

# THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2024

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 120 N. Easton Rd. Glenside PA  
19038

**Saint Paul's Lutheran Church**  
presents  
**The Nutcracker with Pages to  
Pirouettes**

**Saturday December 14 at 3 PM**

Tickets at the door: \$10/person; children 3 and under  
free

Ticket includes ice cream social following the performance



**Sunday, December 29 - ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM**

**DECORATE**  
the church

**You are invited to join  
us in decorating the  
church on December  
21 at 9:00 AM.**



**SERVICES:**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 PM FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**9:00 PM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**9:30 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE with Communion**

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**C**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
FROM THE **S**TAFF



**Pastor Henrik Sonntag,  
Vicar Daniel Marrone,  
Rae Ann Anderson,  
Kathleen Getz,  
Nancy Carbine,  
Bob Sutton,  
&  
Christina Garcia**



I am so excited that Advent 1 and December 1 coincide this year! That means we won't have to wait to open the first door on our Advent calendars.

It would be nice if it could always work out this way. But the first Sunday of Advent is always determined by its closeness to the feast day of St. Andrew, which is November 30. (So, next year's Advent 1 will actually occur right on the feast day, November 30.)

But, back to this year's Advent. I don't know about you, but around the holidays I always feel compelled to reminisce about

past years. (It is probably a sign of aging.)

As a child in Germany, I remember having to learn little poems that could be recited on demand. This usually happened when visiting with family, but also in nursery school and Kindergarten. (In Germany, Kindergarten is not part of school.)

It wasn't a difficult task. Reciting those poems would net some sweet treats and lots of praise from the adults who remembered the poems from the time when they were little kids.

I have to admit that this tradition has stopped in my own family. While I remember my kids learning nursery-school rhymes and performing programs for Christmas, I didn't teach them the poems I learned as a child. Maybe I was a little self-conscious about the poems, as they were of more secular nature and not particularly religious.

Here is a sample:

*Advent, Advent, ein Lichtlein brennt,  
erst eins, dann zwei, dann drei, dann vier,  
dann steht der Weihnachtsmann vor der Tür.*

Translated into English:

"Advent, Advent, a candle is burning,

first one, then two, then three, then four,  
and then Santa Claus is in front of your door.”

At school we expanded it to say:

“And when the fifth candle burns,  
then Santa Claus overslept!”

Which, of course, rhymes in German:

*Und wenn das fünfte Lichtlein brennt,  
dann hats der Weihnachtsmann verpennt!*

The poems I learned as a child were focused on the secularized part of Christmas. (I did grow up in East Germany, after all.) Santa Claus and gift-giving didn't require the religious component of the holiday but became a sort of religion in and of itself. Sometimes I wonder whether our society now is in some regards even more secular than it was back then when it comes to Christmas.

The fact that Santa Claus is by now universally recognized and celebrated apart from the holiday's Christian origin is rather amazing—or sad, depending on how you look at it.

But this situation has the potential of providing us with an opportunity for connection similar to that of St. Paul preaching to the Greeks at the Areopagus rock in Athens (Acts 17:15-31). Paul noted that he had found an altar dedicated with the inscription, “To an unknown god,” in case they had missed a god they didn't know the name of. Then he went on to show those who were willing to listen that God *can* be known to us, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He encouraged his listeners to “search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.” (Acts 17:27)

I am not saying that we should all put bumper stickers on our cars announcing that we are “Keeping Christ in Christmas.” But we can find a way to talk about how Christ is and always will be present, when we start talking about the hope that is within us.



That could be our Christmas gift to those we come in contact with. Let's use the secular Christmas tradition as a starting point for a conversation.

Returning to Advent provides wonderful opportunities to unplug.

Light a candle, listen to some of your favorite music, and start reflecting on the words of the songs, on the experiences you might have had and the places where you heard the music.

My wife and I love listening to the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, because the music reminds us of our student days and listening to Evensong in Cambridge. (We actually went to St. John's College in Cambridge to listen to the music because it was closer to where we lived—right across the street. But the music is very similar.)

