

St. Paul's Messenger

St. Paul's Church

the power of God

changing lives...in our Neighborhoods

May 2013

Bach Sunday & Baby Manna Sunday – Sunday, May 12th 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.



As a special Mother's Day gift, the choir of St. Paul's will present Bach's Cantata No. 37, *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird* (*Whoever believes and is baptized shall be blessed*) for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Look for designated offering envelopes in the worship bulletin and at the display in the Great Room.

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, May 19th 9:30 a.m.

We begin our summer schedule of one service at 9:30 a.m. this week. Our Eighth Grade Confirmation Students take their "Affirmation of Baptism". Wear your red in celebration of Pentecost.



Pentecost
Sunday



FROM THE PASTOR....



Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden for I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Many of us are familiar with this quote from Jesus. Yet often it is easier said than done not to worry and to trust in God's loving care.

A colleague of mine shared an idea for a children's message that they used at church. They had the children wear sun glasses. Then one of the children was given a number of stickers. They talked about what kind of worries they could think of that they

themselves or other people might have. For every worry a sticker would be placed onto the sunglasses.

In the end the pastor asked the question whether they could see through the glasses. and take a couple of steps. They all said that they couldn't see because the stickers made it hard, dangerous or impossible.

Jesus offers to help us. He is inviting us to trust in his guidance and to put our worries with him. In return we receive peace from him.

What does that look like? I tend to worry just like any other person. But listening to God's invitation gives me the strength to find peace in the midst of questions.

Some people have shared with me that they have a little worry doll. And instead of hanging on to the worries themselves they give their worries to the doll. Well, I guess that would work too and I believe that God can also work through a worry doll.

The important part is that we are freed to embrace God's spirit and follow the invitation to reach out with God's love to others. Because someone who is very worried usually only has room for themselves and not so much for other people.

Sometimes I hear concerns about the future of the church that can easily turn into worries. And sometimes I am worried too.

Jesus reminds us that he will give us rest and peace. I find that peace in prayer and the reassurance of the sacraments. Jesus truly frees us from all our troubles.

At the journey to the cross meditational walk we were encouraged to write a sin and nail it to the cross and know that it is forgiven.

What if we took a worry and either figuratively or literally nailed that to the cross as well? I can already hear a deep breath and feel a new energy just thinking about this.

As we go into the month of May my hope is that you can give many of your own worries to Jesus and he will let you bloom just like the flowers that received the rain in April.

Once again there are lots of things to be thankful for. We will have another Bach Sunday which is always a highlight. We also will celebrate the affirmation of baptism for a few of our younger members. The energy and questions of those youngsters is contagious. The challenge for us as a congregation lies in finding ways to continue to engage the young adults in ways that are meaningful to them.

God bless us all as we work together to proclaim the risen Christ.

Pastor Sonntag

Our summer worship schedule of one service at 9:30 a.m. begins on Sunday, May 19th. We will be celebrating Pentecost and Confirmation on the 19th. May 12th will be the final week of Sunday School.



**Summer Worship
Schedule
starts May 19th**

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Council met on March 18th

Karen O'Brien and Marlen Livezey reported on Bishop Claire Burkat's breakfast meeting. At St. Paul's we are already doing many of the things she called for as the church meets the challenges of the 21st century. She called for taking initiative to work in small groups, to reach out to those who claim to be "spiritual but not religious." She emphasized the importance of building relationships with other denominations. "This is God's church," she said. We may need to set aside some of our habits and prejudices to be "church outside the walls."

One way St. Paul's is being "church outside the walls" is to make a *servant* trip ["mission" has a negative connotation to Native Americans] to Rocky Boy Reservation in Montana, August 2nd-7th. While some start up money is available, the 19 people who plan to make the trip will be doing fund raising. Approximately \$1,100 per person is needed to cover airfare and expenses.

Pastor Sonntag reported that he has a good group of children this year in the First Communion class and that he is encouraged by comments on this year's Lenten sermon series based on the book *Enough*.

Vicar Ashley Rossi said she is pleased with the outcome of the focus on the malaria project in Sunday School. The children have learned a lot about malaria in Africa.

The treasurer reported that ordinary income is down. Expenses are up. The beginning of every year is always rough.

Joe Noga reported about repair of the roof of the sacristy and the problem with the front wall which is being affected by tree roots. He is working on energy conservation.

The Stewardship Committee is doing research to prepare to write a new investment policy. They are also looking into streamlining the payroll system.

There was extensive discussion about enhancing building security. Because of recent thefts, ushering teams are starting to lock side entrances 20 minutes into the service and have a physical presence at the main entrance. We are concerned not just about property but about the safety of our children.

