

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, St. Paul's Lutheran Church dedicates
itself to follow Him by

Worshipping * Witnessing * Teaching

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Calendar of Events

- Mar. 1st: 7:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY
Chancel Choir after service
- Mar. 2nd 7:00 PM Management
Committee Mtg.
- Mar. 3rd: 1:00 PM World Day of Prayer @
St. Stephens
- Mar. 6th: 4:00 PM Jr. Youth Group
- Mar. 7th: 6:00 PM Teen Bell Choir
7:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- Mar. 8th: 6:30 PM Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Mar. 9th: 7:00 PM Ministry Committee Mtg.
- Mar. 10th: Newsletter articles due for April issue
- Mar. 12th: Noon Youth Group Service Project
- Mar. 13th: 7:30 PM Three Rivers Knitters
- Mar. 15th: 6:30 PM Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Mar. 16th: 7:00 PM Quilters
7:00 PM Congregation Council Meeting
7:00 PM Bereavement Group
- Mar. 20th: 4:00 PM Jr. Youth Group
- Mar. 21st: 6:00 PM Teen Bell Choir
7:00 PM Adult Bell Choir
- Mar. 22nd: 6:30 PM Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Mar. 23rd: 7:00 PM Mission Committee Mtg.
- Mar. 26th: Food Bank Sunday
- Mar. 29th: 6:30 PM Lenten Dinner & Worship
- Mar. 30th: 7:00 PM Quilters
- April 7th & 8th Rummage Sale***

Weekly Events

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



March 2006

Dear Friends,

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal for all Christians. It is a season to spend its forty days in similar fashion as did Jesus spend his forty days in the wilderness: in prayer, fasting, repentance and introspection. This can be done alone, in groups or families and certainly in congregational worship.

In my devotional reading for the first Sunday of Lent, this quote was supplied from the late O. P. Kretzmann, a Lutheran pastor and president of Valparaiso Lutheran University.

*[Last Sunday] the church sang the last Alleluia and lent began. From time immemorial the Alleluia has been omitted from the services of the Church during the season dedicated to the remembrance of the Passion of our Lord. The last Alleluia dies away in chapel and cathedral, and while the echo still lingers among the rafters, the violet paraments of sorrow are placed upon the altar. It will be Easter morning before the Alleluia is heard again. There is wisdom in this. It is another and profound difference between the Church and the world. The world never willingly abandons joy. Worldly people hang on to happiness with all the gusto they have-until, inevitably, it is taken away from them. They want to forget that the time of life must sometimes go down into the darkness of sorrow. It is never easy, but it is a great deal better to go down into the darkness of sorrow. It is never easy, but it is a great deal better to go down willingly than to be driven down like a slave...To give up joy by the strength of Him who gave up heaven is a part of the way by which joy and heaven will return. **Easter can come only to the heart that has known Lent.***

I pray for you all a blessed and meaningful Lent.

God Bless You All!
See You in Church!

Pastor Moog

Pastor's Message

Wednesday Lenten Dinners & Worship



Lenten Potluck

Our *Wednesday Lenten*

Dinners will be held on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th beginning at 6:30 PM in the Sunday School Room. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Carmen Moog or call her at 412-741-8483. Each dinner will have a theme. There is a sign-up sheet in the Martin Luther Room for you to indicate what food item you would like to bring for each dinner.

March 8th: Soup, Chili, and Stew Dinner

March 15th: Roast Beef Dinner

March 22nd: Picnic Night Dinner

March 29th: Pasta Night Dinner

April 5th: Stuffed Cabbage Dinner



LENT

Worship in the form of our Lenten Drama series "*Unlikely Conversations About Jesus*" will follow the dinner. We will use our "dinner theatre" format from a few years ago. Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow after worship.

Fellowship Committee

The members of the Fellowship Committee met on Thursday, February 9th to plan for some upcoming events.

Plans were finalized for the First Holy Communion Reception being held on Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday)

Several dates were picked for consideration so that a picnic permit could be obtained in March for our annual outdoor Worship service and picnic sometime in late August or early September.

Other events that will be occurring are the Confirmation Reception on June 4th and the Independence Day Reception on Sunday, July 2nd.

We can always use some extra hands on Fellowship. Please consider joining. Just contact Janet Gilbert (412-741-7452) or Tammy Kerr (412-741-7207) if you are interested.

SOUPer Bowl Sunday



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our SOUPer Bowl Collection on February 5th. We collected a total of \$230.83 to send to the local food banks.

Way to go St. Paul's!

