

# Good News

THE  
NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## June 2024

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**In-person worship and communion**  
**Saturday, 5:30 pm | Sunday, 9:30 am**  
**Sunday School 10:45 am (Sept. thru May)**  
Please continue to visit our website at  
[www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org) for worship  
resources to use as you are able, and to  
**join our Live Stream Zoom meeting at**  
**9:30 am on Sunday.**



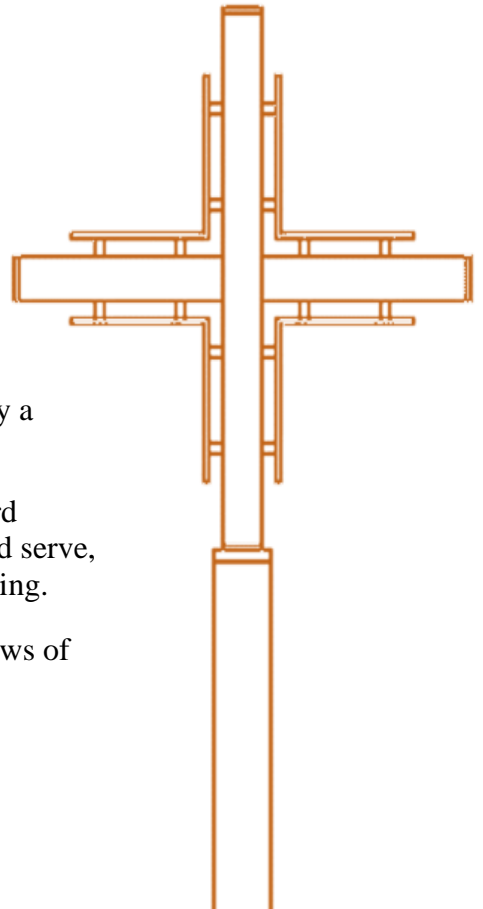
### ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family called together by God and united by a common faith.

Our mission is to share with all people God's Love and Grace through Word and Sacrament. Through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to witness and serve, treating one another with Love, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Understanding.

By our commitments, actions, deeds, and resources, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out to our Community, Nation, and World.

Adopted May 1993



| ST. PAUL'S STAFF              |   |                  |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Pastor                        | Rev. Charles H. Grube   |                  |
| Office Staff                  | Gail Smallwood & Carol Fett                                       |                  |
| Dir. of Music/Organist        | Margaret Quintanar  |                  |
| Youth Choir Dir.              | Jean Grube  |                  |
| Minister of Technology        | Marissa Miller  |                  |
| Sexton                        | James Madonna   |                  |
| Sunday School Superintendent  | Tony Linnen   |                  |
| Financial Secretary           | Ruth Ide  |                  |
| <b>CONGREGATION COUNCIL</b>   |   |                  |
| <u>2024/2025</u>              | <u>2025/2026</u>  | <u>2026/2027</u> |
| Larry Pierce                  | Cathy Ridout*   | Frank Mariano*   |
| Bruce Thomas                  | Don Kretchmer   | Gail Smallwood*  |
| Gail Ide                      | Tony Linnen   | Marissa Miller*  |
| Pat Peiffer                   | Julie Holbrook  | Amanda Brezovsky |
| *Final Term                   |   |                  |
| <b>CONGREGATION OFFICERS</b>  |   |                  |
| President                     | Rev. Charles H. Grube   |                  |
| Vice-President                | Frank Mariano   |                  |
| Secretary                     | Gail Smallwood  |                  |
| Treasurer                     | Carol Fett  |                  |
| <b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b>    |   |                  |
| Christian Education           | Marissa Miller, Tony Linnen,<br>Julie Holbrook & Amanda Brezovsky |                  |
| Communications                | Marissa Miller/Gail Smallwood                                     |                  |
| Evangelism                    | Gail Ide  |                  |
| Fellowship                    | Julie Holbrook, Larry Pierce                                      |                  |
| Finance                       | Bruce Thomas,<br>Pat Peiffer, Carol Fett                          |                  |
| Head Start/Early Intervention | Carol Fett  |                  |
| Health Ministry               | Cathy Ridout & Gail Ide   |                  |
| Landscaping                   | Tony Linnen   |                  |
| Long Range Planning           | Frank Mariano/<br>Don Kretchmer, Amanda Brezovsky                 |                  |
| Property                      | Bruce Thomas, Pat Peiffer,<br>Carol Fett & Frank Mariano          |                  |
| Salary Review                 | Frank Mariano   |                  |
| Social Ministry               | Larry Pierce  |                  |
| Staff Support                 | Frank Mariano, Don Kretchmer                                      |                  |
| Worship & Music               | Pat Peiffer   |                  |
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**PRAYER LIST** - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregation of St. Paul, Mountaintop.**