Discussion ensued at length about renting space on an ongoing basis for a business start-up. The question of liabilities was raised. No decision was taken.

Marlen Livezey

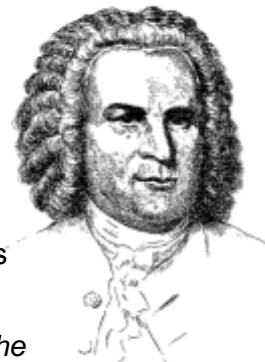
RAE'S WORDS....NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

BACH SUNDAY!

On Sunday, May 12, the Adult Choir of St. Paul's will present Bach's Cantata No. 37, *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird* (*Whoever believes and is baptized shall be blessed*) for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Bach composed this work for the Feast of the Ascension in 1723. One sentence, from Jesus' last injunction to the disciples, after his resurrection, before he ascends to heaven, from Mark 16:16, forms the complete text for the opening chorus of this cantata – "Whoever believes and is baptized shall become blessed." The concentration of this work is upon belief and baptism.

In the words of Craig Smith.....*Bach Cantata BWV 37 is one of the most lucid and gentle of all the cantatas. Particularly striking is the gorgeous and dancing chorus that opens the work. The beautiful chorale prelude for sopranos and altos uses the chorale "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern." Here the dancing quality of the opening chorus is revived as the tune is traded liltily between the two voices. The mood darkens somewhat for the bass solo. Here the sadness of the Ascension story becomes apparent. The work ends with a sober harmonization of the chorale "Ich dank dir, lieber Herre."*



COME CHECK OUT THE SUMMER CHOIR!!

Have you wondered if the Choir is a place for you at St. Paul's? Do you wonder if you could find that singing voice you had in High School or College? Do you wonder if the music is more inspiring to sing than it is when you are in the pew being a listener? Would you feel at home in the cushioned red choir chairs? To answer these questions come join us on Sunday mornings during the summer at **8:30 a.m.** We will practice from 8:30 to 9:15 – have a brief coffee break – and then re-group to lead the summer worship service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rae Ann Anderson, Director of Music. (215-913-0730)

AN INVITATION TO HEAR THE GLEEKSMAN-KOHN CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF SETTLEMENT MUSIC SCHOOL

This 100 voice children's choir is comprised of young singers from all areas of the Philadelphia and Camden community, and is directed by Rae Ann Anderson, St. Paul's Director of Music!



On **Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m.** this ensemble will be presenting their Spring Concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill... Just down the road from Glenside! The program will consist of some classics, some newer music, a little jazz, a rousing spiritual, and a WORLD PREMIERE! Local composer, Roberto Pace, has written a 15 minute dramatic work called "TIME MACHINE." This concert will be its premiere performance!

The concert is free to the public. Please note May 5th is also the same date as the Home & Garden Show in Chestnut Hill. You can still easily get to St. Paul's Episcopal by taking Stenton Avenue to Paper Mill Road. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk with Rae Ann.

Rae Ann Anderson, Music Director

(From the office – not only would this be a wonderful way to support our very dedicated Music Director and Friend, it would round out a pleasant trip to Chestnut and provide your legs with a much needed rest from walking "The Hill".



CHANGES....

Spring has sprung! Change is all around us – the emergence of flowers, the return of the bees, the need for sunscreen before conducting an outdoor funeral, which I realized (inconveniently) *after* I conducted the outdoor funeral. Yes indeed, the kids are getting itchy for school to end, and their chauffeurs are probably ready for the myriad of activities to wind down.

Which leads me to St. Paul's – because with the abundance of new life going on outside, I feel a winding down going on inside. Confirmation and Sunday School are coming to a close. Kids Club is done, as is my time with the Children's Choir. Even the Malaria Team is taking a break for the summer! It's not as though the staff won't be busy – we have Vacation Bible School to coordinate, the 2013-2014 calendar year to organize, and a new intern to get up to speed. But many of the programs that I have been actively involved with are nearing their last days.

I suppose this is a little "grief precursor" of sorts – a way of getting me ready to say goodbye to St. Paul's, in small doses. It's no easy task – I've had to do it before! And I will probably be a weepy mess of tears and tissues by the time my last Sunday rolls around.

But like spring, which doesn't just happen overnight, so goes our saying goodbye. We begin with little farewells, about how we enjoyed Kids Club so much together, or how important learning how to get through Holy Week was for me. I might tell you how much it has meant to me to preach with you every other Sunday, and you might share with me how much the 30 Hour Famine meant to your child.

