

# The Epistle - March 2017



Well, here we go... with March 1, Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey.

Lent has taken on numerous forms throughout our history. Suffice it to say that since 1970, we have followed a calendar that begins Lent with Ash Wednesday and it continues 40 days, not counting Sundays, until Holy Week and Easter. Prior to this there was a three Sunday run-up to Ash Wednesday getting us ready for the disciplines to come. You may remember these Sundays: Septagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinaquagesima – 70, 60, and 50 days (rounded figures) in a countdown to Easter.

And we cannot forget

*Mardi Gras*, literally “Fat Tuesday,” a time of *Carnival*, “farewell to meat.” As Pennsylvania Dutch, we said farewell with *fast-nachts*, those wonderful fried balls of dough originally made as a sweet way to get rid of the leftover lard before spring made its storage more difficult. As this was a day often used for a confessional service in preparation for our ashes, or a day to be “shriven” of our sins, it also was called “Shrove Tuesday.” And that brings us to Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is of course marked with the mark of the cross on our forehead in ash traditionally made from the palms of the previous Palm/Passion Sunday. Ashes had at least two meanings that come to us with this day:

1. A mark of mourning, sorrow – our sorrow over the way we have not cared for God’s grace and this world.
2. Ashes at one time were used as an agent in scrubbing blackened pots – the grit cleaning and purifying.

The cross these ashes form is placed where we mark the newly baptized with that “chrismation,” that seals them, and us with the “cross of Christ forever.” While I am not

a fan of the what feels to me to be the “willy nilly” distribution of ashes on street corners, etc., I must confess it at the very least bears a witness to the day and its importance on the Church’s Calendar. I would prefer that we do this in the course of a liturgy, as we will at 7:00 p.m. on that day. Taking this time is literally the beginning of the “fast.” Fasting from whatever else we might have been doing to receive this mark of the cross, to pray, and finally to join with our Lord at his Table.



Which brings us to the matter of the Lenten Fast... How simple this used to be. We would give up chocolate or cigarettes, so the **Fast**. We would take extra time to go to church midweek, do daily devotions, so **Prayer**. And then we would have those wonderful coin cards or little churches to fill with dimes or quarters, and so the **Almsgiving**. Well, I think it can still be that simple. I think I’ll try to go back on my “no carb” diet, (Sigh!) The mid-week luncheons and soup and vespers are a given in Littlestown’s life of Lenten Prayer, and then there are those mission envelopes added to our offering envelope boxes. And maybe if we can find enough big cans, we’ll have the children care for a “noisy offering,” which means you bring your change, and the children can rattle their way to collect it. We will put it toward the AC drive, (Yes, that’s a sacrifice I hope we won’t have to make come this summer.)

Welcome Lent! Prepare us. Renew us. Help us to see our need for that wondrous moment when Death will be put on notice and Lord rises from his grave, raised with the promise that nothing, not even our Sin or the Grave, can ever again separate us from the love of God.

In His Peace,  
Pastor Michael

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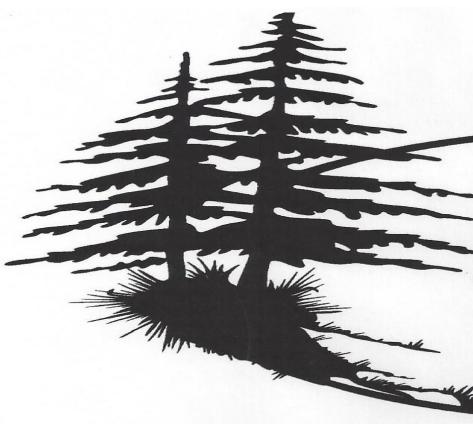
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**FOR OUR WORSHIP PREPARATION...**  
**THE READINGS & PRAYERS OF THE DAY FOR MARCH, 2017**  
**CYCLE A OF THE THREE YEAR LECTORY – THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**

