

Paradise Corner

New life has come and begun to take root. That is where we are in the life of the church at this time. We just finished celebrating Christmas when we celebrated Jesus—God’s Word made flesh—arriving among us in the form of new life—a baby born to Mary and Joseph. We will welcome Lent on Ash Wednesday, which comes on March 1 this year. And, it is during the days of Lent that we expect our life together in Christ to grow deeper and deeper.



Now, however, we are in an in between time. Together, with many other Christians throughout the world, we are learning not only who Jesus is, but how he invites us to follow him. Those who loved us and brought us to Holy Baptism are the ones who welcomed God’s new life for us. Now, as we engage that new life and recognize our roles as followers of Jesus, we see it take root within and among us.

That, my friends, in Christ is where we find ourselves here at Saint Paul’s. Roots planted by those who have gone before us, and who have loved Jesus just as we do, have grown and they are growing stronger. While God feeds these roots through Word and Sacrament, they find their rich soil in the clear mission we all share. That is to **serve** all people, **share** God’s love, **teach** Christian values, and **live together** in peace and hope.

Because those roots are getting stronger, we are becoming stronger, and we are embracing our mission with more confidence. What we need from God and from each other is the courage to continue supporting one another in the midst of growth, so that, as God makes the roots stronger we join one another in strengthening our work for the sake of God’s mission.

One of the many ways we can do that is to pray together.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Scott Paradise

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am: Holy Communion Every Sunday
10:30 am: Worship with Holy Communion the First and Third Sundays

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday School

9:00 am

Child Care Center

Monday through Friday 7:30am-5:30pm

Church Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Scott J. Paradise
Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Hartland Gifford
Director of Music: Christine Paradise
Office Administrator: Lori Adams
Treasurer: Paul Peters
Financial Secretary: Debbie Stewart
Child Care Director: Cynthia Hickey
Child Care Assistant Director: Amanda Fritz
Sexton: Robert Crogan

2016-2017 Congregation Council

Debbie Frey	June Hahn
Lew Heller	Tricia Huber
Paula Kesack	Cindy Schaller
Robin Ruch	Len Witt

All active St. Paul members: in order to keep your membership up-to-date, please remember to complete and return a Holy Communion card (at least once a year) as a record of your Communion. Cards are located in the pews and completed card can be placed in the offering plate. Also, please remember to use your offering envelopes or put your envelope number on your offering checks as a record of your giving. If you haven't had offering envelopes assigned to you, please contact the church office.

If you would prefer to receive the monthly *Epistle* via email, please contact the church office.

Child Care Center News

February is all about love! All month long we will talk about the love we have in our hearts for our family and for our friends. The Toddler rooms will talk about the importance of caring, sharing, and ways to be kind to one another. The PreK room will talk about teeth brushing and heart awareness. We will celebrate Groundhog's Day on Thursday, February 2nd and make special crafts of Punxsutawney Phil. On Tuesday, February 28th, we will have a Donut Day which means donuts at snack time for everyone! The classrooms will have a Valentine's Day party this month. The children will eat sweet treats and snacks and will exchange Valentine's with one another. Everyone will be busy making festive crafts to decorate the hallways with hearts, Cupid angels, and roses.

St. Paul's Child Care Center wishes everyone a sweet & happy Valentine's Day!



Cynthia Hickey & Amanda Fritz
Child Care Director & Assistant Child Care Director

Saint Paul's Committee and Volunteer Leaders

Acolyte Coordinator: Bob Bastian

Altar Guild: Janet Falko

Child Care Committee: Len Witt

Christian Education: Denise Reiner

Communion Assistants: Bob Bastian

Epistle: Needed

Eucharistic Ministry: Lew Heller

Evangelism/Witness: Paula Kesack

Finance Committee: Len Witt

Fundraising Committee: Bob Bastian

Greeter Coordinator: Bob Bastian

Lector Coordinator: Judy Donchez

Memorials: Betty MacHose

Mutual Ministry: Denise Reiner

Prayer Chain: Joanne Spengler

Property Committee: Bob Bastian

Scouts: Robin Ruch

Social Ministry: June Hahn

Stewardship: Lew Heller

Worship /Music Committee: Doug Newhard

Happy
Birthday!