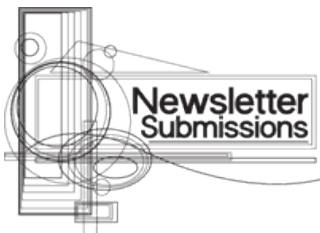
**Pray for those suffering illness:** *Members:* Linda Ash, Hope Beisel, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Bowman, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Fran Dierolf, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Marge Fritzinger, Ruth Ide, Robert Kline, Marge McCarty, Albert Pritchard, Rachelle Pryor, Ann Sabol, Betty Schray, Bill Smith, Justin Yost.

**Please note:** Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

**Family & Friends:** Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Robert Binger, Kathy Boston, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Paul Davis, Jr., Janice DeFebo, Pamela Donnas, Gene Eyerman, Jeff Farley, Candyce Fike, Sally Harris, George Hrubowchak, Ruth Hummel, Christine Ide, Willis Ide, Michael Kaminski, Bradley Kessler, Lloyd L., Tina Lewis, Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Ernie McCarty, Dwight McKee, Rob Merritt, Baby Miles, Ann Muddiman, Andrea Nielsen, Tim Nulton, Zoey Olson, Alice O'Neil, Nancy Ott, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Febe Quintanar, Donna Reistetter, Judy Roeder, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Edward Sabol, Bob Schooley, Judi Shaver, Nancy Shymanski, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold & Jean Thompson, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Alice, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Paul, Kim, Josh, Bruce, Patty N., Mary Z., Chloe, Nancy, Diane, Paul, and Diane B. (no last names given).

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



submissions will be **Noon on Sunday, June 16.**

The next issue of the GOOD NEWS will be the Summer Edition (July-August) issue and the deadline for all

## SPECIAL DATES

- Flag Day, *June 14*
- Father's Day, *June 16*
- Juneteenth, *June 16*
- Labyrinth Walk, *June 19*
- Summer Solstice, *June 20*



### **Updates from the May 7, 2024 meeting:**

At its May 7 meeting Pastor Grube reported the joint Easter services with Prince of Peace Episcopal Church were well received; he and the Prince of Peace clergy discussed sharing quarterly healing services and holding joint Holy Week services again next year. The Mission District Assembly meeting, held at St. Paul's on April 27, went well although only 12 representatives attended, reflecting the fact that there are fewer congregations in our district and several of them share a pastor. About 56 people attended the monthly congregational dinners held during 2023-24; the last dinner was held in April.

**Worship and Music committee:** The committee will look into the possibility of holding an outdoor worship at Frances Slocum State Park sometime this summer (if a pavilion is available).

**Evangelism Committee:** A class for instruction in using the church's AED machine, as well as CPR training, will be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. This class is for St. Paul's members only; all those interested in taking the class should contact Gail Ide. The class is free but there will be a \$10 fee for the CPR certification card.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** The committee discussed the attendance of the recent Back Mountain Railroad Club lecture and will consider the possibility of offering other lectures for the public at St. Paul's.