THE DAY OF THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR	PRAYER OF THE DAY	WORD & SACRAMENT	SERVICE OF THE WORD
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Cor. 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Purple)	Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen.	7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist	
<b>March 5, 2017</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Gen. 2:15-17 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 (Purple)	Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen.	8:00 & 10:15	
<b>March 12, 2017</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 (Purple)	O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen.	10:15	8:00
<b>March 19, 2017</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 (Purple)	Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen.	8:00	10:15
<b>March 26, 2017</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 (Purple)	Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen.	10:15	8:00

## MARCH WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES:

During the month of March we will begin the season of **Lent** with our **Ash Wednesday** service on March 1 at 7 PM. Beginning on Wed. March 8 we will have our **mid week Soup Supper and Vesper Service** throughout the remainder of the month on Wed. night. (The supper begins at 5:45 PM and the vesper service begins at 6:30.) St. Paul's Ringers will provide a prelude on the 26<sup>th</sup> for the 10:15 service.



### **Save the Date!**

Annual Church Retreat May 5-7  
Mark your calendars and plan  
to attend

## EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!! Please come to the Easter Morning Breakfast, held in the basement social hall, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Serving will begin around 8 A.M. The men of the congregation would like to provide everyone with a delightful and enjoyable breakfast consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, rolls w/butter, applesauce and hot cross buns. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this wonderful meal and fellowship. Please do the "cooks" one favor and sign-up for this event in the Kammerer Room by April 9<sup>th</sup> to ensure that we have enough food for everyone. Any men interested in helping, please contact Kevin Smeak (359-8953). Thank You!!!



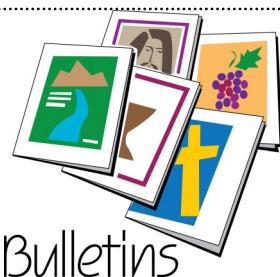
### OPEN DATES for MARCH 2017:

#### BULLETINS

- March 5
- March 12
- March 19
- March 26

#### FLOWERS

- March 5
- March 26



## Thank you notes:



It is very difficult to find the words to express how important the members of our St. Paul's Church Family have been (and still are) to me and my family during Pete's battle with lung cancer and his death on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Every act of kindness whether gifts of food, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits or hugs has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Pastor Michael for the wonderful service and to Martha and Ben and all the choir members for the beautiful music. The only thing Pete ever discussed about funeral preferences was the music he wanted and I do believe every wish was accommodated. Thanks also to all those who volunteered to assist with the luncheon and to Ernie and Diana Spamer for their constant care in this area. A special thanks to Abbi, Susan Haines, Sue Mauck, Jeff Plattenburg and all others who had a part in preparing this special service for Pete.

I dearly love each and every one of our church family and look forward to continuing the work Pete and I enjoyed so much. Thank you for helping us through this journey.

In God's loving hands,

Ruth, Daena and Dave, Suzanne and Daryl, Andrew and Jacob

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Our sincere thank you for the Christmas Poinsettia. Also, many thanks for the Epistle you send each month. Even though we have a hard time getting to church, we really do like reading the news of St. Paul's!

Thank you & God Bless,

Harry, Irene & Mark Wildasin

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St. Paul's, Thank you so much for providing a place for a gathering following mother's (Evelyn Little) funeral. The ladies & gentlemen who helped were fantastic. ~Nancy Snyder

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## **LITTESTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Food distribution takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Bart's Centenary on King Street from 3 to 5 pm. If you would like to donate your time or resources, please come to Bart's Centenary anytime from 1 to 6 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month, or use your monthly giving envelope. There is a shopping cart in the Kammerer Room for donations to the **Littlestown Food Pantry**. The schedule is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. Other non-perishable food items are encouraged at any time as well. **The next food pantry distribution takes place on Weds. March 22.**

**Bible Study** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, (and sometimes 5<sup>th</sup>) **Tuesdays** of the month, bible study will meet at 1:30pm. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mondays** of the month bible study will meet at 6pm (just before council & committees meet). Note the variation in days & times. Please join us whenever you can!

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**HOOKS AND NEEDLES** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Library. This will continue throughout the school year. Anyone who enjoys fiber crafts is invited.

