

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARISH MESSENGER

March 2021

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.



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Pastors' Letter for the March 2021 Newsletter

I John 2:2 ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Our Lenten series is entitled Jesus, Peter and Me and one thing we wanted to make sure is clear – the "me" means everyone. Yes, our faith is very personal, in fact when we receive Holy Communion, we hear the words that this is the body and blood of Christ for "you." Jesus cares about each one of us individually and we are invited into a very intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior, but our relationship with Jesus is never private. Personal but not private, because we have a communal faith. In baptism we are brought into Christ's body, the church and we are connected in a beautiful web of believers, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

One of the things that our Lenten series reminds us is that there are certain qualities that we all share as a part of our human nature, certain sins that we all fall prone to because we are part of a fallen creation.

This commonality should make us more sympathetic toward one another, more willing to forgive, more anxious to join together in prayer and praise of the one who has given us life and salvation.

Recognizing that the "me" is everyone also effects our evangelism efforts. Jesus died for the sins of the whole world – we share in common the state of sinfulness, we share in a common the gift of redemption. Yes, unfortunately some will reject that premise – some don't want to either acknowledge their sin or receive Christ's mercy but that doesn't negate our call to share good news to a hurting world. The Holy Spirit will take our efforts and will stir in the hearts of believers and non-believers and we never know when a life will be changed by the promises of Christ.

Thanks be to God that there are saints like Peter who point us to Christ and his gifts of life and salvation for sinners like "me."

Praying for a meaningful Lent for all of us! Pastor Sally

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR MARCH:

Scholarship Fund

This month's special appeal assists our high school graduates in paying for their higher education. Attending an institution of higher education is an expensive undertaking and any assistance in this regard helps to alleviate the burden of this financial undertaking. Those who apply for the funds must have achieved a good level of academic achievement during their high school careers and are expected to have contributed to the good of society. Thus, student candidates are interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, their goals are discussed with them, and their financial needs and grades assessed. The principal of the fund is not touched but rather interest is used, so donations to the fund help to ensure that the fund stays solvent in light of inflation and grows as college costs also increase. Use the envelope that comes in the mail with your other envelopes or a green envelope from the pew.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for March is **white cupcakes with white frosting & green sugar sprinkles** – we need 30 dozen by 9:00am on Friday, March 19th. **We are asking that you please individually wrap all Our Daily Bread snacks please.** If you can contribute some, please contact Kate Frye. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +



If your birthday is coming up and you do not want it recognized, please call the church office before the 15th of the month before your birthday.

March 1	Margaret Will 48 Hagerman Dr. York, PA 17408
March 6	Pat Eisenhart 879 Stoverstown Rd. York, PA 17408
March 6	Nancy Zerby 1814 Austin Ln. York, PA 17408
March 8	Steve Shipman 436 E. Ridge Rd. Dillsburg, PA 17019
March 9	Margaret Davidson 495 Lakeview Dr. Spring Grove, PA 17362
March 19	Larry Rinehart 6275 Clearview Rd. Dover, PA 17315
March 20	Carl Stambaugh 2360 Baker Rd. York, PA 17408
March 26	Gloria Keech 1907 Virginia Ave. Dover, PA 17315

We are not having our regular Sunday School classes at this time. We are considering April 11 for a start-up date. A survey will be sent out by e-mail to get your input.

If you are not receiving a copy of the Sunday bulletin by regular mail and would like to receive one please call the church office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2021

2021 YTD	Current	Bene.	Bldg. Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
Receipts	\$41,038	\$3,778	\$4,797	\$49,613	\$49,164
Disbursements	\$27,299	-	\$2,273	\$29,572	-
2021 Change					
In Fund Bal.	\$13,739	\$3,778	\$2,524	\$20,041	\$ 49,164
Prior Year's Bal	\$27,022	\$3,188	\$ 902	\$31,112	\$421,875
Accum. Fund					
Balance	\$40,761	\$6,966	\$3,426	\$51,153	\$471,039
<u>Current Month's</u>					
<u>change</u>					
Fund Bal. last Month	\$27,022	\$3,188	\$ 902	\$31,112	\$ 61,836
This Month's change	\$13,739	\$3,778	\$2,524	\$20,041	\$409,203

Our friends and partners in ministry Rev. Johan and Sonja Hinderlie have started an exciting and many faceted ministry called Ground Up Grace (<https://groundupgrace.com/>)

“Ground Up Grace is a ministry created to help people experience God’s gracious freedom in Christ. Regular podcasts, tours, books and other resources are designed to offer messages from the Bible that ground you in forgivin’ livin’. (Romans 6:14...”Sin will have no power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace!”). One key feature of this ministry is the Daily Text which many of our members use daily and which is now composed and published by Ground Up Grace. Another great daily offering is their daily podcast reflection on the Daily Text which can be reached directly at <https://groundupgrace.com/podcasts>. Pastors Paul and Sally who write prayers for the Daily Text each year strongly endorse this partnering ministry.