All of our little farewells will crescendo into me being that teary, snotty mess I promised above. But in case I forget to mention it later, St. Paul's impacts its vicars deeply. I know one or two of them quite well, and you are in their hearts

and mine for the remainder of our ministries. You help us learn and grow, change and mature, and in so doing, minister to our next congregations by virtue of being part of the Springtime of our Pastorhood. So, thank you – it has been and will continue to be an amazing journey.

Well, enough sap from the trees and me! Until next time.
God's Peace,
Vicar Ashley

GREETINGS FROM NURSERY SCHOOL!

As our school year draws to a close I am reminded to thank all of the parishioners of St. Paul's for supporting us throughout the year. Your donations and kind welcome make this a truly wonderful place to be. Thank you.

On May 1st we will be starting a new tradition here at St. Paul's Nursery School. We are having a neighborhood walk as part of our newly formed "St. Paul's Kids Care" theme. The children will be walking the streets around school to benefit the Kevin From Heaven Foundation. Look for more information around the building as we prepare for this exciting event.

May is a month of mixed emotions around here. The children are preparing for end of year programs and for the next stage in their young lives. Some will be returning here in the fall and others will be moving on to Kindergarten and saying good-bye to teachers and classmates. It is very rewarding to know that we have had a part in preparing them for their journey. To think, some of these children have been here for more than half of their life! I know you join me in wishing the children and their families' great success.

Happy May,
Kathleen Getz, Director



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC



The outdoor service and church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at the Fort Washington State Park in Flourtown! The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. This year, the picnic will also be a FUNdraiser for the service/mission trip to Rocky Boy, Montana. No need to bring anything but yourself, a chair, and some spare dollars for donations. In addition to a piñata for the little ones, all food will be provided and donations accepted instead to help fund the trip. In case of rain, the picnic and FUNdraiser will be held at church!

As part of the FUNdraiser, there will also be a basket raffle at the picnic. **If you are interested in donating a themed basket (movie night, wine, game night, candy-galore, gardening, etc), please contact Candace Centeno at Centeno@law.villanova.edu**

WISDOM AND FINANCES

Cultivating Commitment - Chapter 3 – Enough by Adam Hamilton

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions," says Luke 12:15. A thought-provoking verse. I wonder how many people would immediately think that their lives and others are not judged or measured by how many possessions they have, by the value of their house or car, by the iPhone that they carry or by the style of clothes they wear.

A few weeks before I read the book Enough, I had found a shiny new red sauté pan for my kitchen from my favorite on-line store. I enjoy cooking and I am always looking for new gadgets or cookware that will make a task easier or more efficient. Everything about it was perfect. After three clicks with a mouse and two days later, my package was

sitting on my front porch waiting for my culinary creation. I couldn't wait as I envisioned how great my Chicken Alfredo would taste as I sautéed, simmered and stirred and then presented the final product to my family. They would be impressed with my preparation and the presentation in that shiny red pan.

Really? I feed two hungry men every night and they will eat anything (well almost) that I prepare for them. That red pan was just a vehicle to get the food from the stove onto their plates and into their stomachs. The feeling of owning a great kitchen tool evaporated after the second time I used it. Now it sits in my pantry on top of and under other "stuff." I still use it but it is not the be-all and end-all of kitchen tools.

Yet, there is a temptation. Hamilton says "the moment we acquire something, we scarcely take time to enjoy it before we want something else!" Then we keep having to find something else to acquire, something better than what we already have to keep the flame of desire bright and beckoning or as Hamilton calls it, *Restless Heart Syndrome* (RHS).

Discontentment with possessions is troublesome, he says, but not discontentment with *whom we are*. He quotes James Mackintosh (1765-1832), the Scottish philosopher; "It is right to be contented with what we have, but never with what we are." Hamilton concludes that we seem to have things backward. We are perennially discontent with our possessions and tend to be content with whom and what we are!

He suggests that our restless hearts (RHS) may really be God stirring us to look within our own lives - perhaps to cultivate a deeper prayer life, to pursue justice and holiness with increasing fervor, to love others more, and to grow in grace and character and wisdom with each passing day.

Worth a second read, Hamilton outlines four ways to cultivate contentment:

1. Remember that it could be worse;
2. Ask yourself, "How long will this make me happy?"
3. Develop a grateful heart;
- and 4. Ask yourself, "Where does your soul find true satisfaction?"

Contrary to what advertisers would have us believe, our hearts and souls cannot find contentment by shopping at a mall or on the internet!