Enhance the experience with some of your favorite coffee or tea and some cookies (or, in my case, Stollen). Although I didn't grow up a Roman Catholic, I also love the use of incense during the Advent and Christmas season.

Going deeper into the message of Advent can help us to let go of our fears and acknowledge that as followers of Jesus we believe that the world is in God's hands, as the children's song says. "He's got the whole world in his hands."

Advent teaches us that even though the world around us is nowhere near the promised peace and newness of life, we shouldn't give up on the hope and promise that Christ will come again. All we are asked to do is to practice readiness. To stay alert.

But I have another honest confession to make here. While I sit there with the warmth of the candles, some coffee, my favorite treats, and possibly a word from Scripture, I can only stay alert for so long. Sometimes a little snooze overcomes me. I hope to wake up in time before the candles have burned down too far.



But I feel that it is okay. Staying alert cannot be an all-day kind of thing. (Remember that our Creator rested on the seventh day.) The important part is that we keep the connection to God and that we take time to let God help us discover it.

My prayer is that we all will have a meaningful and God-filled Advent time. Join us for our services on Sundays and find as many opportunities as possible to sit with God, listen to God's word, and uncover and share the hope that is within us.

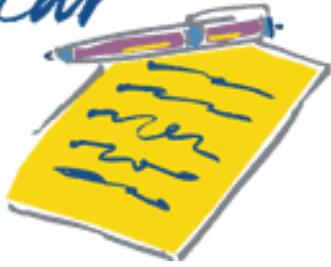
Many blessings to you and yours.

With much love,

Pastor Henrik



## From the Vicar



For the past few weeks, I have led an adult education class here at St. Paul's on the topic of dreams, dream interpretation, and theology. This class truly was a group effort, and it is not an exaggeration to say that without the enthusiastic participation of those who showed up, it would never have been possible in the first place.

Not only was it a blast to teach and engage others in conversation around this fascinating topic, but I felt my own understanding of dreams growing as I heard story after story from those who attended. These were stories of profound, numinous, and even miraculous dream experiences.

I have been asked by several different people who were unable to attend the classes whether I could send them my lecture notes for their own reading. Unfortunately, my notes are written in my own indecipherable shorthand, and therefore useless to anyone other than myself. Because of this, I thought I would summarize the class for this month's Messenger article.

The question which drove the class from the very beginning was this: "What do we make of dreams from a theological standpoint?" (Or more to the point: "Why talk about dreams in church?")

For some people, dreams are simply meaningless, nonsensical images produced randomly by the brain. For others, dreams are expressions of imaginative unconscious thought and can therefore be meaningfully interpreted.

However, what some may not know is that beyond the realm of psychology, dreams have been viewed as having religious or spiritual importance by nearly every culture in human history. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to look back through history and find a culture that did not hold dreams to be gateways to the sacred in some form. The reasons for this are obvious if one examines dreams more closely. All over the world, people frequently report having religious experiences in their dreams.

Through the class, we examined almost every category of religious dream experiences, but here is one of the most common: the majority of Americans (roughly 60% by the best polling estimates we have available) report having had *visitation dreams*.



A visitation dream is a dream in which a deceased person actually seems to visit the dreamer. This is not the same as simply having a dream about a deceased person. In a visitation dream, the dreamer is fully convinced that the deceased person is actually in their presence. Typically, the deceased person consoles the dreamer, and (most importantly) the dreamer wakes up with a lasting sense of peace or comfort. It is a profound experience for those who have had it.

Since people throughout human history have had dream experiences like this, it should not be a surprise to find that dreams hold religious significance for most cultures across time.

Indeed, one place where we find dreams spoken of in this manner is actually the Bible itself. Throughout the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, we hear reports of dreams that fall into two categories.

There are *message dreams*, in which God (or an angel) speaks to the dreamer and tells him or her something he or she didn't know prior to falling asleep. And there are *symbolic dreams*, in which the dreamer is presented with a series of symbols and images that must be interpreted in order to decipher the dream's meaning. These dreams generally serve the purpose of predicting future events.