SPONSORSHIPS
ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

March 7 Ken Hoffman
March 14 Gary & Dot Mann
March 21 Brenda Shorts & Zana Krout
March 28 Rodney & DeAnn Eisenhart

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

March 7 Bill & Nancy Zerby
March 14 Bill & Nancy Zerby
March 21 Glenn & Mary Ann Bare
March 28 Ira & Gloria Keech

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

March 7 Richard & Mary Keller
March 14 Ted & Norma Krebs
March 21 Glen & Mary Ann Bare
March 28 Carl Smyser

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

March 7 Brenda & Barry Shorts
March 14 Gary & Dot Mann
March 21 Charlotte Hoffman & Family
March 28 Treva Albright

PARISH MESSENGER

Carl Smyser

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Family of Pauline Hoffman

OPEN 2021 SPONSORSHIPS

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5th Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening,
 - please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

Women of the Word

Women of the Word will not be meeting in March due to Covid 19. We invite all ladies to join us in our time of study and fellowship once we start meeting again.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Articles for the April newsletter need to be in the church office by **March 15th**.

Please note that we have resumed our Saturday morning worship service in the Narthex, Library area.

This half hour service includes lessons, a sermon and Holy Communion. Face masks are required and no singing. This will take place throughout March.



Book Club

will meet on March 18 at 1:30 and we will discuss:

Fool of New York City by Michael O'Brien.

Bible Study for March

One of the enriching features of church life is our common desire to delve further into the Holy Scriptures.

This winter/spring we will be looking at the books of First and Second Peter. God's word has great inspiration for our times of suffering and reminds us always to be compassionate to others in their times of need.

There is great encouragement in these books to maintain faithfulness in the face of temptations and to look for Christ's coming again.

So join us in person or by Zoom on Thursdays, the morning session is held here at the church in the Parlor at 10AM, the evening Zoom session is held at 7PM, the invitation to which will be included in the Wednesday and Thursday daily prayer e-mail for that week. The Bible Sessions will be held on **March 11, 18 and 25.**

In April we will start a study on Ephesians that will go through April and May

Third Thursday – Now we have 4 B's – Bible Study, Bingo, Bag lunch and Book Club! Friends in Christ (our group for widows, widowers and friends) has a substitute activity until we can hit the road again. On March 18, we will meet at 11:15 (right after Bible study). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall and have plenty of room for social distancing. We will use paper bingo papers and stamps. Small prizes will be given out. We will have a socially distanced lunch as well. Hopefully, Covid will end soon and we can go back to some of our fun outings, but in the meantime, we can have fun together in our nice big building! Pass the word around.

Church Council Minutes – The Church Council met on Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 7:00pm. Election of new officers was held. Exiting Council members: Jack Hall, Cindy Roth, Faye Nace assisted with the election of new officers. 2021 Church Council Officers: President – Sue Dickensheets, Vice President – Joe Jones, Secretary- Monica Hostetler, Asst. Secretary- Brenda McCleary, Treasurer- Rodney Smyser. Pastor Sally led a devotion. Agenda was adopted and Minutes from last meeting were approved. **Pastor's reported:** written report. **Committee's written reports:** Finance- contributions for Dec. were generous ending balance of funds in the black for the year. Property –no meeting. Youth & Family –planning a game night Christian Ed. –CCYC plan reviewed by council and sent back the Christian Ed. with plans to follow up once enrollment needs are known. Mutual Ministry- no meeting. Outreach- follow up on new church logo design Social Ministry delivering cards, pictures and crocheted hearts to our shut-ins. Stewardship August special appeal changed from Technology back to CCYC. Prayer Vigil for Good Friday 1-6pm, pray from home. Plan to create a Lenten Congregation booklet.**Old Business discussed:** 1. God Stories 2. Daily devotions, mailing of bulletins and emailing bulletins continuing 3. Budget meeting/Annual meeting Jan. 17. Between services Zoom available. Rodney Smyser to present budget. **New Business discussed:** 1. Computer proposal, quote by Doceo, unanimous vote by council to approve. 2. Protocol review, plan to maintain current protocol. 3. Lenten Worship, addressed earlier. 4. Outdoor worship, begin Easter Sunday weather permitting. 5. Council assignments, Sue Dickensheets- Outreach, Roxanne Donnan- Worship & Music, Dave Grube – Property, and Mike Barndt-Stewardship.