St. Paul's Child Care Center is NOW HIRING Full Time & Part Time Child Care teachers to work with children ages 1 and up.

Applicants should be compassionate, caring, patient, and positive individuals. Must be 18 years of age or older; experience preferred. If you, or someone you know, loves working with children please contact Cynthia Hickey, Child Care Director, or Amanda Fritz, Assistant Child Care Director at 610-264-0190-or apply within .

February Birthday Bash

Join your St. Paul's family for the birthday bash on Sunday, February 5, at 9:15 a.m. in the area outside the chapel. All are invited to celebrate everyone with a February birthday. There will be cake, coffee, tea, and a chance for fellowship with friends. So watch the mail during the year for your personal invitation and bring it with you to be eligible for a prize. If you don't get an invitation, please call the church office to get your date of birth on the list. Bring your birthday invitation with you for a chance to win a birthday prize.



The celebrations will be funded by the Thrivent Action Team program.



Please keep in your prayers this month:
 Rená Ackerman, John Bechtold, Gladys Bowen,
 Audrey Heil, Jill Hersh, Norbert Huber, Bette
 MacHose, LeeAnn Miller, Paul Peters,
 Marc Reccek, Carolyn Schleicher, Susan
 Spengler, Devin Stanley, and Bob & Shirley
 Teets.

You may contact the church office for addresses for cards and well wishes.



May we pray for you?

Prayer Request Card

The importance of prayer is affirmed throughout the Bible. As a church, we are committed to pray -your needs are important to us. Please share your prayer request on this card and return it by either placing it in offering plate or send to church office at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Rd, Catasauqua, Pa 18032*

Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Address _____

___ My request is confidential

___ I would like to speak to Pastor

My phone number is: _____

My prayer request:

March Epistle

Last day to submit items: Friday, February 10

Epistle Volunteers: Friday, February 17

If you would like to put an article or announcement in our newsletter, please email your articles to stpaulschurch@rcn.com

Don't forget you can also get our *Epistle* newsletter and up-to-date church information on the Saint Paul's Facebook page and on our website.

www.stpaulscatasauqua.com



Hospital Visits: If you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital or rehabilitation facility, it is very important to notify the

church as soon as possible.

You can do this by either calling the church office directly or inform the hospital upon admittance that you are a member of St. Paul's and they will list you under our Pastoral Code 312.

Treasurer's Report through 11/30/16

Actual Income: \$472,635

Actual Expense: \$480,296

Net: \$7,661

This report tells us our income was \$7,661 less than expenses.

Financial Secretary's Report through 11/30/16

Weekly Envelopes

Budget YTD: \$77,450

Received YTD: \$81,038

Net YTD: \$3,588

This report tells us we collected \$3,588 more than budgeted in weekly envelopes. **Thank you!**

Troup 94 is looking for a new Scoutmaster. If interested, please call the church office at 610 264-3221 for more information.



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Helping Saint Paul's and our Community



Get a free Save-a-Tape card at Redner's and present it at the register when you pay for your purchases,. Bring your receipts to the church. Every \$5,000 in Redner's receipts earns St. Paul's Church \$50!
Coordinator: Julie Stauffer

Soda Tabs help the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, provide housing to the families of patients in the local children's hospitals. Bring your tabs to worship on Sundays, or to the church Monday thru Friday.



Bring in your used **printer and fax machine cartridges!** We trade them in and receive a Staples store credit of \$2 for every print cartridge.

Miller Keystone Blood Center is always in need of all blood types. ! Thank You to **JoAnn Staller** for her faithful donations!



