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FEBRUARY 2017

“You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter.”
Psalm 74:17

I have a friend who absolutely hates this time of year. In his mind, wintertime is the worst time! Bundling up in extra clothing to keep warm, dealing with snow and ice and the hazards they cause for drivers as well as the inconvenience of canceled events or people not being able to get to where they want to go, all of these things are just the beginning of his long list of complaints against the winter season. But the other day he posted something on Facebook, after an overnight snowfall, commenting on the beauty of the sunrise reflecting off of all the trees covered in a thin layer of white. His opening comment was that only God can make awful into beautiful. Now, personally, I find joy in each and every season of the year. There's something about the crispness of the air, the scent of a wood fire, the beauty of a new-fallen snow that brings joy to my heart. But I also understand my friend's complaints and, at times, share them. So I was glad to see that he could put aside his dislike of the season to be able to see the beauty in it, even if it's short-lived.

God set this world in motion and created all things for good. But we all know that we live in a broken world and sometimes, through no fault of our own, or through our own mistakes, horrible things happen. Snow is beautiful, but if we aren't careful, or if someone else isn't careful, we can end up in an accident. That changes our perspective on the snow. But, objectively, it doesn't make it any less beautiful than it was before our accident. When I was a child I remember being “snowed in” for days at a time, and we were perfectly fine with it. Today, if we can't get out of our houses within hours after the snow has stopped, we are calling the township to complain and ask where the snowplows are. We need to slow down and take the time to enjoy the beauty of the world around us and the beauty of each season that God has made, even winter. So the next time it snows, slow down. Take a breath and appreciate all the goodness of God's creation. It's only a little over a month until spring comes.

Pastor Chris

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
DECEMBER	\$ 12,974.55	\$ 8,720.10	\$ 4,254.45
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$126,371.12	\$ 124,134.31	\$ 2,236.81

THANK YOU!

- Pat Steckel sends a note from her mother, Lillian Bethman, thanking us “for all the lovely Christmas cards that she received. She’s now under hospice care and will be 101 years old this April. Thanks again and God bless!”
- Wayne and Nancy Sandt thank us “for all the cards and good wishes” sent to them. They also appreciate the visits from our members who take them communion and both really enjoy the *Christ in Our Home* booklet.

CLUSTER STUDY of LUTHER'S CATECHISM

In recognition of 2017 as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Elizabeth Eaton is encouraging congregations to study Luther's Small Catechism. The Easton cluster of Lutheran churches felt that it would be fun to do this together, so we have set dates, times, and places to study this important part of our Lutheran faith. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. You are invited to attend any of the sessions.

The places and topics are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Place</u>
Feb. 7	The Lord's Prayer	St. Paul's III
Feb. 14	Baptism	St. John's (downtown)
Feb. 21	Holy Communion	St. Paul's (South Side)
Feb. 28	Fastnacht Follies	Good Shepherd

2017 DEDICATION CHARTS

The Dedication Charts are posted on the bulletin board. If you wish to honor or remember someone, consider sponsoring the sanctuary candle/communion elements (\$10 each), or the weekly bulletin (\$20). If you are not able to get to church, please call the church office and we will handle your request.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Lent is still a month away, officially starting on Ash Wednesday, March 1, but we are already planning our mid-week Lenten services. This year's premise is based on a series of dialogues created by our Synod to focus our attention on various themes of the Reformation. Each week's message will be delivered as a dialogue by two of the pastors from the Easton Cluster of Lutheran churches and will be followed by a period of discussion questions.

Schedule: 6:00 pm soup supper; 7:00 pm service

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Theme</i></u>	<u><i>Place</i></u>
March 8	Justification by Grace through Faith	St. Paul's Third
March 15	The Authority of Scripture	Good Shepherd
March 22	Priesthood of All Believers	St. Andrew's
March 29	The Freedom of the Christian	St. Paul's (SS)
April 5	The Always-Reforming Church	Arndt's

Offerings received during Lent will be given to support both the food bank at ProJeCt of Easton and Twelve Baskets Full, the food bank at St. Paul's (South Side). Look for more information in the weekly bulletins about the mid-week services.

STEWARDSHIP

2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you have not received your 2017 church envelopes yet, please contact the church office.

FEBRUARY

PARISH SECRETARY'S HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

IN the EVENT of CANCELLATION

If it is necessary to cancel some of our activities, for whatever reason, please tune in to WFMZ, channel 69 on your TV, or call the church office and select option 226.

EMAIL ADDRESSES / WEB PAGE

Office: sp3office@rcn.com / Pastor Chris: sp3pastor@rcn.com

If you have information you want to add to our web page, email the information to the church office. The *Herald* is also available on-line at www.stpaulsthir.org

DIRECTORY – Look for a new updated email directory soon.