Hamilton cites Paul's Philippian writings as a source of hope and inspiration for our lives seeing "...Christ to be...the One who satisfied his (Paul's) every need and enabled him to be content in all circumstances..."

Hamilton says, "Contentment is found in our relationship with God and our relationships with others. This is why Jesus said the two most important things we must do are to "love The Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind; and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

This chapter also talks about simplifying our lives and reducing our consumption, as in less is more. More stuff in our lives = more clutter = more maintenance = more energy expended = more stress. Downsizing and de-cluttering can have a cleansing effect on how we live. Hamilton suggests the following steps and goals to cultivate simplicity:

1. Set a goal to reduce your consumption and choose to live below your means.
 2. Before making a purchase, ask yourself "Do I really need this and why? (Shiny red pan?)"
 3. Use something up before buying something new.
 4. Plan low-cost entertainment that enriches. A favorite get-together of mine happens every summer when my husband's fraternity brothers and wives get together for a picnic, which is in its 40th year now. The bond of our friendships is immeasurable.
 5. Ask yourself, "Are there major changes that would allow me to simply my life?"
- Is living beyond our means causing unnecessary stress in our lives?

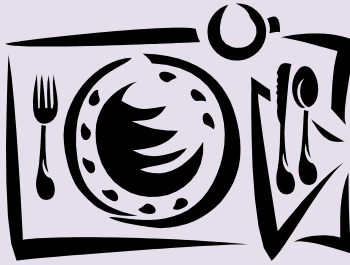
It's important to remember that we still have options and can exercise self-control. Financial matters, impulsive buying, and diet control can all benefit from self-discipline. Consider guidance from financial planners, trusted friends who can help get us back on the right track so that we can live a simple, satisfying and grateful life. Honestly, we all struggle with this!

Remember the power of prayer and remember the strength that Apostle Paul gained over his life through his belief in Christ. He could "do all things through Christ who strengthened him."

Linda Strachan,
Stewardship Committee

January - March 2013 Finances

Income -	\$93993.
Expenses -	<u>94109.</u>
Loss	116.



MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

On Friday, May 17th, the Good Works Team will once again host a meal for the homeless community at the Welcome Center, located at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion in Philadelphia. We are in need of volunteers to

- make macaroni/pasta salads (to serve 10)
- make desserts (to serve 10)
- assist with the preparation of ham and vegetables here in St. Paul's kitchen on the morning of the 17th
- travel down to Holy Communion to help serve the meal

Look for sign-up sheets in the Great Room. Our heartfelt thanks to the members of St. Paul's for continuing to support this ministry!

Dot Sutton, Good Works Team

BABY MANNA

Give the gift of nutrition; give the gift of life.



On Mother's Day, May 12th, you can help ensure that all babies have a healthy start in life by joining the fight against infant malnutrition. A gift to Philabundance's Baby Manna campaign affords you that opportunity.

Baby Manna addresses the needs of at-risk infants throughout the Delaware Valley. This annual Mother's Day weekend campaign relies on the support and commitment of churches throughout the region to raise funds that are specifically earmarked for formula and other infant needs.

Struggling families are often forced to water down expensive formula, to start introducing solid foods too soon, or make other adjustments because of limited resources. Baby Manna ensures that more babies have the opportunity for proper nutrition at the most critical development time of their lives.

Since its inception, Baby Manna participants have raised more than half a million dollars to help infants at risk of chronic malnutrition that endangers their ability to learn, to grow, and to develop physically, mentally, and socially. Even mildly undernourished children can suffer potential abnormal brain, cognitive, or psychological impairment that, if not corrected, can be irreversible.

For as little as \$.75, a hungry baby can be provided with formula. \$50.00 provides approximately 70 feedings! Each one of us possesses the power to make a difference by making a generous donation to Baby Manna. Look for designated offering envelopes in the worship bulletin and at the display in the Great Room.

Dot Sutton, Good Works Team

VBS 2013 KINGDOM ROCK

JUNE 17TH THRU JUNE 21ST

The table is set with volunteer sign-ups and the registration forms will be available soon. St Paul's members please sign-up **by May 5th** to guarantee a spot. At that time registration will be open to the public. Reminder we can only accommodate 75 campers.

At the Kingdom we will be meeting characters in the bible that had to stand strong for God. **David** writes about God's love, Mordecai encourages **Esther** to do the right thing, **Nehemiah** perseveres to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem, **Jesus** dies and comes back to life, and **King Josiah** follows God's way.



There will be 5 centers each night: Bible Adventures, Chadder the chipmunk, Imagination Station, Camp Malaria and Games.

