

# The Messenger

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Jonathon Moyers will begin his ministry with us on February 1, 2022. Pastor Moyers first heard the call to ordained ministry as a teenager, through music. He was active in the music life of the church very early on, which led him to worship planning and leadership and fueled his love for the liturgy. He first served as a Minister of Music at a Presbyterian Church in Ohio. He then served as organist, choir director and pastoral assistant at an ELCA congregation. When the congregation faced crisis, the Bishop (and the Holy Spirit) called upon Pastor Moyers to take the lead. He spent more than five years with this congregation before discerning his call to full-time chaplaincy in 2019.

While serving as chaplain, Pastor Moyers was invited to preach at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ironton, OH. After several Sundays, he was invited to serve as permanent supply pastor. He has shepherded this congregation throughout the pandemic, demonstrating his talent, love and care for the community and sharing the Word & Sacrament. Pastor Moyers transitioned to online worship seamlessly and has become known for broadcasting worship from surprise locations such as parks, the woods, his kayak, and the shores of the Chesapeake.

Pastor Moyers loves nature and the outdoors. He has spent time camping here on the Eastern Shore, exploring Delmarva. Just this past June, with Bishop Gohl's encouragement, he stopped into both Grace and St Paul's during office hours, where he saw the beauty and potential in both churches.

Pastor Moyers received a Masters of Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary in 2012, and also holds a Bachelors in Music Education from Culver-Stockton College, which he earned in 2008. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church, and would become ordained in the ELCA shortly after being called to serve.

Pastor Moyers is excited at the prospect of returning to being a full-time pastor, in the shared ministry setting. He looks forward to spending time getting to know each congregation and each person, hearing our thoughts, dreams and goals.



Talbot Interfaith Shelter has changed the shifts for volunteers to all daytime hours. The shifts are 8-11 am, 11-2 pm and 2-5 pm. We are also asked to provide dinner at 5 pm. Volunteers may cover two shifts if they so desire. Please consider volunteering again for the supervisor role, a sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the offices.

## Weather Alert



Winter is here!

In case of bad weather, please check St Paul's Facebook page, your inbox, or you can call the church office at 410-364-5147.

*As COVID numbers begin to rise, the council will continue to monitor our next steps. Please be flexible with us during this process as procedures may change quickly. If you are feeling ill, please take care of yourself and enjoy the service on Facebook Live or Youtube.*



face masks  
are encouraged

**Bible Quiz**

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar

Answer: B (See Genesis 25:1.)

### ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022  
following the morning worship service.



**Reminder to Councilmen, your reports are due in to the office by January 9 to prepare for the meeting.**

# CHURCH COUNCIL



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**January 4**  
**Isaiah 43:1-7**  
**Psalm 29**  
**Acts 8:14-17**  
**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**



**January 11**  
**Isaiah 62:1-5**  
**Psalm 36:5-10**  
**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**  
**John 2:1-11**

**January 18**  
**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**  
**Psalm 19**  
**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**  
**Luke 4:14-21**

**January 25**  
**Jeremiah 1:4-10**  
**Psalm 71:1-6**  
**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**  
**Luke 4:21-30**

*The 2022 Offering Envelopes are in the Fellowship Hall, in alphabetical order. Any questions, please see Donna Stevens.*



*St. Paul's Email Prayer ministry is led by Betty Jean Mumford. If you would like to add your name to the email prayer list to receive prayer requests and include these in your prayers, email: Betty Jean Mumford at [bettyjmumford@hotmail.com](mailto:bettyjmumford@hotmail.com)*

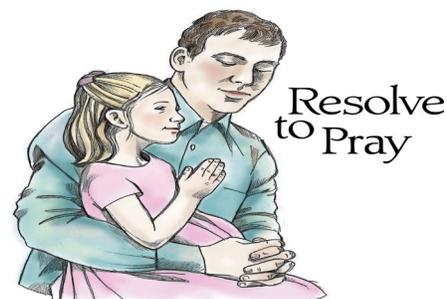


#### Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)  
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)  
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)



—Gus Nichols (adapted)



Beginning January 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., a GriefShare support group will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This ministry is open to our members and anyone in our community who has lost a spouse, parent, child, or friend to death.

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues, and you may feel alone. Friends and family may want to help you, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. It is a group led by caring people who have experienced grief and successfully rebuilt their lives. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief.

