of May, I will be taking pictures for our church directory. If you have not yet had your picture taken, or would like your previous one updated, please stop in the designated spot in the narthex to have your picture taken, or if you can't be here, call me, and I will come to your house and take your picture. It's important that we know one another by name.
- Fifth and final, because our relationship with Jesus and one another is the foundation for our ministry, please consider being a part of a church committee. On Sunday May 19, (Day of Pentecost), we will hold a Committee Day in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Each church committee will have a table and information about the things each committee does, as a way to encourage one another to be a part of a church committee.

In gratitude,
Pastor Bill Coleman

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Finance Update



Checking Account - Monthly	
Beginning Balance 3/1/24	\$10,181.47
Deposits (monthly)	\$21,372.97
Beginning Bal + Deposits	\$31,554.44
Expenses (monthly)	\$27,339.85
Ending Balance 3/31/24	\$4,214.59
Checking Account - YTD	
Beginning Balance 1/1/24	\$21,496.43
Deposits to date	\$81,536.04
Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$103,032.47
Expenses to date	\$98,817.88
Ending Balance 3/31/24	\$4,214.59
Funds Ending Balances 3/31/24	
Memorial Fund	\$39,059.43
Capital Reserve	\$69,465.21
Benevolence	\$2,905.23
Specials	\$123,989.13
Liabilities as of 3/31/24	
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00

This information is the most up to date available at time of printing. More up to date information can be found in the Sunday bulletins, or by calling the church office.



**Church Family
News**

On April 7, Kylian Jerome Gore was claimed as a child of God in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Kylian is the son of Ashley and Sean Gore and the grandson of Leslie Gore.

You are invited to pray for the families and friends of...

Jean Uehling, who died on April 14, 2024



Reminder!

Please remember that if you have any changes to your address, home phone number, cell phone number, email address, etc., please let Ashley in the church office know so that we can continue to keep our church records as up to date as possible.



**Thank You
Notes**

My daughter Michelle and I would like to thank Pastor Coleman and the congregation at St. Paul's for the cards, prayers, and the love we received with the passing of our dear wife and mother Karen.

Ron Money

Thank you for the cards and prayers I received during my recent recovery. It is very much appreciated.

Lorraine Guarino

Bill and I would like to thank you for the white tulips at Easter. They came at a good time to show you care as Bill hasn't been feeling well. We are blessed, thank you.

Bill and Sandy Baker

Thank you for the lovely flowers and the visit from Joan. It's great that St. Paul's always shows the celebration of the holidays.

Peg Young

We are so very thankful to St Paul's congregation and Pastor Bill for the prayers, card, altar flowers and thoughtful words following the loss of our grandfather and father-in-law, Wayne Thompson Jr. Blessings to our church family!

**Courtney, Lindsey and
Linda Thompson**

Dear Pastor, Chris and I wanted to thank you for the wonderful service for our mom, Betty Jean Way. It was so meaningful, and I know mom would have been pleased. Please pass on to Jeanette and all the ladies our appreciation for all the work they did on that very difficult day. Mom was always so proud to be a member of St. Paul's.

Chris and Colleen Klingman



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Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule



May 5 – assist in worship

May 19 – making Pentecost “fire sticks”
to be used during closing hymn

May 12 – class time

May 26 – class time

Children ages three through 5th grade start in worship with their parents and then are invited to Children's Ministry after the Children's Message. They return to worship in time for communion.

Vacation Bible Camp 2024



July 29 – August 1 from 9am until noon

For children ages 4 through 5th grade

Being held again this summer at Little Zion Lutheran Church on Morwood Rd in Telford

Register online at www.bit.ly/FirelightVBS24 or find the link on our website or in the weekly email announcements.

Summer of 2024 Youth Work Camp



June 24-27 from 8:30am until 3pm

For youth going into 4th grade through high school

This popular week find us helping out at many local non-profits!

Yes! Friends are invited!

Puzzle!

Use the list of names to identify each thankful Bible character. Then use the symbol code to complete Psalm 79:13, NKJV.

NAMES: Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Hannah

Led his people through the Red Sea.	Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.	Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.
Ravens brought him food.	Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.	
Their brother was raised from the dead.	Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.	Jesus brought his daughter back to life.

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Answers: Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus, We ... will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations. Psalm 79:13, NKJV

ST. PAUL'S GREEN TEAM
ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 11th

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

PARKING LOT BEHIND ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

107 W LINCOLN AVE, TELFORD, PA

Drop off these items free of charge: All scrap metal including Steel, Iron, Brass, Copper, Aluminum, and products such as Lawn Mowers, Benches, Bicycles, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Swing Sets, Car Batteries, Radiators, Insulated Wire, Christmas/Holiday Light Sets and much more!

We will also accept Room Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers! No charge!

DO NOT BRING: Tin Cans, Paint Cans, Vacuum Cleaners, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Freezers, Hazardous Material or Electronics.