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<http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=898534>

Catasauqua Food Bank Needs:

Canned: Stew, Chili, Soup, Fruit & Vegetables. Spaghetti noodles, Spaghetti sauce, Rice Mixes, Drop off your donations in the shopping basket in the church narthex.

New Senior Group

There is a new Senior group forming for all seniors in Catasauqua and the surrounding areas. They will be holding their first meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Jednato Club, 1223 5th Street, North Catasauqua.

For information, you may contact the President, Dorothy M. Vassa at 610 264-2853 or the Treasurer, Doris Miller at 610 264-9483.

Educational Opportunity: "Islam 101"

What is Islam really about? What do Muslims believe and practice? What is Shari'a? What is Jihad? What are the roles of Women? What does Islam teach about other religions and their followers? Respect Graduate School (2200 Industrial Drive Bethlehem) offers a nine-week lecture series designed to engage a non-Muslim audience to explore such questions. This program will move beyond stereotypes to learn and discuss with candor and respect about the faith, aspirations, spirituality, and problems of more than one billion Muslims worldwide. Dates: Fridays, February 3–March 31, 2017 Time: 7.00 PM – 8:30 PM. (Please note: this course has a \$75 fee, but Pastor Scott can make scholarships available.)

Four Chaplains Commemoration Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 4:00 PM

**Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
417 Howertown Road, Catasauqua,
Pennsylvania**

The Four Chaplains were United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship *SS Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II.

They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

This service is held in partnership with the Catasauqua American Legion Post 215.

A light reception will follow the service

To learn more, please contact the church by telephone (610.264.3221) or by email (stpaulschurch@rcn.com).

Assisting Ministers for February 2017

Date	Lector	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild
2/5	10:30 AM Betty Rabenold	8:00 AM Ty Reitz Tanner Laudenslager 10:30 AM Allison Mengel Jack Mengel	8:00 AM Bob Bastian Al Renn 10:30 AM Robin Ruch Laurie Perna	8:00 AM Robin Ruch 10:30 AM Tammy Bastidas
2/12	10:30 AM Boy Scout Troop 94	8:00 AM Alexis Dawkins Emily Reiner 10:30 AM Boy Scout Troop 94	8:00 AM Lew Heller Pat Gerber	8:00 AM Janet Falko
2/19	9:00 AM Pat Gerber	9:00 AM Angelina Dries Christian Fye	9:00 AM Lew Heller Pat Gerber	9:00 AM Janet Falko
2/26	10:30 AM Paula Kesack	8:00 AM Alexis Dawkins Nicholas Dawkins 10:30 AM Mason Forstoffer Zachary Lower	8:00 AM Pat Gerber Lew Heller 10:30 AM Robin Ruch Doug Newhard	8:00 AM Janet Falko 10:30 AM Betty Rabenold

Saint Paul's Worship Committee is Looking for Volunteers

Communion Assistants: No experience is needed, training will be provided. Contact Bob Bastian at 610 266-4287.

Lectors: are needed for our Sunday 10:30 services and special holiday services. Contact: Judy Donchez at 610-746-9283.

Altar Guild: The flexible schedule allows you to sign up for either service. Participants are paired to accommodate for unforeseen circumstances. No experience is necessary and training will take place at your convenience. Contact: Janet Falko at 610-266-9748.

Altar and Flower Dedications at Saint Paul's

Honor a loved one, give thanks for an anniversary or accomplishment, or commemorate a loved one's birthday or death by sponsoring flowers for our altar or by sponsoring our church bulletins. If you would like to celebrate in this way, please fill out an Altar Flower and/or Bulletin Dedication form along with payment of \$40/\$15 & submit to church office. Dedication forms are in the narthex. The following dates are currently open.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>
2/5/2017	Available	Available	2/26/2017	Available	Available
2/12/2017	Boy Scouts	Boy Scouts	3/1/2017	Available	Available
2/19/2017	Sterner	Available	3/8/2017	Available	Available

BINGO!! Sunday, January 29, 2017 in Fellowship Hall.