The class examined the latest scientific research on dreams to learn more about how dreams actually work. By putting together all three of these categories—human experience, Scripture, and science—we were able to see that dreams are of both psychological and spiritual use.

As one prominent dream researcher, Kelly Bulkeley, summarized it, there are big dreams and small dreams. *Small dreams* are your everyday dreams which can be analyzed and are of psychological use. However, as we discussed with regard to religious experiences, there are also *big dreams* that are instantly recognized by the dreamer to be, as the name suggests, bigger than simple psychology: they are transcendent, spiritual, and very often transformative.



If there is one major takeaway from this class, it is to pay close attention to your dreams. Write them down, think about them, take them seriously. And if you have a big dream, a dream that really shakes you to your core or opens you up to a new perspective, consider the possibility that there is more than just your biological brain at work within you when you are asleep.

With blessings,

Vicar Daniel

**W-WAS it ... JUST  
... A DREAM?!?**





## Stewardship Message December 2024

On Consecration and Christ the King Sunday, our guest preacher Marcia Bell admonished us to scatter the seeds of gratitude and generosity. She reminded us that the healthy congregation that St. Paul's is today has been built in part on the generosity of past members. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34). Know that your heart and your treasure belong to Jesus. All good things come from God and we return a small portion so that the kingdom will flourish.

There is still time to pledge. [You may set up your giving online](#), return your pledge card to the church office if you have not yet done so, or contact the church office for a pledge card. Remember these are confidential indications of your intent for giving in 2025, not binding, and tallied by the financial secretary.



### ENJOY A CAROL SING AROUND THE FIREPLACE!

**On Sunday, December 1, at 9:15 AM with Paul Kinsey.** Please plan to gather around the fireplace in the Great Room to enjoy singing Christmas Carols! You can select your favorite song to sing with friends while you enjoy the warmth from the fireplace.

**Saturday, December 14 at 3:00 PM Pages to Pirouettes' Nutcracker.** Hear the enchanting story, then see it come to life in a ballet to the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky. Tickets at the door: \$10/person; children 3 and under are free (includes ice-cream after the performance)



**We invite all members of our congregation to join us in decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 21, at 9 AM.** This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and help prepare our church for the Christmas season. Your time and talents will make our sanctuary even more beautiful for the holidays. We look forward to seeing you there!

**COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES!**  
**EVERYONE LOVES COOKIES!**

Sign up sheets for baking, packing and buying are in the Great Room. Cookie sales this year will be **Sunday, December 15** after both services. All proceeds will be donated to the Pastor's discretionary fund. We sold out the last two years, so if you would like cookies, be sure to sign up to reserve yours. Baked cookies can be dropped off the evening of **Thursday, December 12** between 5:00-7:00 PM. Come join the fun of packing cookies on Friday, **December 13** at 4:00 PM. If you have a cookie tin from last year, please return it to the bin under the coat rack in the Great Room. Contact Vickie MacMillan with any questions at [Vickie.MacM@gmail.com](mailto:Vickie.MacM@gmail.com) or text or call 215-384-5622.



**The Next Six: Part III is on its way!** This will be the last of the three solo cello recitals in this once-in-a-lifetime series by Ajibola Rivers. Over the course of six years, Rivers composed six suites for solo cello; highly technical, unaccompanied performance pieces that showcase the power, nuance, and beauty of the instrument. This concert will premiere Suite No. 5 in Bb Minor and Suite No. 6 in D Major.

Ajibola Rivers is a professional cellist, bass guitarist, and a self-taught composer. The idea to write six cello suites came to him during an artist fellowship he attended in Memphis, TN. What started out as a training exercise quickly transformed into an opportunity for a unique cross-cultural initiative, pairing the Baroque counterpoint style of Johann Sebastian Bach with modern jazz. Writing and performing this work has developed both his writing and playing technique, and he plans to use his refined skills to create new work and continue "unfinished conversations" between different cultures and peoples.

The final recital will take place on Sunday, December 29 at 4:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The concert is free admission with a free-will offering. We hope to see you there!



