

St. Paul's News



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's is a member of the Southwestern PA Synod and the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

St. Paul's Mission Statement

In response to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ
to love one another, dedicated itself to follow Him by
Worshipping * Witnessing * Teaching
Serving * Supporting

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Calendar of Events

- 1st: 6:30 PM Excelsior @ Church, Host M/M Robert Batina
- 2nd: 7:00 PM Management Committee Meeting
- 6th: 4:00 PM Jr. Youth Club
- 9th: 7:00 PM Ministry Committee Meeting
- 10th: Newsletter Articles Due
- 13th: Three Rivers Knitters (FH)
- 14th: Valentines Day
- 15th: 6:30 PM St. Paul's Seminar Series #2
- 16th: 7:00 PM Council Meeting
7:00 PM Bereavement Group (SSR)
- 18th: 9:30 AM Three Rivers Knitters (FH)
- 19th: WELCA Board Meeting
- 20th: President's Day
9:30 AM WELCA Working Meeting
4:00 PM Jr. Youth Club
- 23rd: Mission Committee Meeting
- 26th: ANNUAL MEETING**
- 28th: 5:00 PM Youth Group Pancake Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 1st: 7:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY
- Mar. 3rd: 1:00 PM World Day of Prayer
- Mar. 8th: First Lenten Dinner & Worship

Weekly Events

- Sundays: 8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Catechism Class
- Mondays: 7:30 PM Bible Study
- Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursdays: 7:00 PM Committee & Council Meetings
- Saturdays: 9:00 AM Weight Watchers

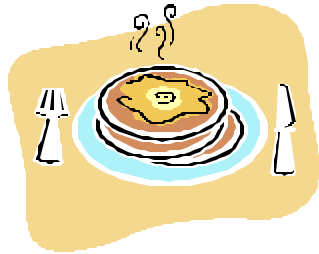
Congregational Meeting



St. Paul's
Lutheran Church
Annual
Congregational Meeting

Will be held following
the 11 o'clock Worship
Service on
Sunday,
February 26, 2006

A light lunch will be
provided. Everyone is
encouraged to attend
this important meeting
of our congregation.



St. Paul's
Youth Group
Annual
Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday
February 28, 2006
5:00-6:30 PM

Adults \$4.00
Children 4-10 \$2.00
Children 3 and under Free

Ash Wednesday
Service

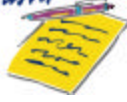


ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday
March 1, 2006
Service at 7:30 PM

Chancel Choir rehearsal follows the service

*From the
Pastor*



February 2006

Dear Friends,

I'm using this month's letter for recruitment for some interesting, fun and vital events. This year's weekly Lenten dinners on Wednesday evenings will once again begin with the dinner at 6:30 in the Sunday School room. We are going to use the "dinner theatre" format from a few years ago and remain in the same room for worship, which will start at 7:30 PM. Worship will center around two-person dramas entitled "***Unlikely Conversations About Jesus.***" I will be participating in the dramas, but I will also need some help: namely, two (or more) men and three women. If you'd like to do some acting for these meaningful worship services, please let me know, as soon as possible.

Also, hopefully you're aware by now that 2007 is the 100th anniversary of St. Paul's founding. Some things are already happening, and much more needs to begin to happen very soon. Some folks have already volunteered to help, but we will need many more, as many as possible, to make this special year a great observance. Please, speak to me soon so that we can set some meeting dates, make plans, assign committees and chairpersons and get things rolling. Thank you in advance!

God Bless You All!
See You in Church!

Pastor Moog

Wednesday Lenten Dinners



The Ministry Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the upcoming **Wednesday Lenten Dinners**. The dinners will be on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Carmen Moog or call her at 412-741-8483.

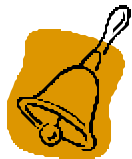
Music Update

Having just completed the season of Christmas, we remain aware of the use of music to enhance our worship. Imagine the celebration of Christmas without music? Inconceivable! Let us all rejoice in this great gift from God, the gift of music. And included in our rejoicing, we should include the Christmas gift to the congregation from the choir: the cantata so beautifully sung on December 11th. Did you know that the Christian faith is one of the few that uses music as an aid to worship?

In conjunction with the above comments; it is interesting to read the following from the pen of St. John Chrysostom, the great Orthodox monk: "When God saw that many men were lazy, and gave themselves only with difficulty to spiritual reading, He wished to make it easy for them, and added melody to the Prophet's words, that all being rejoiced by the charm of music, should sing to Him with gladness."

Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:15 PM. Hope to see you there! Frank Cummings

Two New Bell Choirs Starting!



St. Paul's is starting two new bell choirs. There will be an Adult Bell Choir and a Teen Bell Choir.