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**Christian Family Needs YOU!!!** Fellowship is an important part of a strong church. Christian Family is working on holding 4 events this coming year. These events are fun ways to get our families together to share in fellowship. We are looking for people who are willing to join Christian Family to help us plan and execute these events. We don't meet often so there's no huge time commitment! If you are interested in joining us contact Kimberly Airing or any council member.

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**Ushers are greatly needed!** If you wish to serve your church in this capacity, please contact Darbye Smeak (359-8953 or dy1039ks@comcast.net). Please prayerfully consider volunteering!

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Acolytes Needed! Please contact Pastor Michael or Jan Sweigart.

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First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday. Training will be provided by Pastor Michael. Anyone interested please contact Pastor Michael or Jan Sweigart

## Join us for Easter Craft Day presented by the Christian Family committee!

April 2nd after our 10:15 service we will have crafts for everyone!  
There is something for all ages.

One of the crafts will be egg decorating so make sure you bring  
hard boiled eggs if you'd like to participate in this craft!

We will serve sandwiches and ask that you bring a side dish,  
dessert or drink to share.

Sign up online at our website or on the sheet in the Kammerer Room.



## Call Committee News

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." -John 13:34-35

We have been in the call process for almost 6 months and I want to assure you that the process is a positive one and progressing well. This particular call process is different in set up from past call processes. The committee is serious in giving this process the respect it deserves. In doing so, there are several rules they must abide by. These policies are in place to help assist the committee in making sure members are in a still and quiet place to hear and feel God's directions. A major rule that committee members are required by Synod to follow is confidentially: members simply can't share with anyone, including a spouse, children, even anyone outside the church. At our current stage in the call process, committee members are not allowed to discuss anything regarding our course of action. The time for congregational input was while we were working on the Mission Site Profile. That time is completed and now the committee is at the important task of discerning.

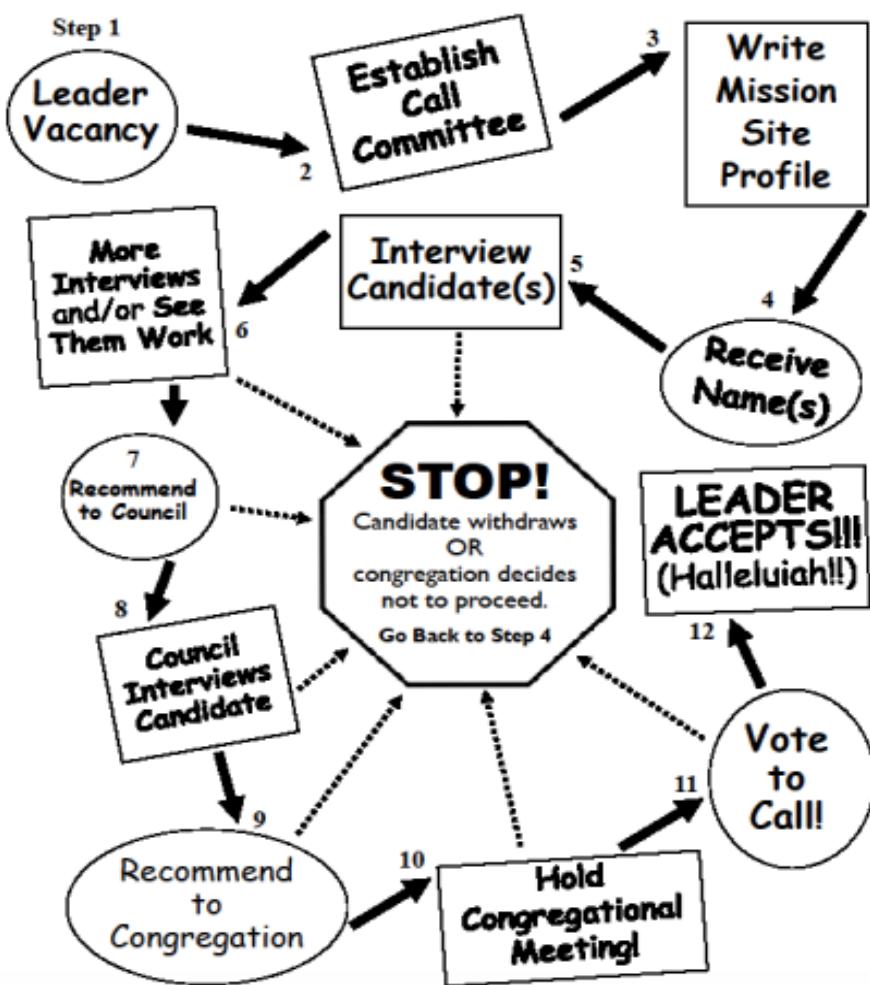
John shares with us Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us. Respect is a form of love to be shared with each other. The committee is committed to taking on this responsibility. We value your support and patience, but also ask for your respect. When people ask questions regarding the progress of the call process or give input on what should be done regarding it, committee members are placed in an uncomfortable, unfair position. I know this is a trying time for the entire church. Everyone is anxious to get a new Pastor. However, if the committee isn't fielding questions and input, they will be able to focus their time and energy on the call process. We ask that you respect this obligation and allow us to move through this process without the stress from questions or input.

