



Monthly Messenger - March 2018
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GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



Please Pray for:

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Pastor's Message

Lent is quickly moving us along to the start of Holy Week. And Holy Week leads us to Easter, but bids us to stop first at Maundy Thursday. And Maundy Thursday always gives us the same message - "to love one another" as Christ loves us (John 13:34). It's not a polite request. It's not a nice invitation. It's an order, a mandate (hence the name Maundy).

What better way to prepare for Easter, though, than to be loving? What better way to welcome our Risen Lord on Easter morning than to be loving? What better way to greet one another, our brothers and sisters in Christ, than to be loving? That's what Christ commands us to be - people full of love who are ever ready to share that love.

And right now the world needs a lot of loving. And a lot of healing. And a

lot of hope. All the people wounded by the violence in our schools and communities. All the people abused by the malicious words and actions of others. All the people bullied for being different or not fitting in. All the people whose lives have been sorely broken by hatred, discrimination, and injustice. All the people whose lives are being stretched thin by lack of attention or friendship.

One of the cries emerging out of the Parkland school community is that more than prayers and thoughts are needed. Action is needed. Loving action. Action that reaches out with hope and healing. And all of us can do that by loving one another - in big ways and small ways. But in every way, it will be a step in the right direction for a more peaceful and kinder world. "I have set you an example," Jesus told Peter that night when He washed his feet. And He then added, "you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

As much as we hear about the violence in our world and see it tragically getting lived out time and time again, we have the power to do something about it. We can be loving. And we can do so in countless ways. "Love is patient," Paul says, "love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4). As loving people we care for one another - speaking well of one another, treating one another with respect and understanding. Nor is love "arrogant or rude," he adds (1 Corinthians 13:3-4). It doesn't take advantage of others, look down on others, or hurt others. Love lets us value each other. Love builds up community.

The list of loving actions gets spelled out even more clearly in the biblical letter sent to Colossae. "Bear with one another," being sensitive and understanding, the author writes (Colossians 3:13). "Forgive each other," tearing down walls and letting go of resentments (Colossians 3:13). "Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts," amicably settling differences and seeking out ways to support one another (Colossians 3:15). And then comes the most important action of all. "Clothe yourselves with love," the author concludes, "which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14).

Love is the foundation Christ gives us to build a better world. It's the source of our hopes. It's the catalyst for our actions.

Why not welcome Easter a little earlier this year? Why not overcome the violence we loathe with the love we have? "We are more than conquerors," Paul reminds us, "through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). Commit yourselves to exemplifying the Love of Christ. Focus in on one specific thing you can do to conquer the violence that grieves us....and do it! Refuse to endorse programs or purchase products that glorify violence. Talk to your children or grandchildren about what they are experiencing in school. Communicate your concerns about violence to your legislators. Be on the lookout for bullying or intimidating behavior, reporting it to the appropriate people. Strive to speak well of all people and to constructively work through differences. Be creative - the ways to stamp out violence are numerous. And be faithful - love one another, seeing Christ in everyone around us.

The world needs a lot of loving. And we have lots of love to share. Model it this Lenten Season and welcome the Risen Lord in everyone you see.

In Christ,

Long days and busy schedules can make life stressful at times. This message is to help you slow things down and reflect on what is truly important. Join us in "Taking On Lent" during our weekly worship services this month. Come to worship together so that we may all reap the benefits of a spiritual life. [Click Here](#) for weekly worship times.

Our Community Wide Lenten Services are as Follows:

All services at 7:00 PM.

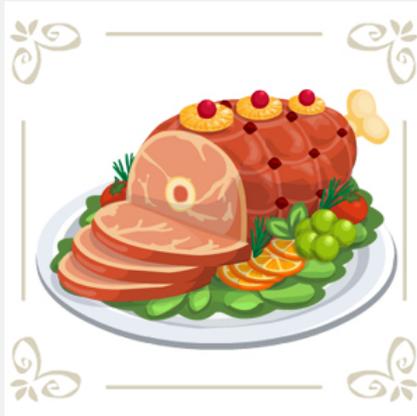
- February 28 - Palm Church
- March 7 - Pennsburg United Church of Christ
- March 14 - New Goshenhoppen Church
- March 21 - St. Paul's – please bring a dessert to share

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule:
Maundy Thursday March 29th**

7pm in fellowship hall includes a light dinner
and living Last Supper

Good Friday March 30th
7 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday April 1st
Sunrise Service 6:30AM in the cemetery
8AM Worship Service and 9:30AM Worship Service



ASP HAM DINNER

March 3, 2017 from 3 to 7PM in Fellowship Hall. Includes: ham, homemade potato filling, corn, green beans, pickled cabbage, applesauce, bread from Sadie's Bake Shop, and assorted desserts. *PRICES: Adults: \$11 Children (6-12) \$6 Children (under 6) Free.* All Proceeds Benefit the Appalachian Service Project Team which participates in a home building mission trip each summer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amy McPherson at 215-939-5612

[Click Here for More Info on ASP](#)



You are Cordially Invited
Holy Week at St Paul's Lutheran Church

What: Please join us and share the Passover meal with Jesus and his apostles.