At **Bible Adventures** center you'll get to meet and interact with the characters. Through video center, **Chadder the chipmunk** will teach kids how to stand strong. **Imagination station** center is hands-on activities to remind us of the bible verse of the day. **Camp Malaria** will be teaching about Malaria and how the ELCA is helping to make it history. And **Games** is just a fun way for the kids to play together while getting wet.

Each night the volunteers, campers and parents are treated to a meal before going to opening to learn about the bible story of the night with songs and skits.

Please consider volunteering your time for the week or just a night. The sign-up is in the Great room on the display. This year there will be child care for the volunteers whose children are too young to attend as campers.

We have divided up the work load by splitting up some of the roles for VBS. See the following for more details and how you can help.

Sheila Kurilla is organizing the youth volunteers (all youth 6th grade and up to assist campers) and assistance with Bible Adventure

Tom Lackman is coordinating kitchen detail – looking for volunteers to cook/clean, purchase or donate food.

Ruth Fricker is coordinating the nursery care

Feel free to contact me for more information or questions.

Julie Sullivan, VBS Director

MEET MITCHIE THE MOSQUITO



Special thanks to Marlen Livezey, who wrote and shared this one-person skit, which was used with the Sunday school students here at St. Paul's.

Hey listen! Name's Mitchie. I represent the mosquitoes' union—and I have a complaint! I know I'm small. I know I'm not colorful and cute like a ladybug or elegant like a butterfly, but WHY are you picking on me? Don't **you** like to eat breakfast and dinner?

Well, so do I. It just happens that I don't have a jaw, a mouth full of teeth and a tongue like you do. I have to suck up my meals through a sort of a straw. So already you can see how limited my menu is.

But I'm not complaining about that. I manage OK. You see, I quietly, politely sneak up on you so as not to disturb you. Then I take a l-i-t-t-l-e bite and suck some of your yummy blood. It's not much, but it keeps me flying. Heck! You have more than enough. You can share a little.

Besides, you can hardly feel it. OK, so I leave an itchy bump. Big deal! The itch goes away in a day or two, doesn't it?

What's that? You say I spread diseases? That every minute—every 60 seconds—someone in Africa, usually a child under the age of five, dies of malaria because of a mosquito bite?

Well, where do you think I get the malaria from? Huh? I get it from YOU. That's right. If you didn't have diseases like malaria or west Nile virus or dengue fever or other diseases, I wouldn't be spreading them, now *would I?* It's not MY fault.

Another thing! I don't like those creams and sprays you put on your skin. They give me a headache and spoil my appetite! Spend your money on something better...like candy. That would make your blood sweet. Or buy perfumes, so I can find you more easily in the dark.

And why do you destroy my eggs? I so carefully lay them in your puddles and buckets and saucers under your house plants. They're my babies. How can mosquitoes survive if you keep dumping out the water and killing my eggs?

But the MAIN reason I'm here talking to you is, as I told you before, I'm from the mosquitoes' union. My friends sent me to tell you that they are finding it ever harder to get a decent meal because people are covering themselves with nets while they sleep. THAT'S NOT FAIR! We mosquitoes have to eat to live, too? Don't we? [SWAT!]

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

May	Name	Anniversary	Couple's Name
1-May	Marvin Landes	1-May	Henrik & Jean Sonntag
1-May	Joe Noga	3-May	Nathan & Michelle Weiss
4-May	Jessica Noga	12-May	Leigh Ann and Michael Wojciechowicz
5-May	Kate Scott		
7-May	Bob Breuer		
8-May	Terry Allen		
8-May	Alexandra Ruane		
9-May	Stephen Noga		
10-May	Jen Hayes		
11-May	Steve Reiff		
11-May	Christoph Wagner		
12-May	Jane Kinsey		
13-May	Suzanne Cordon		
14-May	Alberta Lang		
15-May	Nancy Fitzgerald		
15-May	Debbie Reiff		
15-May	Dan Ruth		
19-May	Kelly Mason		
23-May	Marlise Inazu		
27-May	Keith Darrow		
27-May	Ewan Hurley		
28-May	Rebecca Berglund		
28-May	Kate McGlinchey		
28-May	Bob Sutton		
29-May	Charlotte O'Donnell		
31-May	Michael Campbell		



While we try to include all members' celebrations, occasionally we miss one. If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, or don't think we have it, please contact the office with your birthday and/or your anniversary. Thank you.



IT'S A GIRL!