Jar Collection

In the February newsletter, there was an article asking the congregation to start saving mayonnaise jars for this coming Christmas' luminaries. Upon further inspection, we realize that Hellmann's Mayo is now in plastic jars. That won't work!! Miracle Whip is still in a glass jar, so those are good. If you would also save Prego or Ragu spaghetti sauce jars, they will work as well. They're smaller, but will still work fine. I find that we go through a lot more spaghetti sauce jars than mayo jars, don't you??? There is a box on the floor beside the Food Bank Collection basket in the Martin Luther Room--you can put your jars there. Thanks so much!!!





**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Income Statement**

For the Month Ended January 31, 2006

Church Stewardship

	January YTD 2006 Actual	January YTD 2006 Budget	YTD Variance - Budget vs. Actual
Total Income	10,846	10,269	577
Expense Summary:			
Staff			
Salaries	6,912	7,152	240
Utilities	1,596	1,662	66
Maintenance	691	925	234
Worship	465	429	(36)
Education	41	400	359
Taxes	-	-	-
Insurance	1,178	1,150	(28)
Administra- tive	486	140	(346)
Fellowship	78	-	(78)
Total Expense	11,447	11,858	411
Net Income/(Loss)	(601)	(1,589)	988

Sunday School



April 30th is ***"Bring a Friend Sunday" for St. Paul's Sunday School!***

Bring a friend or two to Sunday School and church. This is a great time to share what you learn and the fun that you have here during Sunday School. Introduce your school friends to your church friends and have a great morning!

Vacation Bible School 2006 is scheduled for June 26-30.

The theme this year is Gospel Express, so hop on board to volunteer your time and talent! A sign-up sheet is in the Martin Luther Room. Student registration will begin soon. Look for forms in the Martin



Luther Room or call the church office. This is always a successful event for St. Paul's and a great chance for anyone in the congregation to contribute to a wonderful week for St. Paul's children and children of the community! Contact Sarah Borgia (412-415-8912) or Robyn Bergmann (412-741-9632) to volunteer or if you have any questions.





Youth Groups News

There will be an important meeting of the Youth Group on **Sunday, March 12**, after church. We will be discussing plans for the rest of this year, as well as BIG plans for our 2007 100th anniversary. Pizza will be served. After the meeting, we will work on scrubbing the toys in the nursery. We should finish up by about 2 or 2:30. See you there!!!

On April 9th, we will be feeding the homeless at Northside Common Ministries. A ham has been donated. We'll fill in the rest.

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!



Excelsior

Excelsior will meet again on May 3, 2006 at 6:30 PM. Doris Stieving will be our hostess. There are no gatherings in March and April due to the Wednesday, Lenten dinners. Watch the bulletin for the May notice. Consider joining us some month. There is good food and lots of fellowship.



WELCA

First of all, we would like **Act boldly.** to extend a special thank you to **Barb Frey** for her leadership with WELCA over the years. Barb was instrumental in several programs such as the Lenten Fair and Bible Fashion show.

She has turned the leadership of WELCA over to Amy Hoptay, Margaret Maccaglia, Dorothy Von Hofen and Bonnie Batina.

WELCA usually meets once a month (third Monday of the month at 9:30 AM). We can also schedule meetings in the evening if there are interested persons who want to attend at that time.

Some upcoming events are as follows:

Sunday, May 7th (tentative): **Mothers and Daughters Dinner.** We are hoping to have the "Rejoicing Rascals" as our entertainment. We have also decided to have our meal catered since this is a special evening event. More details will follow as plans are finalized.

Our Bible Fashion Show will be traveling to two places in May.

WELCA Continued



Friday, April 7th from 9 AM–7:00 PM and Saturday, April 8th from 9 AM–Noon (\$1 Bag Sale) will be our Spring Rummage Sale.

Useable items for the Rummage Sale may be brought to the Fellowship Hall of the church starting Sunday, April 2nd.

Work days for the sorting and pricing will be Monday, April 3rd thru Thursday, April 6th. Consider giving an hour of your time (or more if you can) to help sort and price. Help is also needed on Saturday, April 8th at Noon when we pack any remaining useable items for St. Vincent DePaul.

Our proceeds from the Rummage sale help with special project and local charities.

Please consider attending one of our meetings. We would like to hear from you as to what kind of programs you would be interested in. Please let Amy, Margaret, Dorothy or Bonnie know.

Spring Cluster One Event



Please watch the newsletter for upcoming information about Cluster One Spring Event being held in April at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City. It is always a special day and the host church has a great lunch for only \$5. A light breakfast is provided. There is Bible Study and enrichment workshops to attend. The event usually ends around 1:00 PM on a Saturday.