GriefShare is a 13-week program consisting of three key parts: video seminar, support group, and workbook. The video seminar has encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts. The video is followed by small group discussion about the weekly video content. The workbook provides for journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly sessions topics.

If you are interested in attending, or know someone who has suffered a loss, and would like more information, please contact Betty Jean Mumford, 410-924-0133; Mike Hiner, 443-496-1383, or Meredith Lewis at the church office, 410-364-5147.



We were rushing to our next destination when yet another traffic light turned red. As usual, I had packed too many tasks into the day. Now we'd be even later. While I stewed in frustration, my son had a completely different reaction to being stopped. "Yes — I love this!" he shouted as we sat. "We're first in line!"

What an important lesson on perspective. I focused on the negative, but he saw the good in the situation. As Proverbs 15:13 says, "A joyful heart brightens one's face, but a troubled heart breaks the spirit" (CEB).

Now instead of pep talks about half-full or half-empty glasses, our family offers reminders about being stopped by a light versus being first in line. The next time I'm delayed, I hope I can think, "Yes — I love this!"  
—Janna Firestone

***It's that time of year . . .***  
*The Flower Chart for 2022 is up on the bulletin board. Now is a good time to stop by and pick the Sundays you would like to have flowers dedicated: in honor of someone, in memory of someone or just because....so stop by before it gets filled up!*



Members of St. Paul's: Jane Asche, Margaret Asche (who is back home!), Gordon Behrens, Lisa Fisher, Ursula Kadolph, Conroy Marth, Pastor Donald McClean, Edith Roe, Else Ross, Fay Sauca, Charles Skipper, Richard Sump, Delores Mullikin, and Louise White.



Friends of St. Paul's: Erin Bartz, Lisa Callahan, Bonnie Chambers, Glynn Chambers, Hunter Clough, Michael Eaton (brother of Rosemary Spies), Lyn Fuller, Dorothy Hiner, Katelyn Howard, Darren Leonard, Mary Ellen Leaverton, Jim and Diane Lewis, (mother and father of Jamie and Jeff Lewis and mother and father in-law of Michelle and Meredith Lewis), Michael Mumford (son of Dale & Betty Jean Mumford), John Rickwood, and Cade Wineke. We pray for those serving in the military: Tessa Heller, Hunter Priest and Victoria Jacobs.

*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*



## JANUARY

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**01/04 Barry Reusing**

**01/07 Betty Jean Mumford**

**01/09 Crue Cannon**

**01/12 Ava Behrens**

**01/12 Peggy Boyce**

**01/14 Colleen Davis**

**01/15 Delaney Bissett**

**01/16 William Behrens Jr**

**01/19 Henry Spies III**

**01/19 Austin Spies**

**1/20 Lee Ann Sard**

**01/21 Amanda Ward**

**01/22 Olivia Brown**

**01/24 Ryan Saathoff**

**1/14 Robert and Barbara Saathoff**

**1/14 Terri and Mike Hiner**

**1/22 Lee and Cathy Heinsohn**



**Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him.**

**—François Fenelon**



**SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS**



Acolytes & Crucifers

**ACOLYTES**

January 2 Joshua Lewis  
 January 9 Corey Fisher  
 January 16 Avery Rice  
 January 23 Declan Corley  
 January 30 Couper Barletta

**CRUCIFERS**

Morgan Sauca  
 Addison Rice

**LECTORS**

January 2 Bobbie Leaverton  
 January 9 Betty Jean Mumford  
 January 16 Beth Roesel  
 January 23 Donna Stevens  
 January 30 Robert Saathoff, Sr.



**USHERS**

January 2 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn  
 January 9 Susan Behrens and Kathy Barletta  
 January 16 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth  
 January 23 Keith Davis and Donnie Davis  
 January 30 Susan Behrens and Kathy Barletta



January—Marian Davis



Tellers

January 2 Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn  
 January 9 Susan Behrens and Kathy Barletta  
 January 16 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth  
 January 23 Debbie Dudrow and Donna Stevens  
 January 30 Susan Behrens and Kathy Barletta

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

January 2 Meredith Lewis  
 January 9  
 January 16  
 January 23  
 January 30



Altar Flowers



**Acolytes & Crucifers:**

*Please arrive at church 15 minutes before worship.*

*If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please find someone to substitute for you.*

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Return Service Requested

Worship Service Begins at 9am

Sunday School Begins After Church

Please inform the church office of any  
changes in your personal information:

Address, phone number, marriage or  
divorce, or new births so that we  
can keep our records up-to-date.

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