**Finance/Property Committee:** Some recent expenses were discussed such as a \$195 repair to the kitchen oven, repair to the bell at \$450, replacement of broken classroom window at \$635, and installation of three security cameras with monitor and DVD recorder, \$4,592. Projected projects include repair to the flat roof

area over Narthex and part of Sanctuary, Social Hall and Administration area at a cost upwards of \$75,000, and the Predella handrail at a cost still to be determined; payment for these projects need to be covered by donations from the Building Improvement envelopes. Our insurance policies are being rewritten through Erie Insurance (Worker's Compensation, Property & Liability, and Umbrella) with a premium savings of \$2,200. The committee is continuing to work on the building and installation of a handrail on the predella.

**Council** gave approval to Head Start for use of a spare classroom from May 28-June 16 for 16 children and staff. Approval was also given to a Lake Lehman High School student to hold a three-day Summer Day Camp in July for her senior graduation project.

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### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

The Anniversary Committee is looking for crocheters to crochet squares to be made into butterflies. The squares should be 20 double stitches by 10 rows in size. Cotton yarn is best but we can use any yarn, preferably variegated. Contact Annie Bisher at [monarch1023b@hotmail.com](mailto:monarch1023b@hotmail.com) for more details. Thanks for supporting the Anniversary Committee!



### 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY “FUN FACT”

In the early spring of 1925, 29 charter members met for their first church service in the old Shavertown School Building. They were: Albert Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dressel, Emeret Dressel Franklin, Mae Hontz Ash, Mr. and Mrs. John Eck, Frederick and Dorothy Eck, Mrs. Delbert Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman, Mrs. Fred Krommelbein and Mildren Krommelbein, Justav A. Kuehn, Mrs. K.G. Laycock, Mrs. Christine Malkemes, Raymond and Fred Malkemes, Mrs. Anna Pealer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rau and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. W. Templin, and Charles Zinn. On May 10, 1925, they adopted a constitution and elected a Church Council. There was no building, but there was a church. A wiry, muscular carpenter named John Eck suggested it be called St. Paul's. For a year, Rev. Bertolet sometimes came out to the Back Mountain to perform the service; other times R.J.W. Templin did. From the first, St. Paul's was a church of doers, of people who worked hard for what they wanted and who cared deeply about what they did!

(To be continued....)



**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

Filled with the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost, we are sent into the world to proclaim the good news. But this being the beginning of summer, we'll first take a breather and a little rest, take a vacation, and move into this new Spirit-inspired venture slowly. It has long struck me that this is the case, with Pentecost falling at the end of Easter and the beginning of the summer season. We need a break, of course. For God to command a sabbath rest shows how integral rest is to our wellbeing. And after an active and busy program year, we need it. But life, ministry, mission, proclamation, mercy, and service go on, and so will we. We are still disciples of Jesus called to follow in loving service.

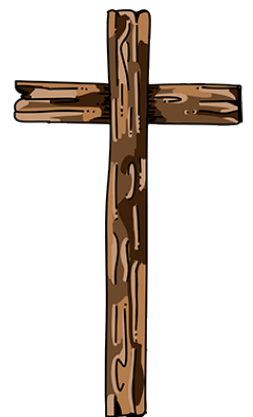
Take your break – I know I will. But then come back to that Spirit-driven baptismal covenant life as you are empowered and love one another as Jesus has loved us.

In His love,  
Pastor Grube



### A NEW CROSS

We have a new addition to our Cross Currents display in the education wing hallway. Bill and Pat Peiffer brought back a souvenir of their March 2024 vacation. A cross fashioned from repurposed silver-plated tableware and turquoise is the work of an artist from Green Valley, Arizona, and they presented it to us on their return. You can find it to the right of the large center cross. Thank you, Bill and Pat, for remembering your church family with this beautiful addition to our lovely collection.