Where: We will gather at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall to share a meal, break bread and listen as the apostles share what they may have been thinking at that "Last Supper".

When: Thursday, March 29th at 7pm.

Who: All are welcome and encouraged to participate and enjoy the meal together. Vegetarian and gluten free dining options will be available.

RSVP or Questions: Bob or Laura Foreman at 215-272-1445 , foreman3@hotmail.com or the church office at 215-679-5553.

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UPCCC FEBRUARY NEWS

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UPCCC's Fantastic February by
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Easter Flower Order Form

We will be taking orders for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish to sponsor a plant the prices are:

- Lilies - \$10.50**
- Tulips - \$8.00 (Assorted colors)**
- Hyacinths - \$7.50 (Assorted colors)**

Please complete this form and turn it into the church office or place it in the collection plate along with your check. Checks should be made out to **St. Paul's**.

Your order must be received **in the office by FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH** (we can't accept any late orders). Thank you for understanding.

GIVEN BY: _____

 _____ Lilies # of plants (10.50 each)

_____ Tulips # of plants (8.00 each)

_____ Hyacinths # of Plants (7.50 each)

Plants ordered # _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Check # _____ or Cash _____

_____ to beautify God's house **OR**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

- _____ I will pick up my plants after the 9:30AM Service Easter Sunday (any remaining past Tuesday will be planted)
- _____ I am donating my plants

Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser for:

 **Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center** 
The More It Weighs... The More We Raise!

When: Drop off Days - February 26th to March 1st

Where: 1244 St. Paul's Church Rd., Pennsburg

Contact: stpaulupccc@comcast.net

Help our organization raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements.

Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. White/clear bags and/or shopping bags preferred. Every bag counts.

Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again. The more our collection weighs...the more we raise.

Thank you for your support!



Acceptable Gently Used Items:

- Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats,
- Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses,
- Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Curtains, Sheets, Pillowcases,
- Bedspreads, Blankets, Comforters, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs,
- Gloves, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys,
- Backpacks, New Diapers.



The Child Care Center is holding a fundraiser. Please donate your gently used

It's Time to Order Easter Flowers.

Orders must be received in the office by March 16th. We're sorry, no late orders can be accepted.

clothing, etc (see the ad above) by March 1st (drop off in the pavilion. The more it weighs the more they pay.

Worship Teams for March

Please click the link below to view our Worship Team Schedule for the month of March. If you would like to join one of our Worship Teams, please contact the church office.

[Worship Team Schedule](#)



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cemetery Committee will remove all Christmas/Winter decorations from the cemetery by March 10th. If there is something you wish to keep, please remove it promptly.

Mid-Week Explorers: a new small group ministry meets each Tuesday with sessions at 10AM or 7PM in the library. Our topic is "The Way of Discovering Christ's Discipleship" as we learn about disciples in the Bible and how we can live as disciples today.

Pub Theology meets on Thursday, March 1, 2017 at the Main St. Pub in Bally at 7PM. All over age 18 are invited to join us for faith discussion over beverages.

Men's Breakfast will meet Saturday March 3, 2017 at the Valley Café in Pennsburg at 8:00AM. Gentlemen, join us for food, faith, and fun.

ASP Ham Dinner March 3, 2017 from 3 to 7PM in Fellowship Hall. Includes: ham, homemade potato filling, corn, green beans, pickled cabbage, applesauce, bread from Sadie's Bake Shop, and assorted desserts. *PRICES: Adults: \$11 Children (6-12) \$6 Children (under 6) Free.* All Proceeds Benefit the Appalachian Service Project Team which participates in a home building mission trip each summer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amy McPherson at 215-939-5612

On Sunday March 11th, 2018 we will be holding one final Photo Directory Photo session following the combined 9:30 worship service. This will be the last session offered prior to the printing and distribution of the hard copy of the photo directory. Please consider this time to update the previously taken photo if needed or participate in the directory if you have not done so already. The St. Paul's photo is available for online access. Please contact, Bob or Laura Foreman at [215-272-1445](tel:215-272-1445) or foreman3@Hotmail.com with

any questions.

