

St. Paul's Epistle

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS: Entering Lent with a New Attitude

The Sunday of the Transfiguration (March 2), the last Sunday of the Epiphany season, launches us head first into the season of Lent. Our worship service on Ash Wednesday begins with these words:

"Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy.

We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent - self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection."

Following a period of confession before God and one another, we then will hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" as an ashen cross is placed on our foreheads to remind us of our collective mortality. Facing the reality of death can feel grim, and to go as far as to celebrate our mortality can feel countercultural in every way. Yet, perhaps it is

in remembering our mortality, our frailty, and our limits that we find true freedom.

On Ash Wednesday and throughout the penitential season of Lent, we are set free from our striving to be God. We are set free from the expectation that we are somehow superhuman. We can lay down the false hope that achievement, fame, wealth, popularity, or being “good enough” can save us from our inevitable end. We are freed from our endless attempts to convince ourselves or others that we are right or perfect or holy or that we have it all together. Instead, we get to exhale as we remember that we are nothing but human. We are creatures of the dust, and despite our striving, our convincing, our appearance-making - despite every attempt at maximizing our time or our money or climbing whatever ladder we are trying to climb - we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Yet, we need to also remember that we belong to the One who formed us from the dust and who will meet us when we return to dust at the end.

During these 40 days (plus Sundays), I invite you to take full advantage of the many opportunities for worship, study, fellowship and volunteering. Details are included below.

I am excited to announce that we have assembled a call committee, and they will begin meeting to become familiar with the process for calling a pastor and to begin completing the appropriate paperwork. Please pray for them in their work: Phyllis Achenbach, Doug Bowers, Wendy Cekovich, Kris Getz, Debbie Loope and Mason Miller.

See you in church!
Pastor Gwenn Trout



March 2, 9am, Transfiguration of our Lord
March 5, 6pm, Ash Wednesday
March 9, 9am, First Sunday in Lent
March 16, 9am, Second Sunday in Lent
March 23, 9am, Third Sunday in Lent
March 30, 9am, Fourth Sunday in Lent
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!

	March 2 Transfig.	March 5 Ash Wed	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Asst. Min.	Deb L.	Nick C.	Keith G.	MaryJane	John F.	Keith G.
Lector	Wendy C.	John F.	Seana M.	Barb H.	Emily B.	Phyllis A.
Musician	Micki K.	Micki K.	Micki K.		Deb R.	
Ushers	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.	Duane J. Drew K.
Counters	Keith G. Trudy G.	Keith G. MaryJane	Keith G. Judy C.	Keith G. Trudy G.	Keith G. MaryJane	Keith G. Judy C.
Altar s/u	Amanda B.	Keith G.	Amanda	Keith G.	Amanda	Keith G.
Altar c/u	MaryJane	Judy C.	MaryJane	Judy C.	MaryJane	Judy C.
Lock-up	Keith G.	Keith G.	Keith G.	Keith G.	Keith G.	Keith G.
Tech	Nick C. / Doug B.					

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School: Join us in the upper Sunday school room for Adult Sunday School as we conclude our study of the book “If God is Love, Don’t be a Jerk” by Jon Pavlovitz.

Children’s Sunday School meets March 9 and March 23.

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.

Baptism: On February 16th, we celebrated the baptism of Za’Rina Elaine Jones, daughter of member Tara Reed and granddaughter (grandprincess) of Stephanie & Mike Ringler.

Member Update: Carole Jane Sutch has moved to Chapel Pointe, 770 South Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013.

You are invited to join in a **Card Shower** to celebrate Shirley Wiest who turns 86 on March 7. Please send cards to her at Legend at Silver Creek, 425 Lams Gap Rd., Room 115, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Resignation: Bryan Sgrignoli has resigned as our cemetery caretaker. We thank Bryan (and his wife Michelle) for the many years of service and wish them well! If you are (or you know someone who is) interested in caring for our historic cemetery, please contact Denise Casella or the church office.



THIS SATURDAY, March 1 at 5:00pm

Join us for a potluck dinner and an evening of fellowship and fun! Bring a dish or dessert to share, your favorite game, and a wrapped white elephant gift for one of the games.

Our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 am is for ALL AGES! We have plenty of plastic eggs, but would greatly appreciate candy donations to fill those eggs. Please place them 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. Details will follow with ticket prices, but put the date on your calendar now and plan to attend! Great opportunity for family gatherings and birthday/graduation celebrations too.



ASH WEDNESDAY (March 5) WORSHIP begins at 6:00 pm and will include holy communion and the imposition of ashes. All are encouraged to join us as we begin this penitential season.

LENTEN BREAKFAST & STUDY begins Saturday, March 15, and we are alternating hosting with St. Paul's Lutheran in New Cumberland (520 Bridge Street). We will 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!

Saturday, March 15 @ St. Paul's New Cumberland

Saturday, March 22 @ St. Paul's Enola

Saturday, March 29 @ St. Paul's Enola

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 beginning on March 12 to enjoy a light lunch and hear stories of faith from our community's pastors and church members. West Shore Church of the Brethren, 6921 Wertzville Road, Enola will be the first host. A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected to cover the cost of lunch. Financial and food donations for New Hope Ministries will also be collected. Here is the schedule:

Wed., March 12 @ West Shore Church of the Brethren, 6921 Wertzville Rd

Wed., March 19 @ St. Paul's is hosting! (see below)

Wed., March 26 @ Location TBD

Wed., April 2 @ Enola First Church of God, 9 Sherwood Drive, Enola

Wed., April 9 @ Location TBD

St. Paul's will be hosting on Wednesday, March 19, and we need volunteers to provide and help serve food (soup, sandwiches and dessert) for the luncheon. If you can help, contact Judy Cryder at 717-576-0249 or jcryder@ptd.net. Thanks to Judy for coordinating!

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP

Friday, April 18, 8:30 am, River of God Church, 747 Wertzville Rd, Enola.

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!

We are hosting a **Lenten clothing drive** for Community Aid that kicks off on Ash Wednesday. We are a community partner with Community Aid and they are in need of clothing and shoes (particularly men/women sizes). Our goal is for each family to donate a minimum of 40 items during the 40 days of Lent. Donations can be dropped at church or at Community Aid. Any time you donate to Community Aid, please give them our number (or attach it to your donation) - #10151. 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.

Sherry Reynolds, Chair, Social Ministries Committee

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

March 3, 11am-3pm: commercial kitchen rental

March 8, 1:00-5:00 pm: kitchen/fellowship hall rented by member

March 22, 12:00-6:00 pm: kitchen/fellowship hall rented by member

NOISY OFFERING: In January & February we collected just over \$500 in our cans! Thanks to an additional generous donation, we sent \$1003 toward the California wildfires relief efforts through Lutheran World Relief. Collect

your change at home and dump it in our noisy offering cans on Sunday! The donation recipient for March & April will be announced soon.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Kudos to everyone who donated canned goods to New Hope-Enola during this event! And thanks to Nick C. for making the delivery to New Hope.

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: 03/10,
6:30pm**

February Meeting Materials

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

1 Betsy Treharne
2 Larry Ross
4 Bill Morrow
7 Gerald Kirkessner
7 Shirley Wiest
8 Bonnie Carswell
10 Steve Hoffmaster
12 Lana Stitzel
16 Judy Hauck
17 Mason Miller
18 Brian Verchick
20 David Hultberg

April

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

21 Linda Morrow
23 Scott Maier
30 Kaylin Vardzik

30 Jordan Lumby



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

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., Doris & Stew,
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.



AN EASY WAY OF GIVING

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