An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. It can provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With a gift to God's Global Barnyard, an ECLA Good Gifts initiative, you can make a difference by helping a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty. Choose a gift that means the most to you or give one honoring a loved one or friend. (Some gift choices follow.) Whatever your gift, it will give struggling families hope for a better future!

**CHICKS** - When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals but can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

**ROOSTER** - Adding a rooster to a chicken coop helps a farm grow! More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and to sell at the market.

**HONEYBEES** - Honeybees provide honey to eat and beeswax to transform into handcrafted soaps and candles, allowing a farmer to start a small business selling these products. And as an added bonus, bees boost crop growth on the farm by pollinating plants.

**PIGLET** - This gift is a source of natural fertilizer, helping a family's crops grow. If need be, a pig can be sold at the marketplace with the funds used to pay school fees for children or to cover an emergency trip to the clinic.

**GOAT** - Goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for families. Goats are also incredibly quick to reproduce, providing an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others.

**SHARE OF A COW** - One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day, providing a calcium-packed source of nutrition for growing children. A family can start a small business selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more.

There are several ways to give -

- Through this congregation ... by placing your gift in the offering plate, by mailing it to St. Paul's, or by donating via St. Paul's website. Please designate your gift as "God's Global Barnyard." (Checks payable to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*.)
- Online to ELCA: <https://goodgifts.elca.org>
- By phone to ELCA: 800-638-3522
- By mail to ELCA: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009  
(Checks payable to *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*)

Visit the display in the Great Room throughout December for more information, order forms, etc. Any questions can be directed to Dot Sutton ([dsutton222@comcast.net](mailto:dsutton222@comcast.net)).

Give a gift that shares the Christmas spirit and changes a life!