Lunch Bunch--will meet Wednesday, March 14th in Fellowship Hall at 11:30AM. We will be providing soup this month. If you wish, you may bring a sandwich. Don't forget your mug (we have extras if you forget), and your Redner's Tapes if you have some. Desserts and beverages are provided. Liza Mann from LLL(Life Long Learning Program) will be our speaker. For more info contact Bonnie Haubert at [267-923-5567](tel:267-923-5567) or Joanne Hersh at [215-679-3614](tel:215-679-3614)

Lunch Bunch is open to anyone. We usually have an attendance of 30-40 people and we would love to see new faces. Bring a friend.

Women's Breakfast meets March 17th at Pennsburg Diner at 8:30AM. We invite all the ladies to join the discussion and fellowship as we break bread together.

Living Last Supper (Maundy Thursday) Please join us on Thursday, March 29th at 7pm as we share the Passover meal with Jesus and his Disciples. The worship service and drama will take place in Fellowship hall and a light dinner will be included. Come and see and break bread with Jesus of Nazareth. Please contact Bob or Laura Foreman at [215-272-1445](tel:215-272-1445) or foreman3@hotmail.com with any questions or for more information.

Good Friday is March 30th. Please join us for worship at 7pm.

Easter Sunday is April 1st. See Schedule above for worship times.

St. Paul's 7th Annual Chili Cook-off & Talent Show will be held on April 14, 2017 at 6PM in our fellowship hall. Do you love to make chili? Want to share your recipe with others? Join us for the Chili Cook Off! Cooking not your thing? We welcome soups, side dishes and desserts as well! There will be plenty of non-chili items available. Want to sign up for the talent show? Our talent draft happens early. All are welcome! Contact Bob or Laura Foreman with any questions or to help out. 267-923-8895.

[See Our Full Calendar - Click Here](#)

MINISTRIES & GROUPS YOU CAN JOIN:

St. Paul's family of faith offers so many ministries and groups that you can join, we encourage you to consider them, so that we may walk together in faith even more closely. [Click Here](#) to see what we have to offer. Do you have ideas for other outreach groups? Let us know! Contact Pastor or the Church office.



Click the Orange Box above for a full list of March Birthdays.

We wish all our March birthday folks a wonderful celebration and a fantastic year filled with blessings.

From your family of faith at St. Paul's.

Youth Group Fun

On January 12th the Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups met for games including Orange, snacks and chatting about our angry words. Through tears and laughter we learned that sticks and stones may break our bones and words can DEFINITELY hurt us. We also laughed our way through a little skit about the "Three Wise Guys and King Hairy Head".



The next gathering of the the youth groups will be on Friday, February 16th at 7pm. We are moving to the 3rd Friday of the month so we can share the space with the Boy Scouts for their Pinewood Derby the week before. Bring a friend, bring a game and come ready for some fun!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14th at 6pm for the 7th Annual Chili Cook Off and Talent Show. More details will follow, but please feel free to reach out with any questions. (see write up above in events)

We are currently praying for and in search of someone to lead the Senior Youth group (ages 7th grade and up). The youth are the future of St. Paul's and this is a great way to get to know them all and support their spiritual growth in a casual and relaxed environment.

Please contact Bob or Laura Foreman for more details about leading the youth, joining the youth group or any youth group questions [215-272-1445](tel:215-272-1445) or foreman3@hotmail.com.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger” - James 1:19

[SEE ALL THE PHOTOS - CLICK HERE](#)

Victory House - Soup Kitchen

On Sunday, February 11th, 2018, Nancy Jewell and Bob and Laura Foreman travelled to the Victory House in Bethlehem to cook and serve dinner to the residents there. The team prepared sloppy joes, pierogies and fruit salad for all to share. Thank you to those that have shared time, money, food and prayer. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory house again on Sunday, March 11th, 2018. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve, would like to prepare some food prior to the trip or have any questions about the Victory House at all, please contact Bob or Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or via email at foreman3@hotmail.com.

Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse. - Proverbs 28:27



Electronic Giving:

Through the generosity and support of our members and visitors, St. Paul's is able to expand the reach of our ministry. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift, check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around us, you may find e-giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule [CLICK HERE](#).

Thank you for all you do to support our ministry and missions throughout the year.

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