

# The Messenger

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To the Saints of Saint Paul's, happy April! The weather is about to take (I think) a turn for the warm, and with that comes the energy and excitement of Spring. With the warmth, budding trees, and blossoming flowers, the earth seemingly comes back to life, pointing us to the deepest reality and most important truth of the Christian faith – Resurrection! Later this month, we will be gathering together to follow Jesus along the way of the Cross, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper in the Upper Room, to Calvary where he will give his life for us, and to the empty tomb which changes everything.

There is a brochure out which explains all of the Holy Week and Easter traditions and the services which will accompany them in the two churches of our shared ministry. If you do not have a copy in hand or electronically, please reach out to me or give Meredith a call in the church office. I really want to impress upon you what a unique opportunity this is. We have left out nothing of Holy Week. You have before you an opportunity to experience the last days in the life of Jesus as we walk through the story – day by day. We will wave palms, keep vigil, being alongside Him those three hours, and shout “Alle \_\_\_!” with Mary Magdalene (not yet, it's still Lent).

I cannot say enough what an outright luxury it is that we get to walk with Jesus in this way. This year, it might be especially poignant to think about how we will keep the observances of Holy Week in the way our Ukrainian brothers and sisters cannot this year. As you know, the vast majority of them are Orthodox or Eastern Catholic. They will be observing what they can of Holy Week in bunkers – a commitment to Jesus which in my mind is simply unparalleled. So this year, I know I will be coming to church on the days of Holy Week and offering my worship, standing in place of a dear Ukrainian whose church has been destroyed, whose priest is dead, or who cannot safely get to where the liturgy is being offered. I invite you to join me in that and see how the Holy Spirit speaks to and changes our own hearts.

On a personal note, I wish to say thank you. I want to thank you for all the ways you have reached out to me and to my family over the recent death of my grandmother. I want to thank you for allowing me the time and space to tend to my family, which was more important than even I realized. Thank you also for the 18 of you who came to load everything from my U-Haul storage into a truck and then into my new home! Thank you for all those home-cooked meals and for having me into your homes. To those of you who cannot, for many reasons, make it to church on Sundays, and have welcomed me into your homes to share a time of fellowship and Holy Communion, thank you!

As of this writing, I am finishing my second month as your pastor, and we have done a lot already in just two months! We have a lot of good, sometimes hard, but joyful work ahead of us. Regardless of your station in life, ability, or any other consideration, there is a place for you in the God-given ministry of this church. From Mutual Ministry (our new way of looking at visiting the sick, homebound, and others with whom we do not want to lose touch), to Christian Education, to Worship Life, and Community Ministry, we will be exploring the different ways Jesus calls us to be in relationship with each other and our community for the sake of the Gospel. Let me be clear: there is a place for YOU in this – a place which no one else can fill.

With the warm Spring sunshine, the blooms peeking out, and the energy and excitement of Resurrection just around the corner, we know that it is now time to “let go, let God, and buckle up!”



## PASTOR'S NEW HOME



From the Shared Ministry Council: We Want Your Opinion

The Shared Ministry Council is designed to have three members from both congregations as well as Pastor Moyers and Deacon Mike. The members from St. Paul's are Kathy Barletta (chair), Debbie Dudrow and Sam Sauca. The members from Grace are Rick Schiming (recording secretary), Mariana Leshner and Ron Leshner. This group met on March 22nd and discussed the covenant that was adopted earlier this year. The topic of the church's start times were discussed at this meeting. As stated at the annual congregation meeting, the time change of 8:15 for St. Paul's was needed in order to accommodate our partnership with Grace and allowing Pastor enough time to travel between churches. I asked everyone to give it a try and am very thankful for everyone's willingness to do so the past few months. Both churches will be holding a forum so that the respected members may have a discussion about the start time for each church. St. Paul's will be meeting after church on April 24th. The Shared Ministry council will then meet on May 3rd to review the discussion and then if needed decide on the new start times for St. Paul's and Grace. If you have any questions before April 24th, please see one of the members.



We will be collecting offerings on the first Sunday of each month to go towards the Lutheran World Relief efforts in Ukraine. Lutheran World Relief is committing \$3 million to respond to this crisis and are on the ground working with partners in and around Ukraine to rapidly develop programming plans based on short- and long-term needs. As part of this response, they are providing emergency funds to Ukrainian refugee families in Poland. Cash will be distributed at Lutheran churches throughout southwest Poland. To help Ukrainian families who have fled to safety, Lutheran World Relief is air-lifting Personal Care Kits and Mission Quilts that were pre-positioned in their Dubai warehouse as part of their first response. They are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for them to respond immediately.

