

St. Paul's Epistle

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS: Get on the roller coaster!

How's your Lent going? Are you still committed to what you chose to give up or take on this season? Have you taken advantage of our Lenten breakfast and bible studies focusing on the scriptures in Handel's Messiah, or the Ministerium's Wednesday luncheons as we hear people's stories of faith?

Soon enough we will be at Holy Week, which begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm/Passion Sunday. On that day, which moves quickly from joy to sorrow, we follow Christ from that triumphal entry to the cross. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death, and ultimately commits to God's will and his death for the sin of all.

Lent's 40 days (excluding Sundays) concludes officially on Maundy Thursday, which then begins a period known as the great Three Days. Also known as the Triduum, the Three Days are truly a roller coaster of emotions, seemingly covering the entire spectrum of the human experience. During the Three Days, we hear stories of gathering, suffering, and waiting before Easter's promise breaks through with long-awaited relief and joy.

The first of the Three Days is **Maundy Thursday**. In this liturgy, congregations often engage in mutual footwashing, which re-enacts the humility, service, and intimate care described in the gospel reading for that

night in which Jesus washed the disciples' feet as they shared the Passover meal. The washing of another's feet reminds us of the importance of humble service to others.

Following Holy Communion, the sacred drama of removing the paraments and all Lenten symbols from the worship space as Psalm 22 is chanted prepares us for **Good Friday**. Like the stark, bare altar, we are stripped bare to witness the death of Jesus through the Passion Story according to John. We are immersed into the injustice of the death of an innocent man, and the apparent victory of corruption and greed. We leave the worship space in silence, often feeling as empty as a tomb.

The **Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday is the culmination of Holy Week. During this service, which will be held in the pavilion (dress accordingly!), the Old Testament readings take us from the story of creation through stories of deliverance and salvation, the great Flood, and the deliverance of Meschach, Shadrach and Abednego from the fiery furnace. The fire lit that night reminds us that, just like the three were accompanied by a divine presence in the fiery furnace, we are not alone when going through our own griefs, laments, and mourning. After affirming our baptism, we hear John's account of Easter morning and the announcement of Mary to the other disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18). What a moment of joy breaking through after a long season of lament, preparing us for greater joy on Easter morning!

Holy Week is when the church enters deeply into the mystery of Christ's crucifixion and death, when the Bible readings can move us to tears. At the same time, we hold in our hearts both the human sorrow over the crucifixion of our Lord and the growing excitement and hope in the knowledge that Christ is raised and death is defeated. During the Three Days we know that Easter is almost here, and also that it is necessary to go through the sorrow and depth of human sin, and the depth of God's love, to arrive at the resurrection. I pray that you will participate in all of these meaningful worship experiences, walking as Jesus did from joy to sorrow, suffering and death to life. Such is our Christian faith.

Pax,
Pastor Gwenn Trout



April 6, 9am, Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 13, 9am, Palm/Passion Sunday
April 17, 6pm, Maundy Thursday
April 18, 6pm, Good Friday
April 19, 7:30pm, Easter Vigil (outdoors)
April 20, 6:15am, Easter Sunrise
April 20, 9am, Easter Festival
April 27, 9am, Second Sunday of Easter
 Click [HERE](#) to watch live.

Each Sunday's bulletin can be found on our website (stpaulsenola.org) the week prior.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS!

	April 6	April 13 Palm Sun	April 17 Maundy Thurs	April 18 Good Fri	April 19 Easter Vigil	April 20 Easter Sunrise	April 20 Easter Festival	April 27
Asst. Min.	Nick C.	John F.	Maryjane	Steve C.	John F.	Nick C.	Denise C.	Deb L.
Lector	Seana M.	Barbara H.	Wendy C.	Denise	TBD	Wendy C.	Larry S.	Steve H.
Musician	Micki K.	Denise C.	Denise C.	Denise	None	None	David B.	Deb R.
Ushers	Mike P. Steve H.	Mike P. Steve H.	Mike P. Steve H.	Mike P. Steve H.	None	None	Mike P. Steve H.	Mike P. Steve H.
Counters	Jeff A. Trudy G.	Jeff A. Judy C.	Jeff A. MaryJane	Jeff A. Trudy	Offering held	Offering held	Jeff A. Steve C.	Jeff A. Judy C.
Altar s/u	Amanda	Denise C. Judy H.	Amanda	Denise	None	Tim M.	Amanda	Judy H.
Altar c/u	MaryJane	Denise C. Judy H.	Judy C.	MaryJane	None	Tim M.	Denise C.	Judy H.
Lock-up	Jeff A.	Jeff A.	Jeff A.	Jeff A.			Jeff A.	Jeff A.
Tech	Nick C. / Doug B.							