St. Paul's Bible Study



May 2 and 16 at 12:00 pm

Come and join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Easter Wondering & Wandering Walks



Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Library

Join us for Bible study on the chapters in 1st & 2nd Timothy, followed by wandering the streets and alleys of Telford.

Planned Giving at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The ELCA Foundation exists to help incorporate planned giving as we consider leaving a legacy to those ministries important to us. Planned Giving is a thank you note to our past and a love letter to the future. The worst mistake of Planned Giving is procrastination. A helpful definition of Planned Giving is any gift given now or in the future that requires more preparation than writing a check. If you are interested in receiving more information about Planned Giving please contact Wayne Young or Pastor Coleman. Or if you prefer, you may contact David Shank of the ELCA Foundation at David.shank@elca.org or 410-716-4204.

Intersections

May 12 and 26

Sunday Adult Faith Conversations
Where Daily Life Intersects with God's Word

Led by Pastor Coleman
and Marian Henry

10:45 am in the Parlor

Luncheon Sponsored by St. Paul's Senior Ministry

Thursday, May 23 at
12 noon in the
Fellowship Hall

"I'M A SENIOR...
SO WHAT?"



Are you proud of getting older? Look how much you've experienced! Let's CELEBRATE being seniors!

May is national "Older Americans Month". We want to celebrate our St. Paul's Seniors of all ages. "70 is the new 60"...! Join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship as we lift up our collective maturity and wisdom! We'll also share results from our recent Seniors Ministry Survey.

Menu: Hot roast beef sandwich with gravy OR pulled pork sandwich, pasta salad, chips and dessert

To help with planning, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Deadline: Sunday, May 12. Please designate menu choice. Cost: Free-will donation.

No matter what your "senior age", we want to celebrate each of you and the unique gifts and stories that you each bring to our St. Paul's family. Hope to see you on May 23!



Every Fourth Tuesday
of the Month at
Free Will Brewing Co.,
Perkasie

Next Meeting:
May 28 at 7 pm

For the past several years, members from several local congregations have been gathering on the 4th Tuesday of every month for Pub Theology. Each month features a different leader and topic. Conversations are always lively and thought-provoking. Won't you consider joining us? No previous Bible knowledge needed!

Volunteers for May 2024

ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Sommers, Ron and Sandy Schneck, and
Becky Fritzges

ASSISTING MINISTERS

May 5— Dawn Krown

May 12— Diane King

May 19—Ashley Bromley

May 26—Denny Detweiler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 5— Denny Detweiler and Brittney Jones

May 12— Jim McMichael and Dale Souder

May 19—Shirley Schimpf and Cathy Hurley

May 26—Ray Landis and Amanda Zeppenfeld

FLOWER DELIVERY

May 5— Judy Kraus

May 12— Sara Johnson

May 19—Jeanette Johnson

May 26—Joan Votta

GREETERS

May 5— Frank and Donna Bucher

May 12— Ruth and Fred Johns

May 19—Ruth Woltersdorf

May 26—Cathy Hurley

LECTORS

May 5— Hudson Martin

May 12— Mallory Prediger

May 19—Joan Votta

May 26—Peg Moyer

USHERS

May 5— David Hange, Rodney Hange, Joan O'Connor

May 12— Ron Money, Fred Johns, Joan O'Connor

May 19—Richard Poole, Tors Ahlman, Joan O'Connor

May 26—Jim McMichael, Randy Groff, Joan O'Connor

THANK YOU
Volunteers



Prayer List



The following prayer list is current as of April 23, 2024. Please contact the church office with any changes. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless notified otherwise. Thank you.

Please Pray for...

Rod Alderfer

Kayla Novak

Norm Driscoll

Scott Schucker

Dottie Fogel

Amber Voehringer

Anne Macy

Please Continue to Pray for...

Lisa Bealer

Keith Landis

Dick Clark

Jim Lombardo

Maxine Detweiler

Tracey Leinen

Carolyn Evans

Bill Lincoln

Susan Farrington

Anna Long

Roland Fernandez

Stacey Lusk

Suzanne Fernandez

Gene Moyer

Tim Greiser

Joanne Romano

Harvey Groff

Carrie Scary

Gloria Harpel

Dean Shollenberger

Leslie Harpel

David Somers

Cheryl Hutchison

Jeff and Heather Spillane

Jim Hurley

Andrew Strauss

Roger Jones

Claudette Strauss

Brent Johnson

Linda Tierrmo

Gayle King

Carole Ann Vogel

Al Landis

Fred Wahl

Comfort for the Bereaved

Family and Friends of Diane Planutis

(Niece of Barbara Potucek)

Family and Friends of Jean Uehling

**If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please fill out the "Prayer Requests" section of the weekly bulletin insert, or speak to Pastor Coleman or Ashley in the church office.*