Doors open at 12:30 pm-Games start at 2:00 PM

\$20 for 20 games

Food and beverages available



Valentine Basket Raffle

Sunday, February 12, 2017

\$1.00-one ticket; \$3.00-five tickets; \$5.00-ten tickets

St. Paul's Music Program

Hi! Do you enjoy singing? We currently have two ways you can help our music program.

--Celebration Singers: This is an informal group that meets on announced Sundays @ 10 AM.

A song is learned in 15 minutes-(yes, you read that right!) to sing at that day's 10:30 AM service. You sit with your family during the service, and no robes are worn.

--Traditional Choir: This is a group that meets most Thursdays @ 7 PM -8 PM. (You do not have to attend every weekly rehearsal—come when you can.) We will sing at certain 10:30 services. You learn more difficult pieces, as well as learn new hymns and liturgy. You also get to wear our stylish robes during the service.

You can sing in both groups if you want to! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me. Thank you!

Christine Paradise, Music Director; cparadise440@gmail.com; 610-443-2121

P.S. If you play a musical instrument and want to play a song during the church service, let me know. I have access to music too if you are looking for ideas.

February 2017

Robert Teets	2/2
Edward Forstoffer III	2/8
Tara Crogan	2/9
Debbie Daddona	2/10
Stefanie Wassum	2/13
Michael Price	2/14
Jeffrey Bauer	2/19
Kerry Lewis	2/19
Emily Madas	2/19
Sue Hodge	2/25
Brian Lower	2/25
Lynn Liberto	2/26
Jessica Considine	2/28
Lynn Corcoran-Stamm	2/28
Nathan Falko	2/28



**Bible Study continues through
February every Wednesday night at
7:00 PM in the Council Room**

Ash Wednesday Service

Holy Communion

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Oliver & Dolores Long	2/3	55
Dale Wehr & Ann Spengler	2/5	9
Michael & Anne Younger	2/9	21
Eric & Traci Reitz	2/14	14
Latta & Audrey Heil	2/27	35

**Wednesday Lent Services will be held
at 7:00 PM in the chapel on March 8,
15,22,29 and April 5. Please join us!**

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Cadettes 7:00 PM Bible Study	2 7:00 PM Cub Pack 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4
5 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Birthday Bash	6 7:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 7:00 PM Property 6:30 Girl Scouts	8 7:00 PM Fundraising 7:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Cadettes	9 7:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Cub Pack	10 Epistle Deadline	11
12 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Boy Scout Sunday 4:00 PM Four Chaplains Commemoration	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 6:30 Girl Scouts	15 6:30 PM Cadettes 7:00 PM Bible Study	16 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Cub Pack	27 Epistle Volunteers	18
19 9:00 AM Holy Communion Followed by The Annual Financial Congregational Meeting	20 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM CYSA	21 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Child Care	22 6:30 PM Cadettes 7:00 PM Bible Study	23 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Cub Pack	24	25
26 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Congregation Council	28 6:30 Girl Scouts				

Official Notice:

The Annual Financial Meeting of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, February 19 following the 9:00 AM service of Holy Communion (i.e., approximately 10:00 AM). The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2016 Treasurer's Report, to approve the proposed congregational budget for 2017, and to receive the reports of the Audi and Nominating Committees. If you are uncertain of your voting status, please contact the church office to inquire. Please note that, in accordance with Saint Paul's Constitution and By-Laws, "Voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall not be permitted." (C10.05)



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Sunday School

September -Pentecost 9:00 AM

Child Care Center

Monday-Friday - 7:30 AM-5:30 PM



February 2017 Worship Services

February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

8:00 AM Spoken Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Boy Scout Sunday

8:00 AM Spoken Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship (in sanctuary)

4:00 PM Four Chaplains Commemoration Service

February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

9:00 AM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

Followed by The

Annual Congregational Financial Meeting

February 26, 2017 Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:00 AM Spoken Holy Communion (in sanctuary)

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 PM Holy Communion (in sanctuary)