

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Dover & Trenton Roads
Upperco, Maryland 21155**

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February & March 2017



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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

February / March 2017



Epiphany... A Season that starts every year on the 6th of January marking the arrival of the Magi at the birth of Jesus and ends as few as four weeks later on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. But this year Easter is late and Ash Wednesday will not be until the first of March. That means that this season sometimes called “Sundays after The Epiphany” and sometimes simply “Ordinary Time” is going to be fairly long.

I spent most of my growing up years at a church called “Epiphany”. Most of the kids around me couldn’t pronounce the word... Being the preacher’s kid, I knew how to say the word, but for years I had no clue what was meant by “epiphany”. Even after I learned to associate it with the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem, I still had no real idea of the meaning of the word itself. Surprisingly late I began to understand that “epiphany” denotes an event in which human beings get a glimpse of God. It comes from the Greek “to appear”. So at the Epiphany a star points to the newborn king – a God event. At the Jordan it is the voice of God that announces “my Son” – a God event when Jesus is baptized by John. At the end of the season on the “Mount of Transfiguration God again announces “my Son” – a God event. In some years (not this one) we would see the epiphany in Jesus’ miracles including the first when Jesus changes the water into wine – a God event.

This year all of the Gospel readings between the Baptism and Transfiguration center on those who would be disciples... Beginning with the calling of the first disciples... continuing to guide us in understanding what is expected of those who would be disciples... and concluding with the sermon on the mount and last of all with three disciples on the mount of transfiguration apparently not understanding any of it as the voice of God calls to them, “This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him.”

Pastor Carl



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR:

MEMBERS: Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Bob Bare, Ruth Bare, Maidie Brown, Vivian Chenoweth, Rosalie Croft, Colton DuBois, Jamie DuBois, Bud Eichelberger, John Eichler, Bob Graff, Mary Graff, Carol Hilgartner, Hannah Hilgartner, Matthew Jones, Carrie Moore, Matthew Moore, Sherry Moore, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Bruce Hilgartner, Gerri Geist, Joy Pillsbury, Joan & Rundle Kesslerling, Jerry Herfurth, Carol and Carroll Parker, Heidi Gumz, Bernie & Chris Harman, Helen Thomas, Bill Lavietes, Sherry Grimes, Charles Miller, Laura and Joseph Jagoda, Sandy Duffy, Susan Eckman, Rick Schaefer, Jim Brown, Linda and Ron Nunan, Gary McNelly, Abby Harrison, Jennifer, John Dennis Turner, Dakota Pickerill, Kephart family, Lars Hviding, Bill Peters, Darlene Parlette, Steve Austin, Clyde Harman, Henry Reed, Gloria Rutan, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

If you have a name you would like to add to the list please let Sandy Baber know. After four weeks, names will drop off and can be re-added, if needed.

THE PRAYER: Lord of all creation as cold fills in the air around us we pray your care for the fragile among us. Fill the cold days of their lives with the warmth of your presence and healing care. Care for your children wherever they find themselves during these winter months. Amen.

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Mar Lu Ridge Summer Camp Opportunity

**I am so excited to be the messenger of this incredibly generous offer ...
If a current Sunday School student would like to go to Mar Lu Ridge for summer camp, then the cost will be paid! This is from a member of Immanuel Church for their Sunday School students, but they also extended the offer to include St Paul's Church.**

**This is only available on a 'first come, first serve' basis up to 30 kids.
Registration forms must be sent to me by Feb 15th.**

**Descriptions of each camp is online at mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org.
Confirmed receipt of the Registration Form will secure a spot for your child at the requested camp. But Mar-Lu-Ridge needs to receive other forms (including a doctor signed physical) at least 30 days before the start of the camp week.**

