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**MARCH 2017**

*“But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
Philippians 3:20

The Apostle Paul was a Roman citizen. Historic estimates vary, but only somewhere between one and ten percent of the Roman population were actual citizens. The rest were slaves or subjects (conquered people) who had little or no rights to speak of in terms of seeking justice or help in Roman society. So it was no small thing for Paul to be a Roman citizen. In one encounter, he is about to be flogged by a Roman centurion, but when he tells him that he is a Roman citizen, everything changes and he is treated with respect. He is taken to the commander who removes his bindings and grants Paul some freedom while his case is dealt with. Paul was a natural-born citizen who had every right to be proud of his citizenship. He was trained in the law of the church and was a Pharisee who was extremely zealous in enforcing the law. Yet he regarded all of these things as rubbish compared to knowing Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He understood that his Roman citizenship meant nothing when it came to living in God's kingdom.

As Christians living in the United States of America, we are in a position similar to Paul's. Travel outside of the United States and you can clearly see that Americans are given preferential treatment. When I was in Europe last year, our bus had to go through some security checkpoints while armed guards looked on. But as soon as the “password” was given, we were immediately waved through without a second glance. What was the password? *Americans*. We value our citizenship. We are proud of it. But we need to remember that it is not our citizenship as American citizens that has the final say. It is our citizenship in heaven that matters more than any nationality on earth. No earthly ruler is our Savior. Only Jesus saves us!

*Pastor Chris*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS/ (SHORTAGE)</u>
JANUARY	\$ 10,327.84	\$ 12,770.42	(\$ 2,442.58)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 10,327.84	\$ 12,770.42	(\$ 2,442.58)

### **THANK YOU!**

- ProJeCt of Easton thanks the “congregation for their donation of \$173.00 to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thank you for helping us *to help people help themselves.*” This was our Second Sunday collection in December.
- Third Street Alliance for Women & Children sent a letter acknowledging “with much appreciation, your recent donation for the purchase of bus passes.” This was part of the proceeds from our Holiday Dinner in December.

### **MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

Ash Wednesday, March 1, begins the season of Lent and the beginning of our mid-week Lenten services. This year, they will be 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 and questions.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Place</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.

## ***LENTEN BIBLE STUDY***

During the Lenten season, we will offer the chance to engage in a study every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm (beginning March 7). The focus this year will be on the passion story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, and burial as seen through each of the four gospels. Understanding the context of each gospel writer and the audience to whom they were writing will help us understand the differences in how each of them wrote these final chapters of each gospel and what it means for us today as we read them. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Area.

## ***SHINY THINGS and LENT***

Why do we put away all of the "Shiny Things" during the Lenten season: the gold cross, the candlesticks, the gold chalices, and even the offering plates? Lent is a time to focus our attention on what is truly important. Many people do this by giving up some of their favorite things so they can give more of themselves to what really matters. By putting away the "Shiny Things" in the church, we symbolically recognize this need to remove anything that might distract us from focusing our attention on truly worshiping God. We still have candlesticks and chalices and offering plates, but they are more earthen and simple, made of pottery or, in the case of the offering baskets, wicker. They are still beautiful to look at, but different enough to, hopefully, cause you to stop and think about their true purpose, to focus your attention back to God and our worship of God alone.

## ***CHANGES in COMMUNION during LENT***

During the season of Lent, there will be no singing of hymns during the time of communion. You are invited to engage in a time of silent prayer and meditation. Please use this time to prayerfully give thanks for the blessings in your life, to ask God's guidance for areas of uncertainty, and to ask God's presence for yourself or those who need his healing embrace. Communion will also be by intinction during all of Lent as we simplify our celebration of communion. We will commune one side of the congregation at a time. As you come forward, please take the wafer from the Pastor or communion assistant and dip it in the chalice before placing it in

your mouth. There will be two chalices to choose from. The one closest to the pastor will contain wine. The second will have grape juice. You may say “Amen” after receiving the wafer and the wine or grape juice.

## COMMUNITY GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

### ***SOUP COLLECTION***

We have been collecting canned and/or packaged soups during the month of February. Our goal is **600** cans/packets which will then be donated to local food banks and soup kitchens. There are already more than 400 collected. We will have the grand total in next month's issue!

### ***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.

## STEWARDSHIP

### ***CONGRATULATIONS from THRIVENT***

In 2016, over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars to more than 32,000 churches, schools, and nonprofits. St. Paul's Third received \$2,389 in charitable outreach funding through member recommendations. Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars to our church. All Choice Dollars for 2016 expire on March 31, 2017, so please check your account and act now!