What better and more meaningful way is there to remember and celebrate God's greatest gift to you?

~~~ GOOD WORKS TEAM ~~~

**Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside**  
presents  
**The Nutcracker**  
with **Pages to Pirouettes**



**Saturday December 14 3pm**  
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church  
120 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA  
19038

Hear the enchanting story and see it  
come to life to the beautiful music of  
Tchaikovsky.

A wonderful experience for  
all ages.

Tickets at the door: \$10/person;  
children 3 and under free  
Ticket includes ice cream social  
following the performance

Free parking; SEPTA routes 22, 77, and regional rail (Glenside Station)  
<https://stpaulsglenside.org>

Pages to Pirouettes celebrates the arts of storytelling and ballet: hear  
the story, then see it come to life through dance and music.

**[www.pages-to-pirouettes.org](http://www.pages-to-pirouettes.org)**

AJIBOLA RIVERS PRESENTS  
**THE NEXT SIX**  
**PART III**

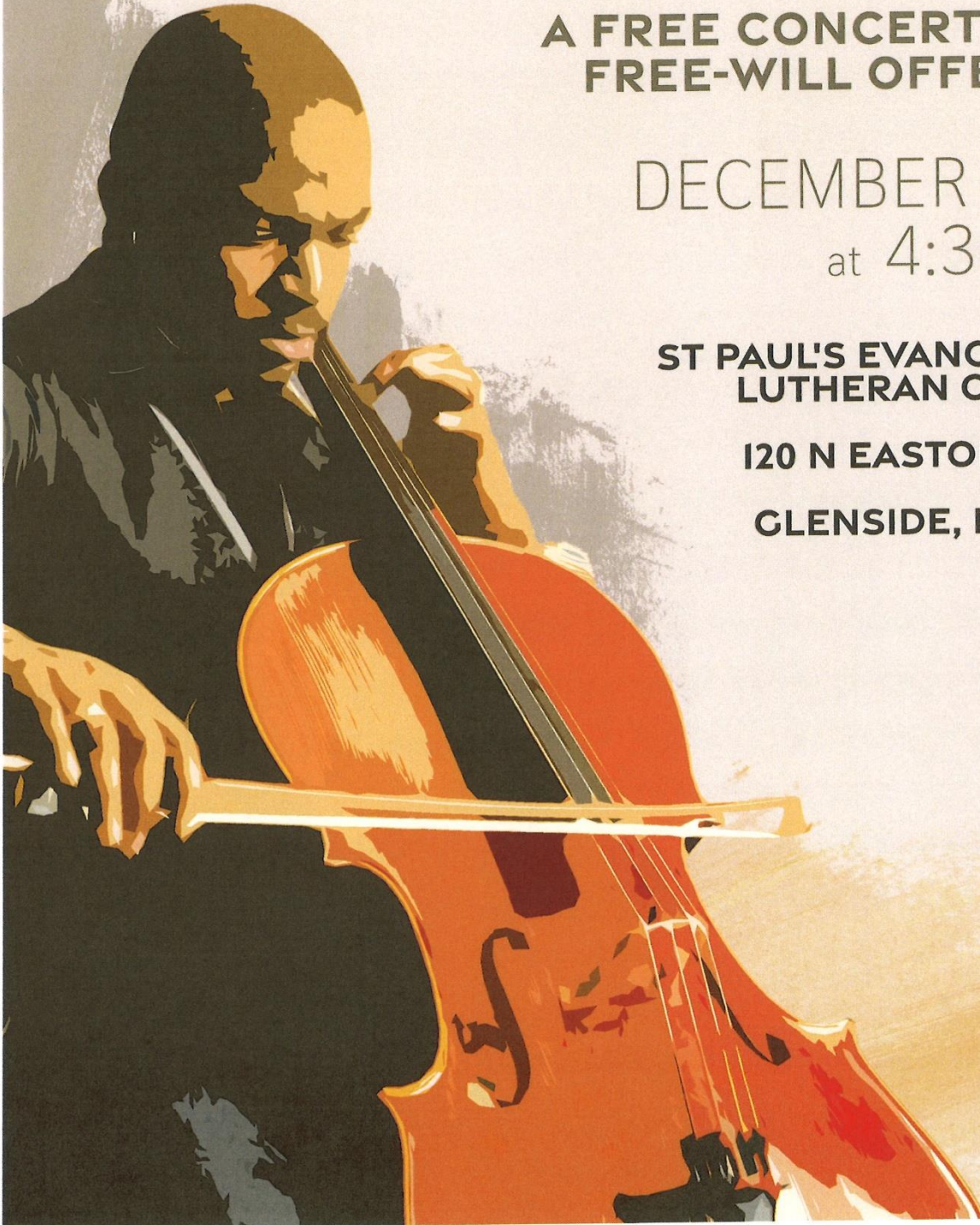
**A FREE CONCERT WITH  
FREE-WILL OFFERING**

DECEMBER 29th  
at 4:30 PM

**ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**120 N EASTON ROAD**

**GLENSIDE, PA 19038**





## Dear St. Paul's Family,

We are pleased to announce that St. Paul's will once again be partnering with Lutheran Settlement House to help spread joy to families in need during the holiday season. We will be collecting new items and gift cards for this giving event. A list of gift ideas for children and adults is on the display table at the Roberts Avenue entrance. Please place your unwrapped purchases in the receptacles provided through December 8. Thank you for your continued support in spreading God's love to our extended community. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Kinsey at 215-672-9311 / [jbarkin58@verizon.net](mailto:jbarkin58@verizon.net)

*Kind Regards,  
The Good Works Team*

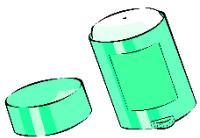
## RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Do you have a pile of old holiday lights that are beyond hope? Recycle them! **A Better Way Recycling** can turn them into roofing and construction materials, piping, car batteries, other electronics, lead wheel weights, flatware, jewelry and more. Here's what to do: take your (unbagged) lights to Mom's Organic Market (925 Easton Rd., Abington PA 19001, 267-341-1550) and put them in the marked bin near the front

entrance. You can also contact Janet Bischoff, and she will deliver your lights to Mom's. Call her at 215-543-0494 to make arrangements.

Mom's is accepting old holiday lights from now until January 31. Nationally, Mom's customers diverted 17 tons of holiday lights from the landfill last year! This is a good way of caring for creation, and we're grateful for the opportunity to join in.



**The personal care items we use every day can be hard to come by for many.**

The Good Works Team will be gathering a collection of full-size toiletry items

(e.g., deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, body lotion, hand lotion, etc.), as well as new women's and children's underwear and socks, in January and February. These items will be distributed to the community served by Lutheran Settlement House. Receptacles for this collection can be found in the Great Room.

The congregation's generosity in helping to provide these necessities is much appreciated! Our thanks to everyone for "Sharing & Caring!"

*Good Works Team*



# Annual Reports

Annual reports from all staff, council and committee members, circles, ministries and groups (including but not limited to Oktoberfest, Social Ministry, Sunday School, Fair Trade, Financial Secretary, Memorial Garden, etc.) are due on **Friday, January 17, 2025** in order for the document to be compiled and published at least three weeks prior to the upcoming Congregational meeting. Not sure if you need to do one or what to include? Please note that submissions may be edited for grammar and syntax errors, and formatting for continuity throughout the report.

Contact Chris at the office at 215-844-3005 or

[cgarcia@stpaulsglenside.org](mailto:cgarcia@stpaulsglenside.org)

[rg](#) for a copy of last year's report.