The **Adult Bell Choir** requires no experience necessary, no huge time commitment and practice every other Tuesday and lots of fun!

For the **Teen Bell Choir** you should be 6th grade and up with some music experience being helpful. We will practice every other Tuesday and have lots of fun!

Bells are easy to play, and the music is easy to follow. **You can do this!**

First Practice
Tuesday, February 21st
Teen Bell Choir at 6:00 PM
Adult Bell Choir at 7:00 PM

Contact **Carol Emch** if you are interested at 412-741-2257 or carolemch@comcast.net. **See You There!**



Annual Reports

All groups and committees need to submit an **annual report** to the church office to be included in a packet of information presented at the annual meeting on **February 26th**. **Please submit your information as soon as possible**. You may call, fax, email or hand deliver your report. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 412-741-8484 or email the office at stpaulsnew@verizon.net.

Congregation Council



On January 29th, the following members who were elected to council in November, were installed to the Congregation Council and officers: **Toni Autry, Mark Hoover** (President), **Mark Kerr, Margaret Maccaglia, James Ohr, Tracy Hemwall** (Vice-President), **Carol Emch** (Secretary), **Mark Brooks** (Treasurer), **Charlotte Bober** (Financial Secretary). Remaining council members are **Carrie Baker, Rick Brown, Bruce Ferrero, Becky Gallagher and Madeline Schwartz**.



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Income Statement

For the Month Ended December 31, 2005

Church Stewardship

	December YTD 2005 Actual	December YTD 2005 Budget	YTD Variance - Budget vs. Actual
Total Income	115,668	108,350	7,318
Expense Summary:			
Staff Salaries	71,356	72,059	703
Utilities	17,183	18,251	1,068
Maintenance	12,672	12,850	177
Worship	4,358	3,715	(643)
Education	2,053	3,715	1,662
Taxes	3,227	2,916	(311)
Insurance	3,159	2,855	(304)
Administrative	3,026	1,928	(1,098)
Fellowship	489	716	227
Total Expense	117,524	119,005	1,481
Net Income/ (Loss)	<u>(1,856)</u>	<u>(10,655)</u>	<u>8,799</u>

Sunday School

Sunday School Christmas Pageant Offering

We announce with great joy that the offering that we collected at the Sunday School Christmas Pageant on December 18, 2005 amounted to **\$133**. This will enable us to purchase 2 goats for a community in Latin America. These goats will provide milk and cheese, and their offspring will provide income to several needy families there. ***Thank you for your help!!***

St. Paul's Seminar #2 (part 1 of 2)

Title: Good vs. Evil

Date: **Wednesday, February 15, 2006**

Time: **7:30 PM**

Subtitle: Basic Christian belief on good and evil.



Education

Topics of discussion:

1. Jesus Christ and Satan
2. Angels and Demons
3. Antichrists and Archangels
4. The return of Jesus
5. The fall of Lucifer

Children's Worship Bulletins

Children's Worship Bulletins are located in the back of the church every Sunday. The bulletins are designed around the topic for each Sunday's lesson in a way that children can understand and with easy activities for them to complete. Please pick one up for your child!



Youth Groups News

The Youth Group has some great winter activities planned! On **February 19th from 12:30-2:30 PM** we will be going **bowling at Corpen Lanes**. The cost is only \$7 a person and includes bowling, pizza and pop. We will need a few drivers immediately after church. Please RSVP to Mrs. Emch no later than Sunday, February 12th.



On **Tuesday, February 28th** the Youth Group will hold it's annual **Pancake Dinner**. The Youth Group will serve and we are looking for some moms to help in the kitchen. The time will be from 5-6:30 PM. Please see the flyer in the front of the newsletter for more information.

Youth Fest at Lutherlyn is April 28-30. It is a retreat of fun, friends, worship, group discussions, games and food. Please let Mrs. Emch know if you are interested in attending!



St. Paul's Junior Youth Group will meet on Monday, February 6th and Monday, February 20th at 4:00 PM. Please join us for snacks and fun activities that help us learn more about our faith.

Excelsior

Excelsior will be on Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30 PM at the church. Hosts are Bob and Bonnie Batina. Please RSVP to them at 412-741-0974 and don't forget your covered dish.



Thrivent



St. Paul's Thrivent cookbook "*From Our Kitchen to Yours—the Chefs of St. Paul's*" is now available for only \$10! Please see **Jennifer Behun, Barb Frey, Carmen Moog or Madeline Schwartz** to purchase your cookbook. All proceeds benefit the air-conditioning fund.