Audrey Rose Franko, daughter of Amber & Frank Franko, was born on March 15th at 9:36 a.m. She was 19" long and 7 lbs 4 oz. Congratulations to big brother Brayden, Amber & Frank. We look forward to meeting Audrey soon.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Communion Class participants, Elias Davatzes, Teddy Dobi, Alex Donaldson, Molly Donaldson, Henry Moyer, Ruby Moyer, and Caroline Van Pelt, who we welcomed to the Communion table for the first time on Maundy Thursday. Their artwork adorned the covers of the worship bulletins for the evening's service. Congratulations to them.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING?

Are you or someone in your family graduating from high school, college, graduate school? We want to know and let everyone else know too. Send in your graduate's name, graduation information, and any future plans. Please submit the information to lauracampbell@stpaulsglenside.org or place it in the church secretary's mailslot by May 10th. Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVERY KIND

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Imagine entering the church to a stack of bulletins left on the table rather than being handed one as you are greeted by smiling person. *Imagine* throwing out the altar flowers each week rather than sharing their beauty with someone who needs cheering up. *Imagine* no coffee, tea, or snacks after worship each week over which to socialize. Without volunteers all those roles in the left hand column can't be done each week. Can **YOU** pick one area where you might be willing to help once every two months? If we all pitch in a little, none of us need to do a lot. Contact Nancy Carbine at the office or at ncarbine@stpaulsglenside.org to help.



YOGA INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

The Prayerful Yoga class is looking for a new Yoga Instructor. Our Yoga instructor of 4 years is moving out of state. If you or someone you know is qualified and interested please contact Sherrie Campbell at 215-884-3276. Thank you!

"LET'S MEET" GROUP

On May 1st at 11:30 a.m. we welcome our own Linda and Marvin Landes and their therapy dogs, Honey and Freddie. Linda will be telling us about Pet Therapy and its benefits to patients. We will learn about what training is necessary and how to get started in this rewarding endeavor, and hear some of her personal stories in her years working with therapy dogs. Bring a sandwich and a friend or two for an enjoyable afternoon with Linda, Marvin, Honey and Freddie. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Hope to see you there. All are welcome!



***Please note the time change – we will meet at 11:30 am

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Thank you for your continuing support of Fair Trade Sales. I hope you enjoy the new chocolate bar flavors and Geo bars, as well as the same coffee and tea. Bill and I are trying a new Guatemalan dark roast coffee which is available in 5 pound bags. The coffee is delicious and we have stored the extra in the freezer. If you are interested in learning about the new flavors available, please call me at 215-887-9383. Just a reminder, chocolate bars cannot be ordered after May 1st due to the anticipated warmer temperatures.

Linda Putnam Erat & Joe Noga

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 793 and their leader Jenny Lowman for their donation of 40 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. These extra special donations will make our pantry visitors cupboards a little more interesting.

Thank you to all those who have brought in supplies of all kinds, from the basics to the unique food items. All are appreciated and much needed. Our visitors always express their thankfulness at the generosity of our members. One woman on a return visit commented how she tried couscous because it was available in the pantry, it was something she had never had before, and how much she and her family enjoyed it.

How can you help? During stock up sales, please consider buying extra for the pantry.

What can we use?

- **Non food items** like detergents, paper products, personal care items cannot be purchased with food stamps and can cost a lot of money to a family. You can break up larger packs and just donate a roll or two of toilet tissue, paper towels, etc.
- **Staples** – like flour, sugar, seasonings, condiments, etc.
- **Baking supplies** - brownies, cookie mixes, etc. (These items allow families to participate in the end of school year and Memorial Day activities without standing out.)
- **Snack foods** – let's face it, we all like a treat now and then. Pretzels, crackers, salsas, granola bars, etc.
- **Juice**
- **Tuna, peanut butter, and jelly** (preferably not grape – it doesn't seem to get taken)

We do have plenty of beans and veggies at this time. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Laura Campbell, parish secretary





PRAYER LIST UPDATES REQUESTED

Twice a year the office requests that all who have loved ones on the prayer list inform the office of their loved ones status. In order to remain on the prayer list after May 31st you must contact the office by then with an update and request to keep them on the prayer list. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU....

Thank you to the many staff and volunteers who assisted with Kid's Club this year, including Vicar Rossi and Mrs. Anderson, the various Women's Circles, the Men's Group, and countless parents, families, and individuals too numerous to mention. If you ever had the pleasure of dropping in on a Thursday afternoon, you were able to see how much this time meant for the children who participated in the Cherub and Children's choirs, and how much it supported their parents as well. We hope to see all in September!

Members who can help...