## Food Pantry Update!

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. Please keep it in mind as you prepare for Christmas this year. We need: beverages (juices/coffee/tea); baking staples (oil, flour, sugar, spices/extracts), boxed potatoes and stuffing, canned or individual servings of fruit, oatmeal; pancake mix & syrup; spices; condiments; spaghetti/tomato sauce; peanut butter & jelly; toiletries; paper products; and snacks. In addition, donations **of gift cards** to be used for Christmas turkeys and hams are always appreciated. Thank you.

## Mark Your Calendars!

Now that we are entering the holiday season, here are some dates to keep in mind. More details to follow:

**Dec 1** -The First Sunday of Advent  
Carols around the fire

**Dec. 8**- The Second Sunday of Advent,

**Dec 14**- The Nutcracker

**Dec. 15**- The Third Sunday of Advent,

**Dec 15**- Poinsettia orders due

**Dec 15**-Cookie Sale

**Dec 21**- Decorating of the

Sanctuary 9 AM-All are welcome to join!

**Dec 22**- The Fourth Sunday of Advent,

**Dec 24** - Christmas Eve services

**Dec 25** – Christmas. Office closed

**Dec 29**-Service schedule change 9:30 AM service only



# Good News from the Pews

| December | Names                  | Anniversary | Couples Names                       |
|----------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2-Dec    | Susie Pierce Mills     | 8-Dec       | Tracey & James Riemenscheider       |
| 6-Dec    | Allison Craig          |             |                                     |
| 6-Dec    | Jack Parks             |             |                                     |
| 15-Dec   | Caelan Donahue         |             |                                     |
| 17-Dec   | Ellen Walker           |             |                                     |
| 20-Dec   | Kathleen Kolb          |             |                                     |
| 21-Dec   | Sue Parks              |             | <b>November accidental omission</b> |
| 25-Dec   | Carol Mallen Hall      |             | 7-Nov Marie Woodring                |
| 26-Dec   | Michelle Wojciechowicz |             | 28-Nov Richard Woodring             |
| 28-Dec   | Eleanor Metcalfe Lee   |             |                                     |
| 29-Dec   | Ed Hayes               |             |                                     |
| 30-Dec   | Katie Metcalfe         |             |                                     |
| 31-Dec   | Connie Campbell        |             |                                     |
| 31-Dec   | Nicholas Davatzes      |             |                                     |



**We would like to welcome new members, Christopher and Colleen Ojeda to St. Paul's.** Below is a short biography: Colleen and I have been married 11 years. We met while working as nurses at the hospital of University of Pennsylvania. We have three daughters, Petra, JoJo, and Frieda. Colleen was raised in a Catholic church and Catholic school so the lasses were baptized Catholic. I was raised in Immanuel Lutheran in Somerton so St. Paul's feels like home. Petra has been in Sunday School here while attending CCD classes at St. Albert the Great. Ultimately she decided St. Paul's is where she wants to be. St. Paul's is where our family would love to continue our spiritual journey! After two plus years of attending we would like to officially join!



**Belated happy birthday wishes to both Marie and Richard Woodring.** Marie's birthday was November 7 and Richard's birthday was November 28. Though Marie and Richard reside in Connecticut, they continue to join us faithfully online every Sunday.



**Thank you to this year's Confirmation class: Tommy Erat, Wesley Ritter, Jason LoMaistro, Alma Ojeda, and Austin Reiff for your help filling our College Care Packages!**



**From left: Vicar Daniel, Tommy, Wesley, Jason, Alma, Austin, and Pastor Henrik**

# From the Heart



**Dear St. Paul's,**

Just wanted to let you know what you did was, well, ... wonderful. Thank you and God Bless you.

Thank you for the flowers, *Dominic DiSandro*

**Dear St. Paul's,**

A thank - you to our community for being such amazing neighbors. With your help, kindness and support, we are able to partner with the community as we address homelessness and hunger--one family at a time.

