



Messenger

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

April 2025

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 13

8:00 & 10:45 AM Worship Service with Eucharist.

We leave at 10:20 AM from St. Paul's Narthex for the "Blessing of the Palms" with St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church and Lighthouse United Methodist Church on Easton Road. Joint blessing of the Palms at St. Luke's Church. Those who wish to remain in the sanctuary will join in the singing of "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" as we process into the sanctuary from outside.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

7:30 PM Holy Thursday Worship Service with Eucharist and Living Last Supper portrayal.

During the Living Last Supper, thirteen men from the congregation will portray the last meal of Jesus with the disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

12:00 PM Good Friday Community Walk through Glenside, with interdenominational witness. Meet in the St. Paul's parking lot.

7:30 PM Good Friday Worship.

SATURDAY, April 19

9:00 AM Set up for Easter Services in the sanctuary.

10:00 AM Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY, April 20

8:00 & 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Services

9:15 AM Easter Breakfast at Fellowship Hall





While the better part of the month of April is still rooted in the season of Lent, I cannot help but look forward to Easter.

On my recent journey to Germany, I learned something new in regard to Easter decorations. As we were visiting the house of one of my relatives there was a little pyramid on the table. But it wasn't decorated with Christmas figures like the ones that I have in my house. This pyramid had some happy little bugs

carrying flowers and generally looking very happy. The wings of the pyramid looked like flower petals.

I loved it because it infused warmth during the earlier chillier days of the almost springtime and took the joy of one of my favorite times of the year right into a season that I typically have no decorations for at all. You could even make a connection in terms of the Easter and Christmas seasons. Lent and Advent are very similar as both ask us to prepare for the arrival of the good news of Christ's birth at Christmas and Christ's resurrection at Easter.

As a church we prepare for the Easter season by having extra services throughout Lent. There are soup suppers and the Holden Evening Prayer that can help us connect with each other and with God. Just as the days are getting longer and the sun is getting stronger our faith has a chance to grow as well.

Together with 13 men of the church we are preparing for the annual portrayal of the Living Last Supper. The Bible study is always very interesting. Although for one Sunday I was like Thomas, who wasn't there when Jesus appeared after the Resurrection and the doors were shut, I knew that some wonderful conversations happened around the story of Lazarus, who died and was raised again by Jesus.

I heard that one of the participants pointed out that in this passage, Jesus is trying to demonstrate the reality of resurrection to his disciples and all others that were witnesses of that marvelous sign. Although Lazarus died again after having been raised by Jesus, the witness of this story continues to remind and inspire followers of Christ.

These words are especially helpful when one is saying goodbye to a person that has passed on to be with God. The promise of the resurrection

and the Lazarus witness from the Bible make it clear that as Christians we have good reason to dare to hope.

Whether you look at John's gospel saying that Jesus has prepared a place for us and that he will come to take us to himself or to Isaiah who talks of a big party on the mountain of God with good food and good wine, those spirit-filled words have the power to mend broken hearts and even induce the hope that we have to look forward to a reunion with those that have gone to be with God before us.

In the meantime, we can be filled with gratitude for the time that we have been given with a loved one. And no matter how long it was, we will always wish for more. It always hurts when the final curtain falls, and we are asked to move on without our loved one.

The celebration of the Resurrection is one big party. We get a glance of what it will be like when this gift has been given to the whole earth. We symbolically use sparkling wine on Easter for communion and the Happy Hippos are not only fun but also signs of the crazy joy that God wants us to experience. While we really celebrate this joy of the Resurrection every Sunday, Easter is of course special with the extra flowers, the wonderful music and the gatherings of family and friends.

My prayer is that our spirits will continue to be lifted up and that we will be able to share that joy with people we meet. Let us witness to the love of God that knows no bounds that we see in Jesus' death and resurrection.