**The *HERALD* DEADLINE for the
MARCH issue is February 13.**

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Cut out the following information and keep it in your wallet!

St. Paul's III Lutheran Church
2561 Newburg Road, Easton, PA 18045
(610) 258-0875
Pastor Chris Druckenmiller
emergency contact: (610) 331-6717

Hospital Codes:

Easton: L35

St. Luke's: 316

Lehigh Valley, Allentown General, Muhlenberg: 316

If you are admitted to the hospital, please give them our code so they can notify us of your admittance. A family member should still inform the church office so visitation arrangements can be made.

COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Following the service on Sunday, February 5, we will be collecting monetary donations and also canned soups for the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” Our goal is **600** cans/packets by February 28 which will then be donated to local food banks and soup kitchens. There is a collection table in the Gathering Area. Remember that many people in our area have nothing to eat! Please give generously!

PRAYER HEALING BLANKETS

The Healing Blanket Ministry here at St. Paul's III is for everyone—whether a church member or not.

The idea behind the blanket is that the person be healed in body, mind, and spirit. They are on the center table in the Narthex. Please sign the green book when you take one.

HOAGIES, HOAGIES, HOAGIES!

The Hoagie Sale is an ongoing fundraiser. We are selling tickets for 6-inch “shortie” hoagies from WaWa, which can be purchased from Stephanie Druckenmiller for \$5 each. There is a large selection from which to choose and they can be used at any WaWa in the United States.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

WARMING CENTER

The Warming Center is a program coordinated by Sate Harbor Easton to help homeless people during severe winter cold weather. We are collecting new or clean, gently-used coats, gloves, scarves, and hats for adults for this project. Look for the designated donation area in the Gathering Area. This will be ongoing throughout February.

SECOND SUNDAY

Please remember that the second offering received during worship on the second Sunday of each month is used to support various social ministry agencies and issues in our local community, Synod, E.L.C.A., and our world. In **January we collected \$178.37 for 12 Baskets Full** (the food pantry at St. Paul's South Side). In **February**, the recipient is the **Center for Animal Health and Welfare**. Please continue to support these important programs.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Remember to bring canned and non-perishable goods for three area food banks—ProJeCt, Salvation Army, and St. Paul's Lutheran South Side ("12 Baskets Full"). There is a list of needed items next to the Food Bank collection basket on the table in the Gathering Area.

CENTER for ANIMAL HEALTH and WELFARE

The Center is always in need of towels, sheets, blankets, kitty litter, cat and dog food, laundry detergent, bleach, and office supplies. It depends almost solely on donations for its operation.

Remember, animals are no longer euthanized unless absolutely necessary (illness, history of bad behavior). If you need any items picked up, contact Georgi Weiser.

ST. PAUL'S STITCHERS

This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall. A knowledge of sewing is not required. We make tie-quilts for Safe Harbor and lap robes for Gracedale. We also prepare and deliver a lunch for Safe Harbor. Presently, the group is working on a new signature quilt for our 150th anniversary in 2018 to replace the one currently hanging on the wall in the Narthex. If you haven't signed your signature square, please contact Marion Babp.

VALENTINES for SHUT-INS

Unable to attend church, our home-bound members are grateful to receive cards from their church family. They appreciate being remembered. Send a Valentine, stop in for a visit, or give them a call. It will make you feel good too! (*See next page for list.*)

Schedule of People Serving for

FEBRUARY 5 10 AM – EPIPHANY 5 / BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Acolyte	Bella Guiducci
Ushers	Jim Dorsa to oversee Boy Scouts
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Harold & Betsy Ziegler
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Counting Team # 2 A	

FEBRUARY 12 10 AM – EPIPHANY 6

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Margaret LaDuca, Renee Golaszewski, Daryle Davidson, Vincent Guiducci
Lay Reader	Carol Jiorle
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Georgi Weiser, Cheryl Nielsen
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeter	Joy Sales
Counting Team # 3 A	

FEBRUARY 19 10 AM – EPIPHANY 7

Acolyte	Nancy Frey
Ushers	Laura & Jim Dorsa, Joy Sales, Shirley Stillo
Lay Reader	Bev Brodhead
Communion Assts.	Karen Fretz, Vincent Guiducci, Bev Brodhead
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Greeter	Sandy Matyger
Counting Team # 4 A	

FEBRUARY 26 10 AM – TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD

Acolytes	Bev Brodhead, Micki Stout, <i>Crossbearer:</i> Vincent Guiducci
Ushers	Rich & Georgi Weiser, Barbara Miller, Carol English
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Harold & Betsy Ziegler, Margaret LaDuca
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeters	Ed & Sue Becker
Counting Team # 1 B	