Schedule through August is available [here](#) (subject to change).

Multiple Readers Are Needed for our liturgies on Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. If you are willing to help, sign up in the large Sunday School room or contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School: Join us in the upper Sunday school room as we discuss the events of today from a biblical and theological perspective. All are welcome!

Children's Sunday School will be held on April 6, 13 & 27; May 4 & 18.



- Sunday, April 13 - Palm/Passion Sunday, 9:00 am
- Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday, 6:00 pm
- Friday, April 18 - Good Friday, 6:00 pm
- Saturday, April 19 - Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm outside in the pavilion (dress accordingly!); stay for s'mores after the service!
- Sunday, April 20
 - Easter Sunrise, 6:15 am in the driveway area, with breakfast to follow
 - Easter Festival, 9:00 am

Pastoral Care: Please inform the church office and/or Pastor Gwenn when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility. A phone call or text message to Pastor Gwenn (717-602-9913) will help us respond to you with pastoral care in a more timely manner.

Our prayers and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to Stewart Trout and family on the death of his wife, Doris, at their residence on March 20. Services were held on Thursday, March 27, at Malpezzi Funeral Home with burial in St. Paul's cemetery.

New Cemetery Volunteer Caretaker: We are very grateful to Jeff Achenbach for taking over the care of our cemetery upon Bryan Sgrignoli's resignation. Thanks Jeff!

Member Address Updates:

CJ Sutch: Chapel Pointe, 770 S. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013
Stew Trout: Brookdale, 1100 Grandon Way, Apt 220, Mechanicsburg PA 17050



EASTER FLOWERS

We will once again be using Weis Markets, Enola for our orders. Tulips will be staked to prevent drooping. Tulips (\$7) and lilies (\$9) are available. **Orders with payment are due in the church office before noon on April 12.** We apologize for the short notice. Order forms are in the Narthex and upper Sunday school room or click [HERE](#).

HAVE CLOTHING YOU NO LONGER WEAR? SHOES THAT ARE JUST COLLECTING DUST?

Drop them off at church through April 20 (Easter Sunday) to support our **Lenten clothing drive** for Community Aid. We are a community partner with Community Aid and they are in need of clothing and shoes (particularly men/women sizes). Community Aid will send us a check based on the number of pounds donated in our name. Please contact the church office if you can help deliver our donations sometime after Easter.

NOISY OFFERING: We received a thank you from Lutheran Disaster Response for the \$1,003 we sent to them from our first noisy offering. The letter is hanging on the bulletin board in the upper Sunday school room. In March and April we are collecting for New Digs Ministry, which provides household goods for people who are starting over after a fire, flood, imprisonment, or homelessness. Bring in that change & make some noise!

Easter Egg Hunt: **Saturday, April 12 at 10:00** am for all ages (rain date is April 19). Please put candy donations in the bins in the large Sunday School room. Many thanks!
Wendy Cekovich, Chair
Christian Education Committee



LUTHERAN NIGHT @ THE SENATORS

Lutheran Night at the Senators is back for another season! Enjoy a great evening of Harrisburg Senators baseball at FNB Field on City Island AND support the ministry of the Lutheran Camping Corporation all at the same time! The date is Friday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets (\$17.00 each).

GARDEN4GOOD! Our garden needs some love! Whether it's one person or a group of people, we would love for someone to use the garden, with the

produce ideally going to a local food bank like New Hope Ministries. Jeff Achenbach has graciously offered to rototill the plots. If you are interested, or know of a public service group that might be, contact the church office.

For the Garden of Our Daily Living

(contributed by Sherry Reynolds)

Plant 3 Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant 4 Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant 4 Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

And Our Garden Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.