I mentioned Thomas earlier in this article. I find him especially inspirational because he wasn't there when Jesus first visited the disciples after the resurrection. He spoke his mind freely and told everyone that he would not believe it unless he experienced it himself. This really is a good missional tool. Like Thomas we all are in need of experiencing the Risen Christ in community. So when the disciples gathered again, Jesus came and made sure that Thomas had that personal experience. And then he said those words that changed his life and the life of everyone who was touched by God's amazing grace: *My Lord, and my God*.

Jesus continues to show up for us regularly. He blesses our community, and I am convinced that people have encounters with Him whenever our community is gathered and we listen and pray together.

May the peace of God flood our hearts and help us to be messengers of the Good News.

In joy and anticipation of Easter, and with much love,
Pastor Henrik



A Note of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has expressed their sympathies through cards, words, and prayers on the passing of my grandmother. I was extremely blessed to be able to conduct her services back in Germany. It was of great comfort to all of us to be together as a family and celebrate her life.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Pastor Henrik and family



Video Games as a Spiritual Discipline

We talk a lot about *spiritual disciplines* during Lent: activities or practices that are spiritually nourishing or invite contemplation on the sacred. Here is why video games can be a spiritual discipline.

Hear me out.

Some may be used to thinking of video games as, at best, a harmless, if childish, form of play -- at worst, a pointless distraction. It is something that young people do when they should be doing their homework and going outside.

However, it should be noted that, historically, every new art form is met with the same suspicion. In the fourth century B.C., Plato stated very forcefully in *The Republic* that poetry and art distract from the main purpose of life: the cultivation of virtue and rationality. In fact, Plato went as far as to say that in an ideal society, poets should be exiled. This perspective still persists to this day, as even avid readers sometimes look askance at people who spend their free time reading fiction (or worse, *genre* fiction). Movies were met with the same skepticism upon their invention, not to mention TV!

Video games arrived in the 1970s and 1980s, gradually becoming one of the most ubiquitous forms of entertainment, particularly among young people. There were many voices from the beginning that recognized the artistry found within video-game design. However, it wasn't until technology advanced to the point that you could have long-form narrative video games that displayed the same level of depth in their writing, voice acting, cinematic framing, and music that you would typically find in film or TV that the mainstream view of video games began to change dramatically.

Over the years, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City has presented an exhibition called *Never Alone: Video Games and Other Interactive Design*, with different video games for people to explore.

You might well say, "Okay, I can accept the idea that video games can be art. But what is all of this nonsense about being a *spiritual discipline*?"

To that I would say: it is a very small step -- indeed, possibly not even a step at all! -- to get from art to spirituality. Nobody would doubt the spiritual potential of meditating on other works of art, like a painting or a piece of music. So, if we can agree that video games are an artistic medium, then they too can become spaces of spiritual reflection and cultivation.

This all occurred to me as I completed playing through the *Dark Souls* trilogy, one of the most acclaimed and influential video games in the history of the medium.

Designed, written, and directed by Hidetaka Miyazaki, an artistic mind of the highest caliber, this series of games follows a lowly human who embarks on a quest through a nightmarish landscape of crumbling kingdoms populated by monstrous creatures, in order keep a primordial flame from being extinguished, ushering in an age of darkness. There is so much to say about the incredible artistry in this game, but I want to focus on one of its more spiritual aspects.

Each game in this series is notorious for being extremely difficult and unforgiving; whereas many video games try to put as many features into the game to propel the player along and not get stuck at any one part, the *Dark Souls* games begin with the expectation that your character will die many, many, *many* times...

This can be immensely frustrating, and many players find this level of difficulty not conducive to a fun time. However, the reason for this difficulty is baked into the story itself. In the world of *Dark Souls*, humans are incapable of *truly* dying -- they are condemned to immortality. But every time you die, you become weaker, and weaker, and weaker -- your health bar shrinks, and your strength diminishes. The story refers to this process as "going hollow" -- the more you die, the hollower you become, until you are so hollow that your character goes insane.