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Members of St. Paul's: Jane Asche, Gordon Behrens, Gerda Fisher, Lisa Fisher, Ursula Kadolph, Roy Lane, 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), Mary Frantz, 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.



Lila Rose Cep, daughter of Casey Cep and Kathryn Schulz and granddaughter of Bill and Sandy Cep, was baptized on March 3, 2022.

Grace Stella Callahan, daughter of Paul and Megan Callahan and great granddaughter of Margaret Asche, was baptized on March 4, 2022.



A funeral service was held on March 4, 2022 for Margaret Asche who is survived by two daughters, Connie J. Libera of Washington, D.C. and Susan M. Asche of Easton, MD; one son, Kenneth W. Asche (Karen) of Cordova; five grandchildren: Ann Correa (Jason), Billy Asche, Douglas Endzel (Amy), Justin Endzel, and Megan Callahan (Paul); and 8 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Jane Asche of Easton; and a very special friend and her family, Cathy Weems of Cordova.

She was preceded in death by four sisters: Bertha L. Bradshaw, Emma T. Saathoff, Louise A. Giese, and Elizabeth G. Bosse; and one brother, William Giese. The family also extends its warmest thank-you to Rose Warrington Hood and Dawn West who cared for her and made her final days pleasant.

**To champion our new shared ministry with Grace Lutheran, a new Facebook page has been created where items from both congregations may be cross-posted. Please take a moment to check it out and remember to like and follow the page, <https://www.facebook.com/shorelutherans-cheapeakecountryareaministry>.**



We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School on April 10.



If you are interested in your child receiving First Communion Classes, please contact Kathy Barletta.




**SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS**

- April 3** Donna Stevens
- April 10** Robert Saathoff, Sr.
- April 14** Beth Roesel
- April 15** Betty Jean Mumford
- April 17** Bobbie Leaverton
- April 24** Betty Jean Mumford



Barbara Saathoff



**Tellers**

- April 3** Donna Stevens and Debbie Dudrow
- April 10** Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn
- April 17** Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
- April 24** Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens



**Altar Flowers**

- April 3** Available
- April 10** Rusty and Editha Towers
- April 17** Henry and Rosemarie Fuchs
- April 24** Available

**Communion Assistant**

- April 3** Fred Meers
- April 10** Betty Jean Mumford
- April 14** Mike Hiner
- April 17** Mike Hiner
- April 24** Bobbie Leaverton

**Acolyte**

- April 3** Joshua Lewis
- April 10** Corey Fisher
- April 14** Declan Corley
- April 17** Avery Rice
- April 24** Couper Barletta

**Crucifer**

- Preston Rickwood
- Morgan Sauca
- Gavin Corley
- Addison Rice



Acolytes & Crucifers



**Ushers**

- April 3** Keith Davis and Donnie Davis
- April 10** Lee Moore and Lee Heinsohn
- April 14** Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
- April 15** Keith Davis and Donnie Davis
- April 17** Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
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To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ is to live already in his kingdom. This is the essence of the Christian message, the heart of the Good News, and it is why the cross has become the chief Christian symbol.

A cross of all things – a guillotine, a gallows – but the cross at the same time as the crossroads of eternity and time, as the place where such a mighty heart was broken that the healing power of God himself could flow through it into a sick and broken world. It was for this reason that of all the possible words they could have used to describe the day of his death, the word they settled on was "good." Good Friday. –Frederick Buechner

  
 CHURCH COUNCIL

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**The office of Council President is a two year term and my term ended this year. I am incredibly thankful for everyone's support during the past two very unique years. We have adapted in ways we didn't even know were possible and we became stronger as we maneuvered through the pandemic and calling a new Pastor. As my term ends, the new Council President will be Tom Roesel and I will be the Council Vice President.**

**Blessings to all,  
Kathy Barletta**



**HOLY WEEK**  
  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*Holy Monday, April 11  
Vespers 5 PM at Grace*

*Holy Tuesday, April 12  
Matins (Morning Prayers) 8:30 AM at St Paul's*

*Holy Wednesday, April 13  
Holy Eucharist 12 PM at Grace*

*Maundy Thursday, April 14  
7 PM at St. Paul's*

*Good Friday, April 15  
Solemn Service 12 PM-3PM at Grace  
Evening Worship 7 PM at St. Paul's*

*Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16  
8 PM at Grace Lutheran*

*Easter Sunday, April 17  
6 AM Sunrise Service at St. Paul's  
8:15 AM at St. Paul's  
10:15 AM at Grace Lutheran*



# OKTOBERFEST

**We are having Oktoberfest  
this year!**

**October 1, 2022**



## **BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL**

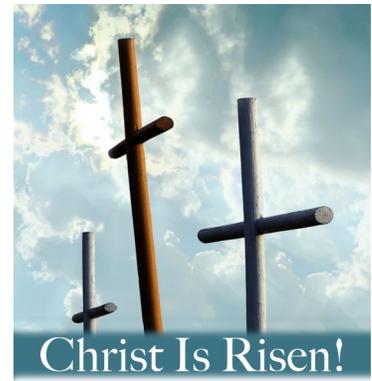
- 04/01 Ursula Kadolph
- 04/02 Gina Rusch
- 04/03 Kennedy Callahan
- 04/06 Cayce Marth
- 04/08 Delores Mullikin
- 04/10 Jack Shannon
- 04/16 Kyle Leaverton
- 04/19 Carl Oburgh
- 04/21 Wendy Sauca
- 04/22 Jeffrey Lewis
- 04/24 Andrea Ward
- 04/25 Alex Heinsohn
- 04/25 Eileen Markey
- 04/26 Hannah Carroll
- 04/27 Susanne Gay
- 04/27 Riley Webster
- 04/28 Keith Davis
- 04/29 Kathy Barletta



**Vacation Bible School**

**June 27-July 1**

**We will learn that everything we  
have comes from God and that  
by turning to God in prayer, all  
our needs are met.**



**Christ Is Risen!**

CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED

*Alleluia*

## *Picnic*



*June 12 at 11 AM*

*Tuckahoe State Park*

*Joint Service with Grace*

*Luncheon to Follow*

## **Endowment Fund**

The mission of St. Paul's Cordova is to be led by the Spirit of Jesus: praise and worship the Trinity; grow our membership with faith and love; and share our blessings with all God's people. In following this mission, St. Paul's established an Endowment Fund to receive gifts and bequests of "faithful stewards" to strengthen the ongoing mission of our church.

Contributions to the fund strengthens the congregation and provides a legacy for generations to come. The Endowment Policy requires recognition of contributions in the newsletter and bulletin on or near Palm Sunday. Faithful stewards have contributed \$25,083.50 to the Endowment Fund since its inception in 2015.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages its members and friends to think prayerfully about how they can help maintain the congregation's ministry in the long term.

Information about endowment options is available in the Endowment Fund Policy, approved by the congregation on January 24, 2015, or you may speak to the Pastor, Treasurer, or Financial Secretary.

God has been generous to us in many ways. We believe that sharing these gifts in His name is a tangible way of expressing one's faith. As active Christians, we are called to give generously to assist our neighbors through our time, talents and treasures. During this time of pandemic, you may not feel comfortable attending services in-person but want to still send offerings to the church. This can be done by mailing offerings to the church or by using Tithe.ly.



The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>  
If you are having trouble with setting up your account, please contact Donna Stevens.

If you have any questions about Tithe.ly, please contact Donna Stevens, Financial Secretary 410-820-7243 or [dstevens62@icloud.com](mailto:dstevens62@icloud.com)

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## St. Paul's Email Prayer ministry . . .

If you would like to add your name or a friend's name to the email prayer list, to receive prayers from our prayer ministry group, please email Betty Jean Mumford at [bettyjmumford@hotmail.com](mailto:bettyjmumford@hotmail.com)

**Please make sure you have the permission of the person you are adding, some people do not want to add their name to a public list.**



**LILY**—The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.



We are still responsible for three shifts (8 am– 11 am, 11am-2 pm, and 2pm –5 pm) on the first of the month at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter, as well as providing dinner. The sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the offices. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry. If you have any questions, you can contact Mike Hiner, 443-496-1383.

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Return Service Requested

Worship Service Begins at 8:15 am  
Sunday School Begins After Church  
Please inform the church office of any  
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Address, phone number, marriage or  
divorce, or new births so that we  
can keep our records up-to-date.

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