Spring WELCA Convention

The Women of the ELCA, Southwestern PA Synodical Women's organization, will hold their 2006 Convention on Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th at St. Joseph Center in Greensburg, PA. "A Healthy Mind, Body and Soul through Christ" is our theme. Five workshops will be offered:

1. Brain power—Debra Neiderhiser
2. Exercise & Healthy Eating—Curves Rep.
3. Bible Study—Rev. Maren Alexis
4. Deshon (Transitional Housing Program) -
Jeanne Sugarlski
5. A Refuge and Asylum-Seeker—
Rev. Linda Theophilus

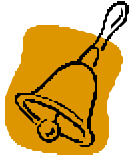
Full registration is \$68. Convention Scholarships are available and will be awarded hopefully to one person from each cluster. The scholarship is \$50 toward the Convention Registration Fee.

In the past, several women from St. Paul's have attended the convention. It is a special time to share your faith and to spend some time with other Christian women.

Information about the convention is located in the back of the sanctuary.

No one has ever seen the essence of God, but we believe in the essence because we experience the energy.
-St. Basil the Great

Two New Bell Choirs Starting!



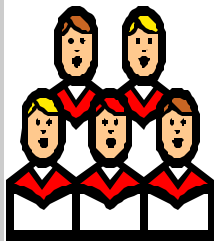
St. Paul's is starting two new bell choirs. There will be an Adult Bell Choir and a Teen Bell Choir.

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!** We practice every other week. In March our practice dates will be March 7th and 21st. Teen Bell meets at 6:00 PM and Adult Bell meets at 7:00 PM.

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

Chancel Choir Update



Can you carry a tune? You are really needed in the choir. Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:15 PM. Hope to see you there!



Communion Assistants

Mar. 5: Mark Kerr (8:15), Marsha Johnson (11:00)
 Mar. 12: Jim Kanell (8:15), Sarah Borgia (11:00)
 Mar. 19: Mark Hoover (8:15), Steve Ratcliffe (11:00)
 Mar. 26: Lisa Ziegler (8:15), Grace Rader (11:00)
 Apr. 2: Mark Kerr (8:15), Mary Ann Klussmann (11:00)

Acolytes

Mar. 5: Jonathan Kerr (8:15), Erik Johnson (11:00)
 Mar. 12: Tim Rodman
 Mar. 19: Aunalee Brown
 Mar. 26: Christopher Boland
 Apr. 2: Jonathan Kerr (8:15), Erik Johnson (11:00)



Ushers



Mar. 5: Mark Hoover, Brad Bergmann
 Mar. 12: Rick Brown, Arnie Fleig,
 Mar. 19: Cindy Thomas
 Mar. 26: Joe Carlisle, Bill Schwartz
 Apr. 2: Tom Jarvie, Jason Gerle

Greeters

Mar. 5: Sarah Borgia
 Mar. 12: Sharon Connolly
 Mar. 19: Michele Foradori
 Mar. 26: Rick and April Brown



Nursery Attendants



Mar. 5: Madeline Kelley
 Mar. 12: Robyn Brooks
 Mar. 19: Amy Boland, Hilarie Clark
 Mar. 26: Megan Cheran
 Apr. 2: Deborah Raffinee

Stewards

Mar. 5: Becky Gallagher, Mark Kerr
 Mar. 12: Bruce Ferrero
 Mar. 19: Margaret Maccaglia
 Mar. 26: Rick Brown, Mark Hoover
 Apr. 2: 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, George Riegel, Betty Riegel, Audrey Hopta, Martha Vercesi, Eileen Hopta, Helmi Browne, Amy Hoptay, Charles & Donna Cox, Jordan Brown, Hannah Gerle, Jessica Ohr, Linda Wellner, Tom Shearer

A Fond Farewell

In January, we bid goodbye and Godspeed to longtime member Peg Sickeler, who is moving to the Midwest to be closer to her daughters, Robin and Tracy.

Leaving her hometown of Sewickley – and especially St. Paul's – is a bittersweet experience. "I will miss the comfort of the church, the feeling of being at home and the sense of belonging," she says. "I've been here my whole life."

Peg isn't exaggerating; she was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's. What's more, her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sickeler, were charter members of the church 100 years ago. Her father and mother, Charles and Aline Sickeler, were married here, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins became members. Peg's daughters were baptized and confirmed here, and took part in the youth group; years later, her grandchildren Andrew and Morgan were baptized at St. Paul's.