What is so ingenious about this feature is how true to life it is. In life, we die many, many, *many* deaths. As Martin Luther famously stated in his *Lectures on the Psalms*, "[it is] not understanding, reading, or speculation, but living — nay, dying and being damned — [that] make a theologian." Our many deaths, our many mistakes, our many failures, teach us far more about God and about ourselves than our victories and successes.

Like a well-trained theologian, Miyazaki understands this; he is not content to simply send the player out into a world to die many times and go hollow. Throughout the story you encounter many other characters, some who have been broken by the world, and others who courageously endure it -- both of whom encourage you on your way.

As you fight your way from level to level, your character grows stronger, and you, as the player, grow more confident, you *learn how to fail well*, and you learn to never give up hope.

Eventually, your diligence is rewarded, and at the end of each game with your quest behind you, your player ascends to his or her rightful throne.

There is a genuine feeling not only of accomplishment, but of having withstood against a sea of adversity, and having refused to merely “go hollow” and lose all hope. By not merely thinking about this but actively *doing it* through the game, you embody this pattern of dying and rising, and are left, as the player, thinking about the many deaths you die in your life, and how those have perhaps brought you closer to God on your journey through this world.

All of this, from a video game. Unexpected, I know...

Don't you dare go hollow,

Vicar Dan





EASTER EGG HUNT –

April 19!

Please join us on Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for a morning of crafts, storytelling and an egg hunt to celebrate the season! We will meet in Fellowship Hall and weather permitting, we will enjoy the egg hunt outside!

Request: We are looking for tiny donated goodies (i.e., stickers, wrapped candies, etc., to fill eggs - please drop off in the church office or the Great Room. We will also have empty plastic eggs available in the Great Room if you would like to grab some to fill and return to the office by April 15. Thank you!



EASTER BREAKFAST POTLUCK - APRIL 20!

Please join us for an Easter breakfast potluck on Sunday, April 20 from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (Please note: there will be no Sunday School this day).

Request: Food donations and volunteers for set up (8:45 a.m.) and clean up (10:15 a.m.) are needed - please use the sign-up sheet located in the Great Room. Please contact Vicar Daniel with any questions! Thank you!



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE! SAVE THE DATES!

We are looking forward to the next running the Church Rummage Sale. It will be held during the week of April 6. Here is a snapshot of the schedule:

Sunday April 6 —Drop-offs begin

Wednesday April 9 — Set up of the fellowship hall in the evening

Thursday, April 10— Sorting/Organizing and pricing will occur during the day with a congregation exclusive sale in the evening

Friday, April 11 — evening public sale (6pm-9pm)

Saturday, April 12 — public sale/bag sale (10am-2pm), with clean-up/break down and storage or transportation of items to recycling centers thereafter.

More details will follow in subsequent Messengers, the Tidings and notices. As always we are hoping for lots of good, lightly-used donations, and also, more especially, volunteers of all sorts. Look for posters and signup sheets in the great room.



Stewardship Message

In the season of Lent it is time to contemplate the gifts from God to his people, such as the gift of a son to Abram and Sarai in their old age. Their son's descendants would be as numerous as the stars of the heavens. But our reflections culminate in the ultimate gift from God: Jesus, his Son, human and divine, whose death on the Cross and Resurrection we celebrate each year in this season.

The joy and gratitude that this ultimate gift inspires in us, prompts us to bear witness, to give our gifts of time, talent and treasure, as we are able, to further the spreading of the Good News through the ministries of our church home and other agencies in our community.

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! For Us! Spread the Joyful News!

Cathy Keim, for the Stewardship Team



THE CHOIRS OF ST. PAUL'S TO SING *BENEDICITE* ON MAY 4

There will be much music in the air at St. Paul's on Sunday morning, May 4. For the 10:30 a.m. worship that day the Chancel and Children's Choirs will come together to present Andrew Carter's *Benedicite*. This is a multi-movement work that is a song of praise for all of God's creation.

The Benedicite is also known as *The Song of the Three Children* (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego). When the three realized that God had protected them from King Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace, their jubilation exploded with a song praising all that God had created. This text is not in the Hebrew version of the book of Daniel but comes from the early Greek translation of the Old Testament.