Schedule of People
Serving for

MARCH 5 10 AM – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Acolyte	Bethany Druckenmiller
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch, Daryle Davidson, Sallie Smull
Lay Reader	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Communion Assts.	Al & Barbara Arthur, Margaret LaDuca
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeter	Christian Sponder
Counting Team # 2 B	

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS FROM ST. PAUL'S THIRD

Doris Adams 610-252-0405	2024 Ealer Avenue Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> May 17, 1928
Decima Assise	The Easton Home 1022 Northampton Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> Jan. 20, 1934
Walter Auch 610-746-1274 256-497-4244 (cell)	Moravian Hall Square 175 W. North Street Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Oct. 19, 1920
Jack & Kathleen Bennett	Country Meadows 4011 Green Pond Road Bldg. 5, 2 nd fl, Room 501 Bethlehem, PA 18020	<i>Birthdays:</i> Jack: March 11, 1927 Kathleen: Jan. 16, 1926
Lillian Bethman 610-252-2787	Weston Senior Living 2222 Sullivan Trail, Rm. 211 Easton, PA 18040	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 11, 1916 (101st birthday)
Bob Halpin 610-253-8177	629 Pierce Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> March 7, 1929
Grete Hollesen 610-837-6257	14 Woodsbluff Court North Bath, PA 18014-8203	<i>Birthday:</i> July 11
Jo Madson	1857 Ferry Street Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i> Feb. 17, 1928
Ruth Marcavia 610-248-9348	Old Orchard Manor Care 4100 Freemansburg Ave., Room 234 Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 7, 1920
Janet Marshall	Gracedale – SE 2, Room 1 2 Gracedale Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Apr. 26, 1930
Nancy & Wayne Sandt 610-252-2435	2728 Nazareth Road Easton, PA 18045	<i>Birthdays:</i> Nancy: June 25, 1937 Wayne: Nov. 8, 1936
Mae Shimer 610-588-7731	1016 Miller Road Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Dec. 16
Reuben Spurrier 610-248-5631	2351 Fourth St., Avona Heights West Easton, PA 18042	<i>Birthday:</i>
Elverna Turner	Gracedale – Tower 10, Room C-1 2 Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	<i>Birthday:</i> Sept. 3, 1931

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1	Sandy Matyger	17	Jo Madson
	Kim Weimert	22	Brett Aldinger
2	Heather Compton		Fran Greene
3	Oliver DeRogatis	23	Donna Compton
8	Nicholas Roberts	25	Pat Reagle
9	Kelly Higgins	26	Harris Grier
13	Marie "Pat" Proctor	27	Janine DeRogatis
14	Kyle Aldinger		Tyler Milkovitz
15	Jackson Harris		

ANNIVERSARIES

2/07/86	James and Donna Loveland
2/14/82	James and Laura Dorsa (35)
2/14/93	Robert and Robin Moran
2/18/67	John and Joyce Gosch (50)
2/26/60	Harry and Pat Steckel

*We apologize if we missed your birthday or anniversary.
Please notify the office... we don't want to repeat this oversight.*

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Music Director	Nancy Broadbent
Parish Secretary	Sallie Smull
Sexton	Carole Bell

Church Council and Officers

Daryle Davidson	President / Stewardship	610-905-5991
Vincent Guiducci	Vice-President / Property Co-Chair	610-248-9956
Micki Stout	Secretary / Community Growth & Fellowship / Mutual Ministry	610-252-1584
Ed Becker	Scouts Chair	610-253-4470
Bev Brodhead	Asst. Financial Secretary	610-258-9935
Betty Buckley	Social Ministry / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-252-8896
Joe DeRogatis	Property	610-559-0927
Margaret LaDuca	Worship & Music Chair	610-252-4369
Ron Pflugler	Property Co-Chair	610-837-1831
Joy Sales	Social Ministry / Community Growth & Fellowship	610-253-0022
Mike Smallets	Stewardship Chair / Financial Strength	610-972-0605
Brenda Van Horn	Worship & Music	610-252-4017
Tom Young	Financial Strength Chair / Property	610-258-1321

Committee Lay Chairs and Volunteer Staff

Sarah Frey	Treasurer / Financial Strength	610-905-7474
Cheryl Nielsen	Financial Secretary / Social Ministry Chair	610-253-7867
Pattie Corcoran	Office Assistant	610-559-0485
Karen Fretz	Altar Care Supplies	610-258-5736
Stephanie Druckenmiller	Community Growth & Fellowship Chair	610-837-2457