Another reminder is that this is, in fact, a "call" process and not a hiring one. Pastor Michael shared some insight with the call committee, and I felt it would be helpful to share with the congregation as a whole.

A pastor is "called," not hired. She/He is no more an employee than your physician, or dentist, or attorney. You are "paying" them for the expertise, their advice, their care of you and yours. It is the same with a pastor. It has seemed good to God and the congregation that this person should be "called" to be the voice of authority in matters of Word and Sacrament, the chief teacher, the caretaker of all things Lutheran — but more all things Christian — the source of spiritual care and challenge in the life of the congregation. And, all this is to be shared with the Congregation Council, whose promises at installation are to support and provide leadership with the pastor to these ends. It is the pastor's chief job to feed and prepare the saints for ministry in their daily lives. But most importantly it is not "employment." Perhaps a better word would be "deployment," of one ordained, "set apart," to lead God's people in this place.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers.

## 12 Steps to Your New Leader!





## St. Paul's will be 150 years old in 2017

Join us for anniversary celebrations during the year:

June 4 - Recognition of those confirmed at St. Paul's

June 25 - Recognition of those married at St. Paul's

Oct 29 - Recognition of 50 Year members as we commemorate  
500 years of Reformation and our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

with Bishop Jim Dunlop

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Connect to our past with older order of worship  
services on April 2, and Sept 24

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Come to sing familiar hymns from past years and  
to hear a newly commissioned anthem  
to mark our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In the event of inclement weather, please tune to ABC-27 (website or channel) & WGAL (website or mobile app) for cancellations and/or delays of Sunday morning services. The church office will follow the Littlestown School District for cancellations & delays throughout the week. Other church activities will be cancelled or delayed at the discretion of the event leader or church leadership. In the interest of safety and the well-being of all concerned, the facilities of St. Paul's will be closed and any scheduled activities will be canceled if a snow emergency or other weather-related emergency is declared by state or local officials.



## **Please take a moment to notify the church office:**



- ◆ When you (or a family member) would like a visit from the pastor
- ◆ When there is a death or serious illness in your family
- ◆ When you wish to add or remove someone from the prayer list
- ◆ When you move to a new address or your phone number has changed
- ◆ If you wish to be added to the Epistle emailing list
- ◆ When you wish to borrow tables/chairs from the church
- ◆ When you wish to fill out a form of use for the Social Hall (policy is at least 30 days in advance)
- ◆ When you need information about scheduling a baptism or wedding
- ◆ When you wish to submit an article for the newsletter and/or bulletin announcements
- ◆ When you wish to update with graduation information

**Church Office Telephone 717-359-4822**

Email Address: [office@stpaulslittlestown.org](mailto:office@stpaulslittlestown.org)

Please note: Phone & email messages are checked only office hours on weekdays

For a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Richard Michael 717-314-7898  
or [Richardmichael1@mac.com](mailto:Richardmichael1@mac.com).