## GRADUATION ACCOLADES

Tyler McGuire, son of Bob McGuire, Lopez, graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology on May 10 with a degree in software engineering and economics. He is beginning his new job with Lockheed Martin in Liverpool, N.Y. on June 3.

Carleigh Thomas, daughter of Bruce and Amy Thomas, graduated from Dallas High School and will be attending Wilkes University on a Bio-Medical track working towards a BS/MS in Bioengineering. Her brother, Jacob, graduated from Misericordia University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science and will continue his education towards his Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology; and brother Ethan graduated from King's College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education K-12.

Congratulations to all graduates; if we learn of any others we will share the news in the summer edition of the GOOD NEWS.

## JOINT WORSHIP UPDATE

Sharing Holy Week services with Prince of Peace Episcopal Church this past season was a very successful experience as we hosted the Good Friday service for both our congregations and they hosted our Easter Vigil service. We have made plans to share the same services next year, this time switching locations. A new opportunity for worship together has been planned for the coming year. We will have a Service of Healing together, also alternating locations. This will be a simple service of word, prayer, and healing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm with the first one this month, June 5, at Prince of Peace. Additional services are scheduled for September 25 at St. Paul's, December 11 at Prince of Peace, and March 12 at St. Paul's. We will continue to celebrate our annual service for healing as part of our regular weekend worship in October near the feast day of St. Luke.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC UPDATE

The committee would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for your continued response to the Hymn Request Cards.

Hymn Request Cards may be found in the pew holders; place your card in the yellow box in the Narthex. Please continue to submit your requests.

The following requested hymns will be used during the month of June:

June 2 – There Is a Balm in Gilead

June 9 – You Servants of God

June 16 – We Plow the Fields & Scatter  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

June 23 – Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

June 30 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues  
to Sing



## LABYRINTH WALKS

On Wednesday, June 19, and on the third Wednesday of each month thereafter, the labyrinth will be available for anyone from St. Paul's and the public to use from 3 -6:00 pm. Gail Ide will be present to offer guidance on walking the labyrinth. Watch for reminders about the labyrinth in church bulletins.

## A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you are changing your phone number, or if you are dropping your landline in favor of using your cell phone number, please let the church office know. We will update our records and thereby provide a more accurate annual church directory.

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**DO YOU KNOW** that St. Paul's sponsors an Alzheimer's Support Group? This caring and compassionate support group meets the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 am, in the Narthex (next meeting will be held in the choir room due to the rummage sale). The meeting is free of charge and is open to anyone caring for a loved one.

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## MISSION DISTRICT NEWS

Our thanks to Ray Manck who served as our voting member to the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District Assembly held here at St. Paul's at the end of April.

It began with a festival Holy Communion service at which Pastor Grube presided and Pastor Jira Albers, Dean, preached and led the music, including his own setting of the Holy Communion liturgy. A presentation on the ELCA World Hunger appeal followed, led by Pastor Eileen Smith LeVan, the synod coordinator of World Hunger, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appeal. St. Paul's provided a delicious lunch and the assembly convened for its business meeting. A greatly reduced budget of \$1735 was adopted and elections for various positions included the Mission District's representative to the Synod Council (Jim Doxsey), Dean of the Mission District (Pastor Michele Kaufman), a clergy representative to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix (Deacon Dawn Tally), and representatives of the Mission District Council (Pastor Jira Albers & Peggy Cranmer). Ray's own report is included here:

*"I recently had the opportunity to attend the annual assembly of the WB-Scranton Mission District as the male delegate for St. Paul's. Following the morning*

*worship service, a very informative presentation about the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal was given by Pastor Eileen and Brian Smith LeVan. The appeal wants to make us all aware that the hunger problem is not just something that is occurring on the other side of the world, but right here in the United States as well, where 44 million people suffer from food insecurity (of which 13 million are children). Fifty percent of all Americans will experience a level of poverty before age 65, and five million seniors have food insecurity. Insufficient food is not the problem; it's the lack of access to the food that is available.*