# MARCH

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](mailto:sp3office@rcn.com) / Pastor Chris: [sp3pastor@rcn.com](mailto: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.stpaulsthird.org](http://www.stpaulsthird.org)

***DIRECTORY*** – There is a new updated email directory in the church office, should you need information.

**The *HERALD* DEADLINE for the  
APRIL issue is March 15.**

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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.

## MILESTONES

### **DEATH**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Janet Frankenfield at her death on January 22. Pastor Chris officiated at her funeral service on January 26 here at the church. Donations to the Memorial Fund of St. Paul's Third are being accepted in Jnaet's name.

### **BAPTISM**

On Sunday, February 19, Jayde Redell Williams was baptized into the Lord's family. Her parents are Robert James Williams and Tiffanie Marie Stragratanio.

*We receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the heavenly father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.*

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### **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 **February, we collected \$92.00 for the Center for Animal Health and Welfare**. In **March**, the recipient is the **Salvation Army**. Please continue to support these programs.

### **"FAMILY PROMISE" . . .**

. . . is an interfaith hospitality network, providing housing and support to homeless families. Currently, St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Easton is the only area church that is working with Family Promise of Warren County. Typically, they act as host church for one week every three months. During that week, this is what is needed: preparing and serving a cooked evening meal, acting as hosts/hostesses from 6-8 PM, being overnight innkeepers from 8 PM to 7 AM. A group of our women has volunteered several times and found it very fulfilling. If you'd like more information, please see Betty Buckley.

## ***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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ODDS & ENDS**

### ***TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD . . .***

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12.  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

## ***EASTER FLOWERS***

If you would like to purchase an Easter flower to decorate the church during this festive season, there will be order forms on the table in the Gathering Area soon. If you are unable to pick up a form, please call the church office and we will take your order and you can send a check. The plants cost \$8.00 each. If you don't want your plant, please indicate that when you order. Deadline is APRIL 2.



# *Schedule of People Serving for*

## **MARCH 5                      10 AM – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

## **MARCH 12                      10 AM – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Acolyte	Nancy Frey
Ushers	Margaret LaDuca, Renee Golaszewski, Daryle Davidson, Vincent Guiducci
Lay Reader	Daryle Davidson
Communion Assts.	Micki Stout, Cheryl Nielsen
Prayer Partner	Carol Jiorle
Greeter	Shirley Stillo
Counting Team # 3 B	

## **MARCH 19                      10 AM – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Acolyte	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>
Ushers	Joy Sales, Sallie Smull
Lay Reader	Jeff Stout
Communion Assts.	Stephanie Druckenmiller, Bev Brodhead
Prayer Partner	Margaret LaDuca
Greeter	Christian Sponder
Counting Team # 4 B	

**MARCH 26**

**10 AM – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Acolyte	Bella Guiducci
Ushers	Barbara Miller, Carol English
Lay Reader	Rich Weiser
Communion Assts.	Margaret LaDuca, Georgi Weiser
Prayer Partner	Stephanie Druckenmiller
Greeters	Jim & Kitty Van Horn
Counting Team # 1 A	

## *Schedule of People Serving for*

**APRIL 2**

**10 AM – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Acolyte	Bethany Druckenmiller
Ushers	John & Joyce Gosch
Lay Reader	Jordan Druckenmiller
Communion Assts.	Harold & Betsy Ziegler
Prayer Partner	Bev Brodhead
Greeters	Ed & Sue Becker
Counting Team # 2 A	

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS FROM ST. PAUL'S THIRD

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

# MARCH

## BIRTHDAYS

2	Laurie Reagle	10	Jake Fretz
3	Bruce Fretz		Mackenzie Sadlon
	John Roberts	19	Stephanie Sutton
4	Isabelle Henley	20	Linda Moscaritolo
	Erika Milkovitz	21	Barbara Pflugler
	Brenda Van Horn		Shirley Stillo
6	Elaine Drescher	22	Howard Davidson
	Evan Moscaritolo		Donna Loveland
	Brayden Potter		Lynne Neel
7	Robert Halpin	24	Ed Becker
8	Ed Dean	25	Piper Fretz
10	Betty Buckley	27	Eric Steible
	George Edwards	30	Stephanie Daniels

## ANNIVERSARY

3/27/1993

Bob and Donna Reagle

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

# St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church

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Pastor's e-mail: [cdrucken1@gmail.com](mailto:cdrucken1@gmail.com)

## Church Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Chris Druckenmiller
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