**WEBSITE:** [www.stpaulslittlestown.org](http://www.stpaulslittlestown.org)

**Information for APRIL Epistle is due by Wednesday, March 15.**  
All contributions of articles/information from all corners of St. Paul's are encouraged! Please submit material via email office@stpaulslittlestown.org or by placing it in the secretary's mailbox in the church office. Please note: Items submitted after the deadline may be held until the subsequent newsletter, so information can be dispersed promptly. Thank you!

### **Air Conditioning Fund Update**

Late last year, our congregation voted to approve a proposal of \$75000 to replace our Church's failed and aging air conditioning systems. Since we currently only have the financial resource of a \$50000 line of credit loan, we must have \$25000 upfront in order to commence this work. Our goal is to have this upfront money by April 1<sup>st</sup> to insure that we will have the use of these new systems in time for Summer's heat.

**Our current A/C fund status as of 2/19/2017 is:  
\$15745 or 63% of our goal. Only \$9255 left to go with 5 more weeks until  
our April 1st deadline. We added \$155 this week to our fund.**

Please continue to support this fund as you are able in addition to your normal weekly giving.

## **Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!**

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

**Stop by the Kammerer Room on March 12-26 to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.**

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.



There are a variety of books of varying complexity: some are easy and accessible, others, longer and more complex and still others are challenging. One is described as "in the style of a fast-paced, action packed novel." Another is "a best-selling biography" and there is even a Graphic Novel, titled *Papa Luther*. There are books about Luther's life and about his writing, an atlas of the Reformation and books useful for devotion and reflection. Several books examine how Lutherans and Catholics can continue the journey together toward unity. There are more than 15 books in all. Come and take a look at them.

# St. Paul's Lenten Events

Once again our journey toward Holy Week & Easter is approaching and begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> with our Ash Wednesday Service. During Lent we will meet for our Vespers services on Wednesdays at 6:30P.M. in the sanctuary. Our soup suppers will be held in the social hall beginning at 5:45P.M. The Vespers and soup suppers will be held on March, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Kammerer Room for those who would like to donate soups, bread, beverages and assist in set-up & clean-up. Sign up early so you can get the date that suits you best. If you can arrive early, we will be starting at 5:45P.M. and continue to serve and socialize until our service at 6:30P.M. If you are unable to attend the soup supper please feel free to join us in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend as many of the following services as possible so you can follow Jesus in his journey toward the glorious resurrection.

Ash Wednesday	March 1
Soup supper/Vespers	March 2, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
Palm Sunday	April 9
Mandy Thursday	April 13
Good Friday	April 14
Easter Vigil	April 15
Easter Breakfast	April 16
Easter Service	April 16

## Good Friday Cross Walk:

Starts at Redeemer's UCC @ 10:30 AM on Friday, April 14. Concludes with reading of "The Passion of St. Mark" at St. Aloysius.

## Ministerium Lenten Luncheon Schedule

2017 Littlestown Ministerium Lenten Lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday (3/1) and continue through Wednesday, April 12. Please note the events will start at 11:30AM. The cost per person will be \$5.00. Each Lenten luncheon will include an opening hymn, scripture, reflection and closing hymn, then the group will enjoy a simple meal together. (Inclement weather policy: if Littlestown school district is closed the day of the event, the luncheon will be cancelled)

### March 1

Hosting Church: Redeemer's UCC  
"In Christ Alone"

### March 8

Hosting Church: St. Aloysius  
"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

### March 15

Hosting Church: Bart's Centenary  
"In the Garden"

### March 22

Hosting Church: St. Paul's  
"Were You There?"