*"Pastors Janell Wigen and Michele Kaufman celebrated 35 years of ordination, while Pastor Kurt Garbe marked his 40<sup>th</sup> year of ordination. The attendees discussed the upcoming Global Mission Trip to Saxony in Spring, 2025 and the Global Mission Trip with Saskatchewan, Canada Synod to Uruguay/Argentina Companion Synod. The group also heard about an idea to make first aid kits for the July, 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans."*

ELCA Global Mission and LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) have long been on the forefront (since 1939) of guiding, supporting, and providing relief for immigrants and refugees. At the 2016 Churchwide Assembly the ELCA adopted the AMMPARO strategy. AMMPARO is an acronym that stands for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities, and cleverly takes its name from the Spanish version of Psalm 46:1. *"Dios es nuestro amparo y fortaleza"* ("God is our refuge and strength").

The AMMPARO network grew to include partners, from Chile to the United States, that can provide respite and resources for people forced to leave their homes.

Yet the number of people displaced globally continues to grow due to conflict, economic shocks, natural disasters and more — and all these hardships have been compounded by COVID-19.

In response AMMPARO is expanding to reach more people on the move around the world. The AMMPARO network now includes partners in countries such as:

- Zimbabwe: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe's Symbols of Hope program is raising awareness about human trafficking and creating job opportunities at home. About 13,000 program participants are learning skills in masonry, sewing, soap-making and more.
- Serbia: The Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization provides shelter and resources for individuals and families fleeing countries such as Afghanistan and Syria. Ali, a refugee from Syria, says, "I will never forget who helped me to ease the trauma and harsh life of a migrant and dress the wounds inside caused by separation from my family."

In addition to the expansion of the scope of the AMMPARO strategy, ELCA Global Mission recently welcomed new missionaries: Steffen Riley, serving in Kumamoto, Japan, as an ESL teacher with the Japan-3 (J3) program, and Hannah Kurtz, serving in Cambodia as a country coordinator for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Also the Rev. Kristin Engstrom began in her new roles as country representative and as YAGM country coordinator in Madagascar.

Thank you for your support of ELCA Global Mission and the important work they do around the world.

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Hi Everyone,

We're already having summer weather in May! Do you remember what to do when we have extreme heat? When it's an

emergency? This website has lots of important information: [cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index](http://cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index).

Here is a refresher on medication, food, and herb interactions that we all should review: [webmd.com/drug-medication/ss/slideshow-affect-medication?](http://webmd.com/drug-medication/ss/slideshow-affect-medication?) For those of you that really like to dig in and do a deeper dive, explore this site for information on ultra processed food and

GI health: [medscape.com/viewarticle/ultraprocessed-food-and-gi-health-have-we-bitten-more-than](http://medscape.com/viewarticle/ultraprocessed-food-and-gi-health-have-we-bitten-more-than).

For veterans, check out our circular revolving library by the entrance to the social hall for information on what the VA offers. (Thanks, Albert)

In Love and Service and Gratitude,  
Gail Ide, Health Ministry



**BEAR CREEK CAMP**

*Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!*

Bear Creek Camp has had a very productive time this spring making improvements for the summer camp season thanks to several special fundraisers and hard-working work groups. Their May newsletter was filled with news of improvements.

The expansion to the high ropes course has been completed with eight brand new obstacles, safety tethers with updated technology, and a new spiral staircase to get onto the course. The pavilion at the waterfront has a new look with equipment storage and changing areas, landscaping and planted grass, and the beach and painted boards are prepared for picnic tables yet to be built. And the trip down the camp road won't be any shorter, but it will be a lot smoother, and not quite as red, thanks to an opportunity from the local township for asphalt millings.

This is sure to be a 50th summer at Bear Creek Camp that will be one to remember! Thank you for your support of Bear Creek Camp.

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