Do you need in home help? St. Paul's member Barbara Nordon is a C.N.A. with TLC available part-time (a.m. or p.m.) to be a companion, aide, meal, etc. Contact her at 215-887-1916.

GOOD WORKS/WORKS WELL – If there is a small household project you have been meaning to get done or you have something that HAS to be done, please consider my services. I am available for cleaning, clearing, painting, and/or fixing small items. You purchase the materials. Reasonable rates. Contact George F. Neveil, St. Paul's Member @ 215-576-5712. Insured. Free Estimates.

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Friday, May 10th

Have you seen the beautiful wooden box sitting on the table in the Great Room and wondered what it is?

Church Council has put it out for our new suggestion box. Any thoughts and suggestions for council or committees can be placed in the box. Notes can be signed or anonymous.



"Did I just hear you mumble, 'With the way you cook, I wish this was my 'Last Supper.'?!"

MOTHER...THIS ONES' FOR YOU...

Mother, who gave us her heart...her very soul.
Mother, who's understanding never wavered.
Mother, the one who dried our tears.
Mother, she lead us to the path of His Love.
Mother, who washed our cloths and cleaned the house.
Mother, who instilled confidence in her children.
Mother, who walked us to school.
Mother, who loved us like no other.
Mother, who quelled the anger within us.
Mother, who drove us to all our practices.
Mother, who never forgot our special occasions.
Mother, who protected her family, as a lion to a cub.
Mother, who always supported our father.
Mother, who scrimped and saved for our daily needs.
Mother, who was always the last to eat.
Mother, who was always the first to rise.
Mother, who cared for the animals.
Mother, a love that knew no limits.
Mother, who forever placed her family, before herself.
Mother, who was grateful, for every passing acknowledgement.
Mother, whose eyes shined, when she heard the words,
I love you mom

Mother, who always saw the good in us.
Mother, who always taught us to never, never, give up.
Mother, who instilled in us, to be better.
Mother, who made us believe, we could accomplish anything.
Mother, mother...mother, you were like no other.

Mother, you will always remain, in our hearts, in our deeds, in our thoughts, in our lives and in our prayers.

Surely, beyond the stars, there's a special place for Mothers.

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Adult Education Seminars will be held

Sundays, April 28th, May 5th & 12th at 9:30 a.m.
in room 200. St. Paul's member, Alicia Simpson, will present on the topics below. Based on the responses to date this will be the order.

- The importance of hospitality in Biblical times.
- Life and time of Jesus the Jew.
- Translating the New Testament: The difficulties.
- Jesus was a carpenter.
- A Day in the life of a 1st century Galilean.
- Jewish Messianic Understanding.
- Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots, and rabbis.
- Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, etc.
- Astronomy and the Bible
- The Biblical Miracles.

Look for more information in the September Messenger about Adult Education classes for the fall.

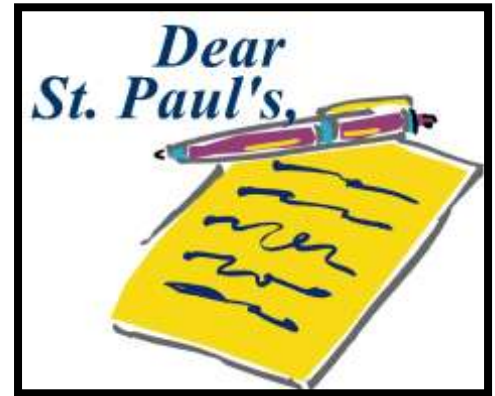


*Happy
Mother's Day*

Dear people of St. Paul's,

Mere words cannot adequately express the thanks and feelings of overwhelming gratitude for your love and care for my family and me during the passing and memorial service for our beloved, Hubert Linn. The outpouring of prayers, cards, calls, meals and expressions of love gave strength and upheld us in a time of grief. Thank you to all who had any part in supporting us in the past weeks. Special thanks to Pastor Sonntag, Rae Ann and the wonderful choir, Laura, Ashley for their part in the Memorial service and to Sandy Silvestri who organized, and to all who helped and contributed in any way to the meal following the service. May God continue to bless you all in your Christian serving at St. Paul's and the community beyond.

Love,
Phyllis Linn and family



Dear Pastor Sonntag, Vicar Ashley, and members of St. Paul's Congregation,

My heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flower arrangement that you sent to me on Sunday. I appreciate your thoughts and concern. They are comforting and make me smile as I think of all of you. It is an inspiring reminder how amazing the members of our congregation are.