Membership Update:

Death: Evan Allison 12/19/20, John Stare (non-member) 12/21/20

Funerals: Evan Allison 12/23/20, John Stare 12/29/20

Transfers to Saint Paul:

Transfers from Saint Paul:

New Members:

Baptisms:

Weddings:

Calendar Updates:

Next meeting date: Feb. 9, 2021 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

THANK YOU

Dear Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Our lives are shaped by the decisions we make. For some who enter our doors, that reality has been painfully clear by the shame and guilt that has persistently gnawed at their hearts ever since deciding to abort. Others are on the verge of a choice with the potential to forever alter their own life, their unborn child, and one that will affect their family for generations to come. Your decision to donate to Human Life Services ensures that someone will be here to guide countless women and men to make a decision that affirms the value of every human life and provides education, tangible help, and just as importantly, hope for the future. Thank you again for supporting life with your donation of \$1,305.00 and may your life in turn be richly blessed! Sincerely for Life, Lora J. Abel, Executive Director Human Life Services

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We want to say Thank You! Your partnership and trust have allowed us to continue moving forward in the mission and vision of the NALC and growing the church of Jesus Christ. Many new congregations have been added in 2020. New missions starts and house churches across North America have been formed and the number is growing. We have continued to support missionaries serving Jesus and we have more than 40 future pastors studying in the North American Lutheran Seminary system. Your support provides needed scholarships to these future pastors which eliminates or greatly reduces the cost of tuition. The NALC Disaster Response teams mounted extensive and sustained aid efforts to those impacted by wildfires, flooding and hurricanes. You share in their great work. We also pray that all our donors and congregations be restored to full worship and ministry capacity in the new year. In the love of Jesus Christ, C. Michael Johnson, Treasurer North American Lutheran Church

THANK YOU

THANK YOU church members who participated in the 2020 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Despite the unusual times in 2020, the Shoebox ministry is happy to announce that in York County 14,019 boxes were collected and in the Mid-Atlantic Region (PA & MD) 559,879 were gathered. Can you imagine the Gospel opportunities this will provide...Praise God!

If anyone in our congregation is following where your Shoebox goes, please let us know your story! Again, many heartfelt thanks to all who participated! We will again in 2021 be a part of this very special ministry!
In His Service, Connie Dunklebarger

THANK YOU!" We love because He first loved us." 1John 4:19 A BIG THANK YOU to all those who took the time to make/buy valentines!!! We sure had a lot of LOVE to share as there were nearly 200 valentines that came in - enough to share and spread our love to ALL of the skilled care and assisted living residents at Spirit Trust on Sprenkle Dr. as well as many of those at Kelly Drive. Can you imagine how much we may have brightened their day, especially during these trying times? THANK YOU!!!

Dear People of Saint Paul, thank you so much for remembering our residents here at Sprenkle Drive for Valentine's Day. Your messages of love have brought smiles to the hearts and faces of our Skilled Care and Assisted Living Residents, some who rarely receive mail or notes from anyone. Thank you again for your outreach!
Blessings, Chaplain Tricia

Dear Friends, I am writing to thank you for your generous gift to Samaritan's Purse. Your support for this ministry is deeply appreciated. As we work together in crisis situations at home and around the world, we want to share the "hope of the Gospel" (Colossians 1:23) with as many people as possible. May God bless you. Franklin Graham

The Quilting group ~ "Donations of cotton material, sheets and thin curtains are still needed for LWR quilts. We have several members sewing quilts during the cold weather so your donations are used pretty quickly. We recently packed 25 quilts which were sewn and assembled in January and early February. Thanks and may God richly bless you!"



**CYC is coming back this fall.
Please spread the word.**

CYC is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes.

Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September. Registration can be done through saintpaultrinity.org, the CYC webpage, cycpreschool.com or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form.

The 3-year old's meet 3 days a week from 9:00-12:00 and the 4-year old's meet 5 days a week from 9:00-2:00. Tuition for the 3's is \$135/ month and for the 4's it is \$270/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.



Worship in March

- March 7** **Third Sunday in Lent**
First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel: John 2:13:22 (23-25)
- March 14** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9
Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21
- March 21** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10: (31-34) 34-45
- March 28** **Palm Sunday**
First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12
Second Lesson : Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Saint Paul Lutheran Church is seeking a candidate for **Administrative Assistant (Parish Secretary.)** The job description is available on-line or a paper copy is available on the shelf in the library. If you or someone you know is interested in the position please provide a cover letter and resume by March 15 (preferably by e-mail.) This is a 30 hour a week position (M-Th 8:00 -2:30, Friday 8 – noon.) Please pray for qualified applicants with hearts to serve the Lord for this key staff position.

HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS

The food pantry is unable to accept any food donations at this time until further notice.

Monetary donations may be made to the church and marked “pantry”



EASTER FLOWERS: The Worship & Music Committee would like to fill our church nave with flowers on **Easter Sunday, April 4th**. The cost of all flowers listed below is **\$10 each**. Payment is due when ordering. Please indicate whether the flower is in memory of or in honor of a loved one. **Deadline for orders are Sunday, March 7th.**



Daffodils (15-20 blooms per 6" pot) \$10.00 each
Memory / Honor of (circle one) _____

by _____

Lily, white (3-4 blooms) \$10.00 each
Memory / honor of (circle one) _____

by _____

Tulip (6 blooms) \$10.00 each
Memory / honor of (circle one) + _____

by _____

Andy Stump - Missionary
Memory / honor of (circle one) _____

By _____

Name _____ Total plants ordered _____

Total Pd. _____ Check No. _____

Please place your order with payment in the offering on Sunday.

If you want additional quantities of any flowers, please fill out another form please. Thanks!
Order deadline = March 7th

Experience the Blessings of Lent

The Springtime of our souls!

Explore the Life of Peter
each Wednesday through March 31 and
see how pride, complacency, discipleship,
cleansing, death and new life are dealt with
in our spiritual journeys.

All services will be in person at 7:00 p.m.
and will also be Live streamed.

Also, pick up or have hand delivered a
Lenten family devotional bag with fun items
for all ages.

Come grow your faith life with us this Lent!

Voice of the Martyrs Update

As we support the Voice of the Martyrs Ministry to the persecuted church you may want to join in watching the Imprisoned for Christ Virtual Event beginning at 7:30 PM Eastern Standard Time on Friday, March 5th. The Voice of the Martyrs, with help from LifeWay, is hosting a **FREE virtual event on Friday, March 5, 2021**, that will feature three inspiring speakers: Petr Jasek, Andrew Brunson and Dan Baumann.

While sharing God's love in three different restricted nations dominated by Islam, each was arrested, interrogated, and imprisoned. While all three struggled to find God's purpose in their suffering, they ultimately recognized His faithfulness and love amid desperate circumstances.

In addition to their firsthand testimonies, you will enjoy an engaging panel discussion moderated by VOM Radio host Todd Nettleton as well as inspiring worship music from Dove Award-winning artist Natalie Grant. To register for the event, go to this free event the link is: https://www.persecution.com/event/?_source_code=WEBI21B1

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Paul, Pastor Sally and the Congregation - My mother, Treva Albright, wants to thank you, the congregation, for all the birthday cards she received for her 100th birthday. She was quite surprised and thrilled to receive all the warm wishes. It has been about 12 years since she was able to attend church and seeing your names on the cards brought back a lot of memories. Also, the assisted living facility was on lockdown during her birthday, so she spent her time in quarantine. Opening up all her cards. Again, thank you. She certainly appreciated and truly enjoyed getting all the birthday cards. Blessings, Sandy Bender for Treva Albright

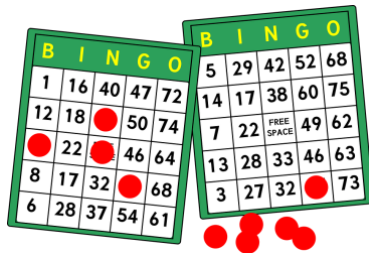
Easter Egg Hunt

Kids will love our 2021 Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM on Easter Day. Due to the virus, we are just asking the congregation to provide bagged candy only by the Wednesday March 24, 7 PM Lenten Service, Youth and Family will place them in plastic Eggs.



Zoom Game Hour

Back by popular demand, our Zoom Game Hour. Join us on Sunday, March 7th from 3:30-4:30pm as we play Scattergories, Bingo, and one other game, all for about 20 minutes each. All you need is your computer as the games are played with the click of a button. Join us for a fun time of fellowship.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday

**7 pm Holy Communion
and stripping of the Altar**

Good Friday

**Noon and 7 pm
Dramatic Reading of the
Passion**

Holy Saturday

**7 pm Easter Vigil with
Holy Communion**

Easter Sunday

**6:30 am Outdoor Sunrise
worship with Communion**

**7:30 am Modified Easter
Breakfast**

**8:30 am Festive Service
with Holy Communion**

**9:30 am Egg Hunt
On the lawn, weather providing**

**10:30 am Celebration worship
with Holy Communion**



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