LENTEN BREAKFAST & STUDY: Gather around 8:45 am for a hot breakfast (the host church provides food and beverage), then launch into the study of the scripture readings that are the basis for the Easter portion of JF Handel's famous oratorio, Messiah. Please plan to join us at the final breakfast on Saturday, April 5 @ St. Paul's New Cumberland.

MINISTERIUM LENTEN LUNCHEONS

All people of faith are invited to gather at noon on the Wednesdays in Lent to enjoy a light lunch and hear stories of faith from our community's pastors and church members. A suggested donation of \$5 is collected to cover the cost of lunch. Financial and food donations for New Hope Ministries are also being collected. Join us for the last two luncheons:

- Wed., April 2 @ Enola First Church of God, 9 Sherwood Drive, Enola; speaker is Pastor George Jensen.
- Wed., April 9 @ Wertzville Diner with speaker Pastor Keith Nonemaker.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped when St. Paul's hosted the Lenten luncheon and breakfasts! A special thanks to Judy Cryder for coordinating!

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP

Friday, April 18, 8:30 am, River of God Church, 747 Wertzville Rd, Enola. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am (a free-will offering will be received), followed by a brief worship service.

FACILITIES USE (click [HERE](#) to access most current kitchen schedule)

In March we received five new inquiries into renting our commercial kitchen. At least two applications will be presented for review/approval at the next Council meeting.

Summer Camp - It's not too soon to start planning! Programs are available for all ages at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. For more information click [HERE](#).

Camp Nawakwa Recruiting Summer Staff

Outdoor ministry sites are in full recruitment mode, and Camp Nawakwa still has a few open positions to fill for this summer. Please consider identifying a couple of college-age students or late high school students who might be considering a fun summer job in the outdoors. Salary, plus lodging and meals, with most Friday and Saturday nights off. To learn more or to make application, visit: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>. Kelsey Tomlinson, ktomlinson@lutherancamping.org, the new Nawakwa Camp Director is happy to chat with possible candidates and to explore ways you can assist them with their summer programming needs.



**Next Council Meeting: 04/07,
6:30pm**

March Meeting Materials

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Frampton & Wendy Menard who were married during a recent trip to Phoenix, Arizona. Best wishes to the happy couple!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

5 Deb Stoner
8 Galen Witmer
9 Judith Cryder
13 Jordan Boehm
13 John Frymire
15 Lisa Foore
16 Tara Reed
20 Steve Casella
20 MaryJane McMillan
23 Lucas Reed
27 Stew Trout
30 Jordan Lumby

May

6 Gail Bretz
6 Kenneth Getz
7 Shannon Bowers
8 Addison Herman
8 Robert E. Diehl
8 Logan Hunter
8 Darrell McMillan
9 Anita Cox
9 Linda Frymire
10 Howard Locke
11 Heidi Getz
12 Michelle Thorn
15 Gary Radabaugh
15 Kathryn Getz
21 Trudy Getz
28 Cheyenne Cain
28 Spencer Verchick

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 6 Carol & Jay Umbrell
April 8 Sherry & Dave Reynolds
May 7 Joan & Drew Kugler
May 12 Denise & Steve Casella
May 18 Miste & Lance Diehl
May 23 Debbie & Dan Loope



Kody, Jay, Bill, Jerry, Doug, Jerry, Doug, Jordan,
Christian, Naoma, Andrea G., Jim,
Linda, Marcia, Barbara H., Stew H.,
Jack, Richard, Alice, Shirley,
Bob E., Chris, Carole Jane, Sara Jane, Tina B.

***Please let the church office know if anyone you've placed on the
prayer list can be removed.***

ONGOING LONG-TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

Elizabeth D., Sheree H., Tim M.,
Terrie J., Boden R., Pastor Anne, Pastor Pam

**If you have any news you would like to share in the Epistle,
please email or call the church office.**



Remember to mention St. Paul's ID #10151 when you donate clothing, shoes, accessories, electronics, toys and household goods.



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Scan the QR code with your phone to quickly and easily give to the church.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
The Reverend Gwenn L. Trout, Interim Pastor
Ann M. Gottlieb, Office Manager (office hours T/Th 9am-3pm)
Nicholas Cekovich, Director of Music
Jack Yinger, Sexton



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