Over the decades, Peg has been a very active member of our congregation, serving on council, teaching Sunday School, participating on various committees and attending many social events. "I love this town, and this church," she says. "I have wonderful memories of so many events – the Christmas teas, playing piano in Sunday School. For a time one of my aunts was the church organist, the other one was the soloist in the choir."

Peg will take all those memories with her as she heads west. Her eventual destination is North Brook, Illinois, outside of Chicago – but she's staying in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a few months first.

She's looking forward to seeing more of her children and grandchildren, and experiencing the cultural offerings of Chicago. "I have time to get involved in new things – time to make new friends and meet new people," she says. "Best of all, I've found a little Lutheran church about five minutes away from where I'll be living."

By Charlotte Savocchia

Peg Sickeler
5921 NE 21st Circle,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

March Birthday Greetings

- 2nd: Joseph Carlisle
- 3rd: Jean Leister
- 5th: Braden Richard Blosser
- 6th: Brian Bergmann
- 7th: Betty Zahner
- 8th: Katherine Moore
- 9th: Christopher Boland, Mark Kerr, Erica McNatt,
Barbara Westehoff
- 10th: Russell Hemwall
- 11th: Hilarie Clark, Helen Rondinelli
- 12th: Sarah Borgia
- 13th: Ben DeGori, Crystal Kipilo
- 15th: George Riegel
- 16th: Thomas Moog
- 17th: Brent Leister, Deborah Raffinee
- 18th: Ronald McNatt
- 20th: Samantha Becker, John Connolly, Carol Emch
- 21st: Barbara Barno, John Hallstein
- 22nd: David Becker, Claire Edger,
Mary Ann Klussmann
- 23rd: Shana Gallagher
- 25th: Allison Dushack
- 26th: Grant Huddleston
- 27th: William Fleig, Thomas Jarvie
- 29th: Kristie Connolly, Virginia McNatt
- 31st: Russell Walker, Scott Zahner



Birthday's & Anniversary's

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call the office to update your information!

Altar Flowers



There are still some open dates for Altar Flowers for 2006. As of the printing of this newsletter these were the open dates:

May 28, June 5, 25, July 9, 30, Aug 27, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, 8, 22, Nov. 26 (1 vase), Dec. 10, 17, 31 (1 vase)

The cost of **Altar Flowers** is \$40 for both vases and \$20 for one vase. The sign-up chart is located in the Martin Luther Room. Place your name on the chart and fill out a dedication form. The dedication form and your check for payment can be placed in the designated box in the Martin Luther Room.



Please watch the bulletin for information on **Easter Lilies** when available. The forms will be located in the back of the church and in the Martin Luther Room as soon as the information is available.

*God is burning out of you
everything [that] is
unlike yourself.
-Mother Teresa*



A special thank you goes out to Doris Stieving for creating the beautiful centerpiece arrangement that adorns our table in the Martin Luther Room.

Dear Pastor Moog,

How very kind of my name to be added to the church prayer list. Yes, Peg Sickeler is a special person. So wonderful for you to have a "Farewell & Godspeed" for her.

My husband, David Stone, grew up in Sewickley - so to have a Sewickley church praying for me is touching. He was always glad he grew up in a small town.

I seem to be improving and for that I am grateful.

*Thank you and I do feel the prayers.
Evie Stone*



**O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS,
AND MY MOUTH WILL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.**

PSALM 51:15, NRSV

Thank You & Volunteer Information



Office Information

Items for the April issue of *St. Paul's News* are due to the office by **March 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 stpaulssev@verizon.net. We would like to provide you with church happenings, updates and reminders as they occur or are needed!

Truthful Answer

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of the Good Samaritan. In graphic detail she described how the assaulted man was left helpless beside the road. Then she asked the class, "If you came upon a wounded man lying by the road and he had blood all over him, what would you do?" A dainty girl spoke first, "I think," she said with a wince, "that I'd probably throw up."



Spring Rummage Sale



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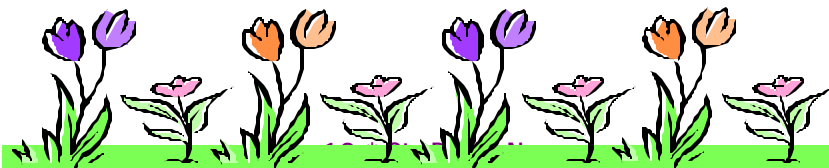
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9 AM to 7 PM*

and

*Saturday, April 8, 2006
9 AM to Noon
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*For additional information call:
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Worship Services

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

Sunday School &
Catechism Class

Sunday 's at 9:30 AM



Wednesday's during Lent

Lenten Dinner 6:30 PM

Lenten Dramas 7:30 PM



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