--*Family Promise, Montco PA*



**Dear Friends of Global Refuge,**

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$ 150.00 to Global Refuge. Your gift sparks innovation and fresh perspectives, enabling us to magnify our impact. With more than 100

million people around the world displaced from their homes, we have seen tremendous growth I the need for our essential and innovative services, and I cannot thank you enough.

As we shared earlier this year, we have changed our name from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to Global Refuge. We believe this change will build a bigger table of supporters to help us in our mission to serve even more immigrants and refugees. On behalf of Global Refuge and those whose lives you have touched, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Let us continue this remarkable journey together, united by compassion and inspired by the limitless potential of every human being.

With Gratitude,

--*Andrew G. Steele, Chief Development and Mobilization Officer*



**Dear Pastor Henrik,**

Please share with everyone at St. Paul's our deepest gratitude for another fabulous Oktoberfest. Your great reputation grows each year, as more people come out for your top notch food, cheer and

entertainment. The \$14,000.00 that the church raised for Lutheran Disaster Response- Eastern Pennsylvania is a tribute to all the hard work you put into this event.

I was delighted to work with the committee and to help coordinate the auction. As is true every year, there were great items available . I'm always impressed by the handmade entries and the homemade brews, favorites for most who come through to place their bids.

St. Paul's is our biggest champion in the work that we do to help survivors of disasters. You bring comfort and hope to them as you support their long journey to recovery.

It warms my heart to see the good people of St. Paul's sharing the love of Jesus through service.

Thank you for all that you do.

In Christ,

Julia Frank

Director of Community Outreach

# Panettone French Toast Casserole



## Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 8 large eggs
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 cups heavy cream, divided
- cooking spray
- 1 (26.5 ounce) loaf panettone
- 2 tablespoons salted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 (6 ounce) container fresh raspberries
- ½ cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

## Directions

1. Place cream cheese and brown sugar in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment; beat at medium speed until smooth and creamy. Beat in vanilla and salt until well incorporated. Add eggs one at a time, beating until well blended. Gradually add milk and 1 cup cream, beating at low speed, until well incorporated.
2. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
3. Cut panettone loaf into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Arrange slices in 2 or 3 rows, overlapping slightly, starting from a short end of the baking dish.
4. Pour cream cheese-egg mixture evenly over the panettone slices, gently shaking the baking dish to evenly distribute the liquid. Cover with aluminum foil and refrigerate, 8 hours to overnight.
5. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Uncover the baking dish. Brush melted butter over the casserole; sprinkle with sugar.
6. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Rotate the baking dish 180 degrees and continue baking until the custard is set in the center, about 30 minutes more. Cover with foil during the last 10 minutes of baking to prevent overbrowning, if necessary.
7. Meanwhile, beat remaining heavy cream and powdered sugar in a medium bowl using a hand mixer on high speed until semi-firm peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve casserole warm with whipped cream, raspberries, and almonds.



# Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Cost per poinsettia is \$12.50

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email

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Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out the form exactly how you would like your memorial or honorarium to read. Due to the large volume of memorials, very long dedications may be edited.*