### March 29

Hosting Church: St. John's  
"What Wondrous Love is This"

### April 5

Hosting Church: St. Luke's  
"Crown Him with many Crowns"

### April 12 (Holy Week)

Hosting Church: Christ UCC  
"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"





**Lower Susquehanna Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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The Rev. James S. Dunlop  
Bishop

[jdunlop@lss-elca.org](mailto:jdunlop@lss-elca.org)

February 14, 2017  
*Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs*

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
53 W King St  
Littlestown, PA 17340

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the year 2017, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Littlestown, will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. What a wonderful milestone this is in your life together as a congregation. I and your sisters and brothers in the Lower Susquehanna Synod join with you in joy and celebration as we together give thanks to God for the rich heritage and sure promise that God has given to you as a family of faith.

This significant anniversary provides you an opportunity to reflect on your long history and to give thanks to God for the many faithful believers, both lay leaders and clergy, whom God used to build up this congregation, who, fed and strengthen by God's Word and Holy Sacraments, witnessed and served God and God's people and who laid the foundation on which this congregation was built and was sustained through these many years. It provides you an opportunity to remember and celebrate the important public events and happenings that shaped this congregation into the body of Christ that it is today and also the more personal events, like baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, through which God has formed the lives of individual believers.

Such a significant anniversary also provides an opportunity for your congregation to look to the future and to see where God may be leading you. Remembrance of the past blessings that God has provided and an awareness of your reliance on God's grace and goodness for your very presence and purpose lead to renewal and new life. They lead to new understandings and redefinition of the mission to which God is calling you and to an outward refocusing on your community and the people that God is calling you to serve with the good news of the Gospel.

It is my prayer for you that this anniversary year will be a time of joyous thanksgiving and a time for renewal and growth for your entire congregation. Happy anniversary.

Yours in Christ,

+James S. Dunlop, bishop



## From the Parish Nursing Team:

March is Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Awareness Month:

The colon and the rectum are parts of the large intestine and cancer of the colon or rectum is called colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer. Colorectal cancer affects all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people ages 50 and older. African Americans, smokers or a family history increases one's risk. On average, 1 in 20 people are at risk for colorectal cancer and an estimated 1 in 3 people diagnosed with CRC die with CRC.

The good news is up to **90% of all CRC cases and deaths are preventable** with early detection through **timely screening**. Regular screening should begin at age 50. CRC often lacks any symptoms indicating an onset, so it is important for both men and women to get screened regularly. If you have symptoms, they may include—

- Blood in or on the stool (bowel movement)
- Stomach pain, aches, or cramps that do not go away
- Losing weight and you don't know why

**A colonoscopy is the gold standard for detection and prevention of colorectal cancer (CRC).** A colonoscopy is a routine, generally safe, and relatively painless procedure that allows healthcare providers to see the lining of the colon. There's a little dread surrounding a colonoscopy, but it could save your life. A colonoscopy is one of the only cancer screenings where **potential cancers (polyps) can be removed during the exam**. However, there is more than one kind of screening test for colorectal cancer. Talk with your doctor about which test is right for you. How often you need to get screened depends on your risk for colorectal cancer. It also depends on which kind of screening you get. Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance plans must cover screening for colorectal cancer for people over age 50. Depending on your insurance, you may be able to get tested at no cost to you. Talk with your insurance company.

Visiting the doctor can be stressful. It helps to have questions written down ahead of time. You may also want to ask a family member or close friend to go with you to take notes. Print out these questions and take them to your appointment:

- What is my risk for colorectal cancer?
  - When do you recommend that I start getting tested?
  - How often do I need to get tested?
  - What are the different types of screening tests for colorectal cancer?
  - Which screening test do you recommend? Why?
  - What happens during the screening?
  - How do I prepare?
  - Are there any dangers or side effects of screening?
  - How long will it take to get the results?
  - What can I do to reduce my risk of colorectal cancer?
- In the meantime, everyone can take these healthy steps to help prevent colorectal cancer:  
Get screened starting at age 50 and encourage family and friends to do the same.  
Quit smoking and stay away from second-hand smoke.  
Get plenty of physical activity and eat healthy.