Sincerely,
Tina Bartash

Dear Pastor Sonntag,

Just a note to express how much we enjoyed the Maundy Thursday/Living Last Supper service. The disciples were just outstanding, is a understatement. The music and service truly could not have been missed. We played hockey from our own church to attend and were very happy we did.

Blessed Easter to all,
Bob & Linda Kreisech

Dear Pastor Sonntag and members of St. Paul's,

Thank you so very much for the lovely flower arrangement delivered to me on Sunday, March 17th. I have placed them where I can see them the first thing in the morning and enjoy them the whole day through. I wish for all of you a Happy Easter.

Geneva Stevens

Dear Pastor Sonntag:

On behalf of Liberty Lutheran and everyone in the Liberty Lutheran community, thank you to St. Paul's Evangelical Church for your generous gift of \$17,000 received on November 12th, 2012 to support Lutheran Disaster Respons's (LDR) through your event "Oktoberfest." LDR provides needed resources to train and mobilize congregations and volunteers in disaster response activities for victims of the Hurricanes. In recognition of your thoughtfulness, your name and gift will be listed on our website and in our quarterly publication, **At Liberty**. Additionally, gifts of \$100 or more will be in the Annual Report to the Board of Directors and our Liberty supporters.

Sincerely,
Luanne B. Fisher, PhD., President and CEO

Dear Church Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you that the John R. Freed Funeral Home of Glenside is arranging to have young trees planted in memory of *The Reverend Hubert C. Linn and Barbara G. Rush*. These memorial trees will be planted on public lands during the earliest appropriate season. The living memorial is a part of a large endeavor to restore the Pennsylvania landscape with the eternal beauty of living tress, for the benefit of all the residents of the state. As a broad reaching legacy to all, it will grow without personal inscription and become an important, enduring part of its natural surroundings. We would like to extend our condolences to the friends of The Reverend Hubert C. Linn and Barbara G. Rush, along with the staff of the John R. Freed Funeral Home, who have provided this living memorial.

Sincerely yours,
Robert S. Pearson, President, Lofty Oaks Association



In Loving Memory and the
Promise of the Resurrection

Barbara Rush

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are available for all Sundays except May 5th, June 30th, July 7th, and August 25th. Place your order on-line through the "donate now" link, indicating your message to whom you would like to celebrate or honor and for which week you would like to donate. Or, call the office to place your request directly.



A gentle reminder: please contact the office to update the prayer list, to add or remove someone, as needed. The staff in the office is not always aware of what changes need to be made and when. Thank you.

Remember our friends and loved ones in your daily prayers this week:

Rev. Don Anderson	Tina Bartash	Ted Bruner	Tegan Conner	Christiane Chianco
Dorothea Davatzes	Pauline Davis	Bernice Dicker	Jim Domanico	Leslie Donaghy
Cynthia Foley	Jerry Goldberg	Eric Groves	Nancy Hadley	Merrill Hakim
Jon Helman	Chris Hunsicker	Lily Inazu	Kristen Jacobus	Ed Klein
Alberta Lang	Judy Lunde	Owen Markey	Naomi Marr	Susan Maurer
Frank Maxwell	Jack McCleary	Tim McConnell	Lois McMullen	Janet McIntyre
Karen Moran	Carolyn Moyer	Jean Nickel	Andy O'Connor	Pat Polidore
Frederick Rall	Michelle Rotella	Bonnie & Clem Schwartz		Logan Schweiter
Betty Stevens	Geneva Stevens	Maureen & Mackenzie Traynor		Dot Webb
Madison Willoughby		Jonas & Lily Vasquez		Mary & Rosemary

Please continue to pray for our members and friends in the military

Jason Carr	Sam Fearnside	Ken Ganiszewski (Kuwait)	Corey Groupil
Adam Kerrick	Grant Kerrick	Dustin Lahiff	Michael Lahiff (Afghanistan)
Jonathan Palmer	Lawrence Palmer	John Sheperak	

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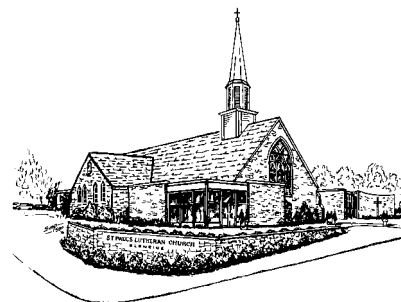
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We invite you to join us for worship.

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. The Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

**Starting May 19th we begin our summer
schedule of one service
only at 9:30 a.m.**

Nursery care is available
during worship for infants
and children through kindergarten.



**At the Crossroads of
Easton Road and
Mt. Carmel Avenue
in Glenside, Pennsylvania**

April 18th, 2013

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