**~Rachel Murphy
Rachel.Murphy@hotmail.com
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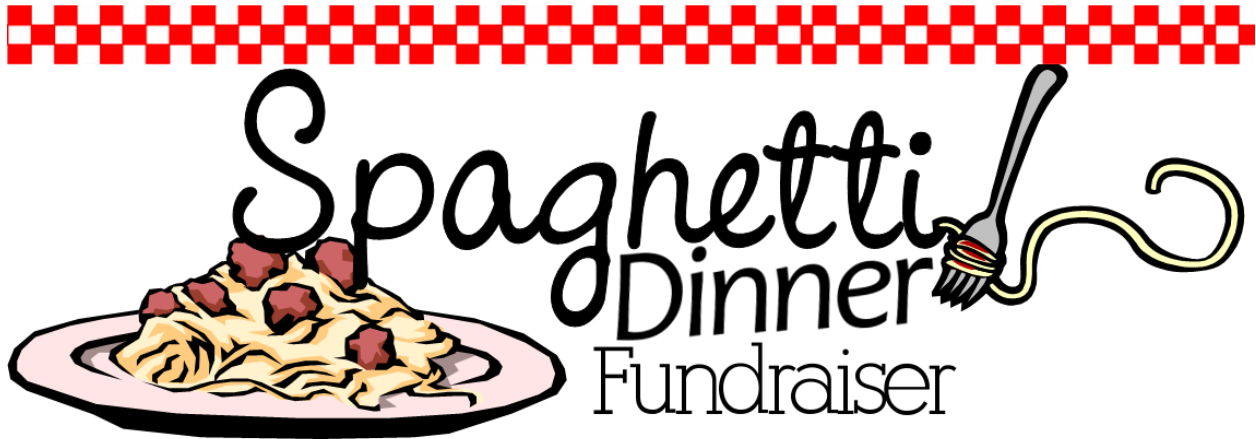
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU

- ✝ to those who helped to decorate and then undecorate the sanctuary for the Christmas holidays
- ✝ to Pastor Dave Bare who is our regular supply pastor.
- ✝ To our youth for their hard work in presenting a wonderful Christmas program, and to Ms. Patti for writing and directing the program.
- ✝ To everyone who attended and helped with the planning for all the fundraising events for the year
- ✝ To Carol Hilgartner and Shirley Stratton for heading up the Christmas Sale.
- ✝ To Mary Neuheisel for taking over the newsletter

Submissions to the newsletter are due as follows:

December/January	due November 15
February/March	due January 15
April/May	due March 15
June/July	due May 15
August/September	due July 15
October/November	due September 15



Mario's Italian Restaurant will be opened for business on Friday, February 17th from 5:30 - 7:30pm at St. Paul's. A snow date will be Friday, February 24th.

Menu: Spaghetti, Baked Ziti, Salad Bar, Bread, & Dessert. Free will offering.
All proceeds raised will benefit the youth from St. Paul's who will be attending the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston.

Invite your family & friends! For more details, please contact Sandy Baber.

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 1 is our Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. The following weeks from March 8th – April 5th, there will be a soup supper at 6pm followed by Prayer and Study at 7. During Holy Week, there will be a soup supper at 6 and service at 7 on Maundy Thursday, April 12th, and a Good Friday service at 7pm on April 13th.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

This Christmas was our second at St. Paul's. We are delighted by our time with you, and it is time to say "thank you." For greetings, a generous gift, and those who stepped forward at Christmas to make a crazy worship schedule work, thank you. I continue to pray that you are as blessed as we are in our time together.
– Pastor Carl

BABY BOTTLES

Jan. 15th was Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Once again, we are participating with Alpha Pregnancy in celebration of God's gift of life. Baby bottles were passed out and will be collected February 12th. If you have any questions, please see Suzi Lyons. Thanks!

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection Souper Bowl Sunday	6 5:45pm- Confirmation Class	7 7:00pm- Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 900am – Worship Second Offering For Rape Crisis	13	14 7:00pm – Council	15	16	17 5:30-7:30 Mario's Spaghetti Dinner	18
19 900am – Worship Fellowship after Worship Baby Bottle Collection	10 5:45pm- Confirmation Class	21 7:00pm- Bible Study	22	23	24	25
26 900am – Worship Transfiguration Sunday	27	28 Pancake Supper 6pm				

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Ash Wednesday Service – 7pm	2	3	4
5 900am – Worship Food Collection Sunday Youth Sunday Sacrificial Stone Distribution	6 5:45pm- Confirmation Class	7 7:00pm- Bible Study	8 Soup Supper – 6pm Prayer and Study – 7pm	9	10	11
12 900am – Worship Second Offering for Carroll Hospice	13	14 7:00pm - Council	15 Soup Supper – 6pm Prayer and Study – 7pm	16	17	18
19 900am – Worship Fellowship after worship Potluck Game Night – World Hunger Fundraiser	20 5:45pm- Confirmation Class	21 7:00pm- Bible Study	22 Soup Supper – 6pm Prayer and Study – 7pm	23	24	25
26 900am – Worship	27	28	29 Soup Supper – 6pm Prayer and Study – 7pm	30	31	