*Saving God. We bless you and praise you for the mercy you show to us when we call upon you. Teach us to trust you in all circumstances of life and to know your loving care and protection, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

# FINANCIAL CORNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Littlestown PA  
 Donations Account Balances (01/01/2017 - 01/31/2017)

Monday, January 30, 2017

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Account

Period Activity

YTD Balance

**Giving Accounts**

801 - ENV CONTRIBUTIONS	11,322.00	11,322.00
802 - Initial Offering	370.00	370.00
803 - Loose	62.25	62.25
804 - Sunday Church School	53.70	53.70
810 - Christmas Eve	10.00	10.00
812 - Weekly Bulletins	20.00	20.00
813 - Youth	45.00	45.00
815 - Major Building Impro	120.00	120.00
816 - Memorial Fund	880.00	880.00
817 - Funeral Fund	500.00	500.00
818 - Line of Credit	60.00	60.00
831 - A/C	3,685.00	3,685.00
860 - Food Pantry	219.00	219.00
861 - Luth World Relief	36.00	36.00
867 - Benevolence	5.00	5.00
868 - Ruth's Harvest Fund	85.00	85.00
<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$17,472.95</b>	<b>\$17,472.95</b>

Count: 16

Period: 01/01/2017 - 01/31/2017

Year: 2017



**2017 Income and Expenses**

Month	Actual Expenses	Funded from Savings	Current Expenses	Actual Offering	Other Income	Added to Savings	Current Income	Surplus / (Deficit)
Jan	\$ 13,177		\$ 13,177	\$ 17,473	\$ 5,508	\$ 5,645	\$ 17,336	\$ 4,159
Feb	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
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The current value of Unrestricted Investments available for

support of any future additional deficits is:

**\$ 148,927**



# St. Paul's - March

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Larry Hartman	2 Betty Geisler	3 Betty Wiseman	4 Amanda Moritz Sara Dart
		If you wish to add, remove or notice a mistake, please contact the church office. 359-4822 / <a href="mailto:office@stpaulslittlestown.org">office@stpaulslittlestown.org</a>				
5	6 Sue Mauck	7	8 Aiden Hayes	9 Esther Snyder	10 Jaqueline Knouse	11 Hayden Lawyer Penny Lawyer
12 Pat Gantz	13	14 Brady Topper	15 Lucas Denault	16 Owen Yingling	17 Janis Daron <i>Jeff &amp; Melinda Keller</i>	18
19 Jason Boyd Jennifer Yealy	20	21 Chad Masermer	22 Marcus Lobaugh Jacob Thompson	23	24 Tim Palmer	25 Bre Marfia Jacob Tosh Torin Trask
26 Bob Bein Harry Decker	27 Bob Palmer Jodi Strevig	28	29 Julie Williams	30 Melinda Keller Bruce Study	31	

# MARCH 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 11:30AM Lenten Lunch @ Redeemer's UCC 7:00PM Ash Weds. Service	<b>2</b> 2:00PM Ruth's Harvest Packing	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship 2-4PM LAMB Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 1:30PM Bible Study 6-8PM Girl Scouts 6:30-8PM H&N	<b>8</b> 11:30AM Lenten Lunch @ St. Aloysius 5:45PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Vespers 7PM Choir	<b>9</b> 2:00PM Ruth's Harvest Packing	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Reformation 500 Bookstore 	<b>13</b> 6PM Bible Study 6-8PM Girl Scouts 7:00PM Committee Mtgs.	<b>14</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>15</b> 11:30AM Lenten Lunch @ Bart's Centenary 5:45PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Vespers 7PM Choir Newsletter Info. Due	<b>16</b> 2:00PM Ruth's Harvest Packing	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship	<b>20</b> 6PM Bible Study 6-8PM Girl Scouts 7:00PM Council Mtg. 	<b>21</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts 6:30-8PM H&N	<b>22</b> 11:30AM Lenten Lunch @ St. Paul's 5:45PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Vespers 7PM Bells Food Pantry	<b>23</b> 10:00AM Ruth's Harvest Packing 12-3PM Garden Club	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Reformation 500 Bookstore	<b>27</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> 1:30PM Bible Study 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> 11:30AM Lenten Lunch @ St. John's 5:15PM R.H. Packing 5:45PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Vespers 7PM Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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