WELCA

There will be a WELCA **Act boldly.** working meeting on **Monday, February 20th at 9:30 AM** at the church. Please bring your sewing needles and thread with you. A light breakfast will be provided. All Women of St. Paul's are encouraged to participate.

Please keep in mind the **Spring Rummage Sale** will be at the beginning of April. The **Mother Daughter Dinner** this year will be a catered meal.

Glass Jar Collection



There are 11 months until next Christmas Eve. ***How much mayonnaise can you eat in that time?*** Whether it's Miracle Whip or Hellmann's, we need you to start collecting those big, rounded jars for us. We'd like to use the glass jars for our luminary next Christmas Eve. Pastor saw the glass jars being used somewhere this past Christmas, and it was beautiful. Bring your mayo jars in—we'll collect them all year—we need around 40-50. We can do this with your help. Thanks!!!

SOUPer Bowl Sunday



On ***Sunday, February 5th***, we will be collecting for our area food banks. Please bring an extra \$1 or 2 to drop in the ***Steeler*** football helmet to help those who are less fortunate than we. This is a great way both to serve those in need, and observe Super Bowl Sunday.

Go Steelers! Go St. Paul's!



Communion Assistants

Feb. 5: Mark Kerr (8:15), Madeline Schwartz (11)
 Feb. 12: Mark Hoover (8:15), Jean Leister (11)
 Feb. 19: Jim Kanell (8:15), Carol Emch (11)
 Feb. 26: Lisa Ziegler (8:15), Linda Kelley (11)
 Mar. 5: Mark Kerr (8:15), Marsha Johnson (11)

Acolytes

Feb. 5: Jonathan Kerr (8:15), Peter DeGori (11)
 Feb. 12: Tim Rodman
 Feb. 19: Aunalee Brown
 Feb. 26: Christopher Boland
 Mar. 5: Jonathan Kerr (8:15), Erik Johnson (11)



Ushers



Feb. 5: Bill Schwartz
 Feb. 12: Joe Carlisle, Lou Borgia
 Feb. 19: Tony DeGori, Lou Westehoff
 Feb. 26: Arnie Fleig, Tom Jarvie
 Mar. 5: Mark Hoover, Brad Bergmann

Greeters

Feb. 5: Patricia Rodman
 Feb. 12: Beth Scaggs
 Feb. 19: Lisa Ziegler
 Feb. 26: Craig Zahner



Nursery Attendants



Feb. 5: Debbie Raffinee
 Feb. 12: Brittany Pales
 Feb. 19: Charlotte Savocchia
 Feb. 26: Amanda Rodman
 Mar. 5: Madeline Kelley

Stewards

Feb. 5: Becky Gallagher, Mark Kerr
 Feb. 12: **AVAILABLE**
 Feb. 19: Bruce Ferrero
 Feb. 26: Rick Brown
 Mar. 5: Becky Gallagher, Mark Kerr





Congregation Prayer List

Louise Rollins, Hunter Gray, Ida Freitag, Mary Hallstein, Helen Rosenfelder, Betty Condit, Bernice Link, Rita Ratcliffe, Edith Wilson, Edith Farley, Florence Ciocca, Dan Ketcham, George Riegel, Betty Riegel, Audrey Hopta, Margaret Maccaglia, Martha Vercesi, Eileen Hopta, Helmi Browne

Baptisms

On December 26, 2005 we received into the Christian faith by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, **Evan**

Michael Wirtz, son of **Kelly and Carter Wirtz**, whose sponsors are **Harton and Judy Semple**.



On January 29, 2006 we received into the Christian faith by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, **Isabella Ann Bonacci**, daughter of **Robert and Carrie Bonacci**, whose sponsors are **Mark and Robyn Brooks**.

Moving



We bid Farewell and Godspeed to **Peg Sickeler**, a life long member, who is moving away. **God Bless you Peg.**



February Anniversaries

7th: Mr. & Mrs. Max Hooper
16th: Mr. & Mrs. William Schwartz
28th: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hauber

February Birthday Greetings

2nd: Sandra Carlisle
3rd: Barbara Blosser
4th: Donald Bobincheck,
 Robyn Brooks, Steven Emch
7th: Heather Ryan
8th: Barbara Beesley, Ashley Detrie
9th: Katie Cerqua
10th: Susan Farley
11th: Sean O'Kelley, Sr.
12th: Amy Scogna
21st: Wanda Moore
22nd: Miasha Beck
25th: Barbra Frey, Doris Stieving
27th: Cathy Blosser
28th: Katherine O'Kelley