*Please mail your order and payment (cash or check made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church) to arrive **by** Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.  
You may also scan the QR code to be linked directly to online payment.*







# Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

*Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.*



## WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

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"Today in the town of David a \_\_\_\_\_  
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV


# December Serving Schedule

This schedule is subject to change

| Date | Time    | Acolyte         | Assisting Minister |                | Greeter/Usher                 |                  | Flower delivery  |
|------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1    | 8:00 AM | Gabe Picado     |                    |                | Kathy Kersul-Wiener           |                  | Harry Van Pelt   |
|      | 10:30   | Lewis Ritter    | Matt Mitchell      |                | Fred Helbig                   | Marilyn Kowalick |                  |
| 8    | 8:00 AM | Jason LoMaistro |                    |                |                               |                  | Harry Van Pelt   |
|      | 10:30   | Tommy Erat      | Betsy Berglund     | Jane Kinsey    |                               |                  |                  |
| 15   | 8:00 AM | Austin Reiff    | Julie Gable        |                | Ed and Linda Hayes            |                  |                  |
|      | 10:30   | Wesley Ritter   | Jane Kinsey        | Marsha Hunt    | Fred Helbig                   |                  |                  |
| 22   | 8:00 AM | Tommy Erat      | Alix Davatzes      |                |                               |                  | Marilyn Kowalick |
|      | 10:30   | Claire Picado   | Pat Lackman        | Glenn Rall     | Marilyn Kowalick              | Emerson Corsey   |                  |
| 24   | 4:30 PM | Alma Ojeda      |                    |                | Fred Helbig, Marilyn Kowalick |                  | Group Effort     |
|      | 9:00 PM | Jason LoMaistro |                    |                |                               |                  |                  |
| 29   | 9:30    |                 | John Berglund      | Leslie Maxwell | Marilyn Kowalick              | Emerson Corsey   |                  |
|      |         | Gabe Picado     | Betsy Berglund     |                |                               |                  |                  |



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# Thoughts and Prayers

Betsy Ahlum  
 Rodney Barnhart  
 Martha Baum  
 Betty Bortmann  
 Fr. Joe Brandt  
 Robert Breuer  
 Claudette Brown  
 Conrad Bush  
 Jean Cristaldi  
 Leslie D.  
 Jerome & David  
 Dr. Steven Deets  
 Peggy Donlon  
 Angela Giordano  
 Roselee Feinour  
 Peter di Filippi  
 Kathy DiSandro  
 Flossie F. & Gloria F.  
 Mario F.  
 Tom Finney  
 Leona Finney  
 Rina Fresnak  
 Chad Friedman  
 Glasgow/McDermott  
 family  
 John Gillespie  
 Jenna Gresko

Earl H.  
 Jill Hamilton  
 Arlene Hayes  
 Charmaine Hoff  
 Oscar Hoffmann  
 Bernard & Barbara  
 Hoffman  
 Sonja Ingebristen  
 John  
 Cathy Keim  
 Thubi Kolmobe  
 Tom Lackman  
 Linda Landes  
 Sandra Ellis-Killian  
 Boaz Lazarus-Klein  
 Carol Lange  
 Zach Lean  
 Anita Lukach  
 Joe Lukach  
 Sue and John  
 McLaughlin  
 Gwendolyn Neveil  
 Ariella Notarianni  
 Nancy O'Conner  
 Dr. Michael Pladus  
 Deborah Pancoe  
 Scott Robinson

Robertson/Fragale family  
 Jerry Rogowski  
 Robert Rumnock  
 Toby Sauer  
 Mary Ann Saurman  
 Barbara Sheppard  
 Sarah Schumaker  
 Brad Schutt  
 Mary Sims  
 Annabelle Sittler  
 Richard Sittler  
 Paul Siojewski  
 Stephanie Smith  
 Lucille Stimmel  
 Jane Storm  
 Rachel Stube  
 Grace Stumpf  
 Pastor Karl Stumpf  
 Jerry Sutliff  
 David Van Pelt  
 Harry Van Pelt  
 William W.  
 Don Wolf  
 Jenn Wetzell  
 Richard Woodring  
 Marie Woodring



Private First Class  
 Carson Campbell



The family and loved ones  
 of Jeanne Lewis  
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