Celebrations for February and March

February Birthdays

2	Suzi Lyons Rob Holtz
3	Glenys Hunt
4	Maidie Brown
8	Calvin Armacost
9	Derek Dubois
12	Matthew Jones
14	Pat Graff
19	Colby McGee
25	Ryan Armacost
30	Landyn Howard

February Anniversaries

14	Bob and Gerri Martin
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March Birthdays

6	Angie Henry Christopher Geldmacher
9	Hazel Ashe
10	Carol Hunt Tiffany Meadowcroft
22	Jed Geldmacher
26	Hope Hilgartner Hannah Hilgartner
27	Helen Armacost Carol Hilgartner Gaige Dubois
29	Emily Hilgartner
31	Alan Miller



Coming Soon: We will be selling Gertrude Hawk Chocolates in time for Easter delivery. All sales will benefit St. Paul's Youth attending the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston. (This chocolate sale will take the place of our Wolfgang Chocolate sale; Wolfgang no longer supports fundraising.) ***Look for order forms in February!***

Sunday School News

How fast time goes by, just yesterday we rang in 2016 and now we are three weeks into 2017.

Time can fly by or go slow but either way the teachers and students at St. Paul's are always ready to Love, Serve, and Teach God's Word.

The Christmas Pageant had 23 students participating in telling the story of the Christ Child's birth by reading from Matthew and Luke. Thanks to Dominic the Donkey, Lucy the Lamb, Ben, the nativity scene, the pre-school class, bell choir, stage crew, and teachers, the story was successfully shared with family and friends on December 11th during the church service.

Christmas Caroling took place on Sunday, December 18th with the potluck dinner immediately after. Approximately 40 people rode aboard the yellow school bus to visit and sing for the members and friends of St. Paul's. The day would have been perfect if it was not for the wind which made it extremely cold. Thank you to the St. Paul's Outreach Committee for providing the bus and for the fruit baskets that were handed out as gifts. It was unfortunate that we were unable to visit the residents of Long View but the facility was shutdown to the public due to sickness within. Hopefully we will be able to visit next year.

A note of appreciation to John Eichler and Jack Schunk for watching the food cooking in the kitchen while the carolers were out singing.

Our participation in The Gingerbread Village was great fun and we were able to help the Carroll County Human Resources rise over \$5000 for the homeless in Carroll County. We thank all of you who went to the Town Mall to purchase votes for our entry. We did not win any special prizes but our students realize that the best prize is when we help others and are able to serve God. The Gingerbread House was given to Long View Nursing Home for the residents and staff to enjoy during the holidays.

Due to the weather our plans to plant the flower bulbs during Sunday school did not take place. As time was running out to get the bulbs in the ground, Shriver Foster planted the bulbs for our students doing the week. Thank you Mr. Shriver!

Please note a change in the Sunday school calendar. The end of Sunday school was Sunday, May 28th it has been changed to Sunday, May 21st.

Up Coming Events:

Plan now so you won't miss out. Look for dates and times in the church bulletin or call the office. Mario's Restaurant will be back in town during the month of February.

A second round of Family Feud will take place in March.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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2017 Flea Market Calendar**

**April 15, 2017 May 20, 2017
June 17, 2017 July 15, 2017
August 19, 2017 September 16, 2017
October 14, 2017**

Cost: \$20.00 Lawn space, Pavilion space \$30.00

No Rain Date – Non-Refundable – Non-Transferable

Time: 8 AM – 2 PM

**To reserve your space, contact: Richard Harris
Phone No: 410-526-7598 or by email: fleamarket@stpaulsupperco.org**

**Mailing address: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
15801 Trenton Road, Upperco, MD 21155 Attn: Flea Market**

Photos from the 2016 Christmas Pageant



Dominick the Donkey and Lucy the Lamb brought us the story of the Christ Child.



Mary and Joseph with the Baby Jesus.



Bell ringers added to the spirit of the story.