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

A HEART SET ON LOVE WILL DO NO WRONG.
-Confucious

Birthdays & Anniversary's

Altar Flowers



A Story

My husband is buried in one of those cemeteries where all the stones are flat. At Christmas time, the cemetery staff sends out a letter offering to place a wreath on your beloved's stone if you send a check. That, to me, would be as meaningful as...well, nothing. I don't do that. I did go to the store and buy a cemetery flower arrangement to place on the grave. One thing led to another, and I never got up there—probably because I knew that whenever I placed my flowers, the cemetery crew would remove them the next day, as they did not “match” the décor of the rest of the cemetery. So instead, I returned the flowers and ordered a poinsettia plant to place in the church on Christmas Eve. The poinsettia was in honor of my husband, and his name was in the bulletin. I kept his name alive for the holiday season. My family and I thought of him, and hopefully, upon seeing his name, others did too. What would that \$8 flower arrangement have done? Nothing much. It started me thinking—we go to the cemetery and trim around the stone; make sure everything is in good shape. But, if we really want to keep our loved one's name alive—*have others remember them*—honor them in the church—that's really doing something. And, the way to do that here at St. Paul's is to put flowers on the altar. Choose their birthday, anniversary, any day will do. ***Purchase flowers in their memory, and take those flowers home to enjoy for the week. Enjoy the flowers and the memories. You'll be glad you did!***

Open Altar Flower Dates: March 5, 19, Apr. 2, May 28, June 5, 18, 25, July 9, 30, Aug 27, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29(1 vase), Nov. 26 (1 vase), Dec. 10, 17, 31 (1 vase)

Please see Carol Emch or call the church office to select your Altar Flower date!



Thank you to **Dr. Bruce Ferrero** for donating our Advent Wreath this past Christmas season.

Frank Cummings would like to thank the congregation and especially the choir for their kindness extended this past holiday season.

Email from Jennifer in Tanzania

Our member, Jennifer Behun, a nurse who is on a mission trip to Tanzania, sends us this email. Many of you contributed medical supplies to fill her suitcase. She will be returning soon. Please, keep her in your prayers as she requests.

1-19-06

Hello Pastor and everyone at St. Paul's,
Hope all is well there. Things are amazing here. Trip here took 2 days but well worth it. Have met many incredible people here. They are doing great work under extreme conditions. Can't even describe what it is like. I will bring lots of pictures. Today was my first day at work. It was very different. Most of the children have Malaria which we never see in the US. They are very sick but somehow survive. We will be visiting a secondary girls school which is being built by the Lutheran Church here. First Lutheran Church in Warren, PA is helping to sponsor it. I can't wait to see it. I am also hoping to meet the Bishop's wife, Freeda, who is working to better the lives of women here. She has started some programs which I hope to speak to her about. I brought some toys and candy which helped to make friends with the children here.

Supplies I brought over were greatly appreciated and are already being put to use. **So a biG "THANK YOU" to all of you.**

Continue to keep me in your prayers. See you when I return!

Jennifer

Thank You & Volunteer Information



Office Information

The church website has been up and running for a while. It includes a monthly calendar, information on the church and church organizations. We also include the weekly announcements from the Sunday Bulletins and copies of **St. Paul's News**. **Please check out the website!** Let the office know of any other items you would like to see included. The website is **www.stpauls-sew.org**.



Items for the March issue of **St. Paul's News** are due to the office by **February 10th!** Please submit news about people, groups, events and committee happenings to the office. Now with E-mail it makes it easier! ***We want to hear about people and happenings in the congregation!***



Do we have your email address?
Please email your address to the church office at

stpaulssew@verizon.net.

We would like to provide you with church happenings, updates and reminders as they occur or are needed!



Food Bank

The last Sunday of every month is **Food Bank Sunday** for Northside Common Ministries. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the basket in the Martin Luther Room. Thank you to everyone who brought food items this past month.



World Day of Prayer



The local World Day of Prayer Service will be held on **Friday, March 3, 2006 at 1:00 PM at St. Stephens in Sewickley**. It is the 77th Annual World Day of Prayer. Please join us at the service which will be followed by fellowship. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Hospitalization Reminder



Please, remember that if you, or a family member, are admitted to the hospital, that hospital personnel will no longer automatically notify Pastor Moog, due to federally mandated privacy regulations. Therefore, if someone enters either through regular admission or through the emergency room, the best procedure is for you or a friend or relative to call Pastor Moog directly, and at any time. Also, do not hesitate to call the pastor if you are having out-patient surgery. Since so few people stay over-night, any longer, this is often the only opportunity that the pastor has to make a connection.

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FEBRUARY 2006**



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Sunday's at 8:15 & 11:00 AM

**Sunday School &
Catechism Class**
Sunday 's at 9:30 AM

**Congregational
Meeting**



Annual Congregational Meeting

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After the 11 o'clock Worship Service
Everyone is encouraged to attend.



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