Andrew Carter's work was inspired by the *Benedicite* carvings in the restored south transept vault of York Minster in England. The text comprises a selection of verses from the *Benedicite* canticle, freely arranged and added to. There are songs of praise for green things, sun and moon, whales and waters, thunder and lightning, and spirits and souls. But there are also songs of praise for badgers and hedgehogs, butterflies and moths, and Grannies and Grandads! This musical celebration of creation will be enhanced with extra instrumentalists. This is a wonderful worship experience to invite family and friends to enjoy.

AN ASPIRATIONAL JESUS FOLLOWER

As Lutheran Christians, we endeavor to follow the Loving and Forgiving God of the Holy Scriptures. Weekly, we hear about Jesus and how he made himself a servant of all that he might win more of them (1 Corinthians 9:19 “Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.”). A Jesus whose blessing and invitation extends to us; “Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness [i.e., decency, honesty, forgiveness] for they [you] shall be filled (Matthew 5:6).” An invitational Jesus whose outstretched arms welcome each of us; “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Weekly, we renew our relationship with this loving God by gathering as the people of God. In worship we frankly acknowledge our sinful, unjust, and ungovernable world, and we confess that we are, in many ways, “aspirational” followers of Jesus, hoping to be more faithful. We gather because of God’s abundant love for each of us; God has given us both the courage and freedom to grow in faith ... to be God’s people in this place.

So, we celebrate and worship our Lord and we acknowledge the sacredness of the gift of each human life and the dignity of all people; that we care about our climate (Mother Earth); that we recognize the individual potential of every human being (saint). But we also acknowledge the potential for evil (sin) within us, and in our neighbor, that destroys the hope of what is possible for our lives, society, and our world.

The number of Christians following the Ten Commandments and the ethical guidance of the Sermon on the Mount seem to be dwindling. Throughout our wonderful nation and world, churches are poorly attended with many members of our community choosing isolation, loneliness, unhappiness over congregational fellowship, a fellowship where smiles, songs, hugs, tears, happy birthdays, expressions of sympathy, stories, and celebrations occur.

When we worship together, we are greeted by our Lord. Though our corporate and individual prayer requests, our Lord hears us. Our Lord floods our lives with the love of forgiveness, renewal, and hope.

I admit it! I am also “aspirational” follower. Thankfully, God hasn’t given up on me! But I can’t do this alone! I also need the support and prayers of fellow members to remind me to be ready for our Lord. “I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in....(Revelation 3:20). For God so loves *each of us* that he gave his only Son so that we should not perish but have eternal life.(John 3:16)

--Pr. Ken Feinour, St Paul’s member.





Scavenger Hunt: Look around St. Paul's and see if you can spot these things:

- Beautiful new chairs and shelves in the church office
- Gorgeous cushions for people needing extra support in the pews; these are at the main entrance
- Happy kids heading off for a week at Bear Creek
- Lovely flowers surrounding the outside fountain
- A group of adults holding discussions based on the ULS program "Aging Grace-fully"

All of these initiatives are the result of Faith In Action grants that fall under the category of Ministry Initiatives Within the Congregation!

Is this your year to apply for a FIA grant for this category or one of the others (Outreach or Capital Projects)? Go here to find out more: <https://stpaulsglenside.org/2025-faith-in-action/>

Mardi Gras Fun!

The annual St. Paul's Mardi Gras Party on March 2 featured pancakes, sweets, games, dancing and music by The Ragged But Right Trio (Michael Harrington, guitar and vocals; Ajibola Rivers, cello and electric bass; and Daniel Marrone, guitar and vocals). The trio played country, pop, and gospel songs by Fats Domino, Johnny Cash, Townes Van Zandt, Bob Dylan, John Prine, Tom Waits, Elvis Costello, and more. Thanks to the many volunteers who cooked, set up (and took down) tables and chairs and helped make this event a success!



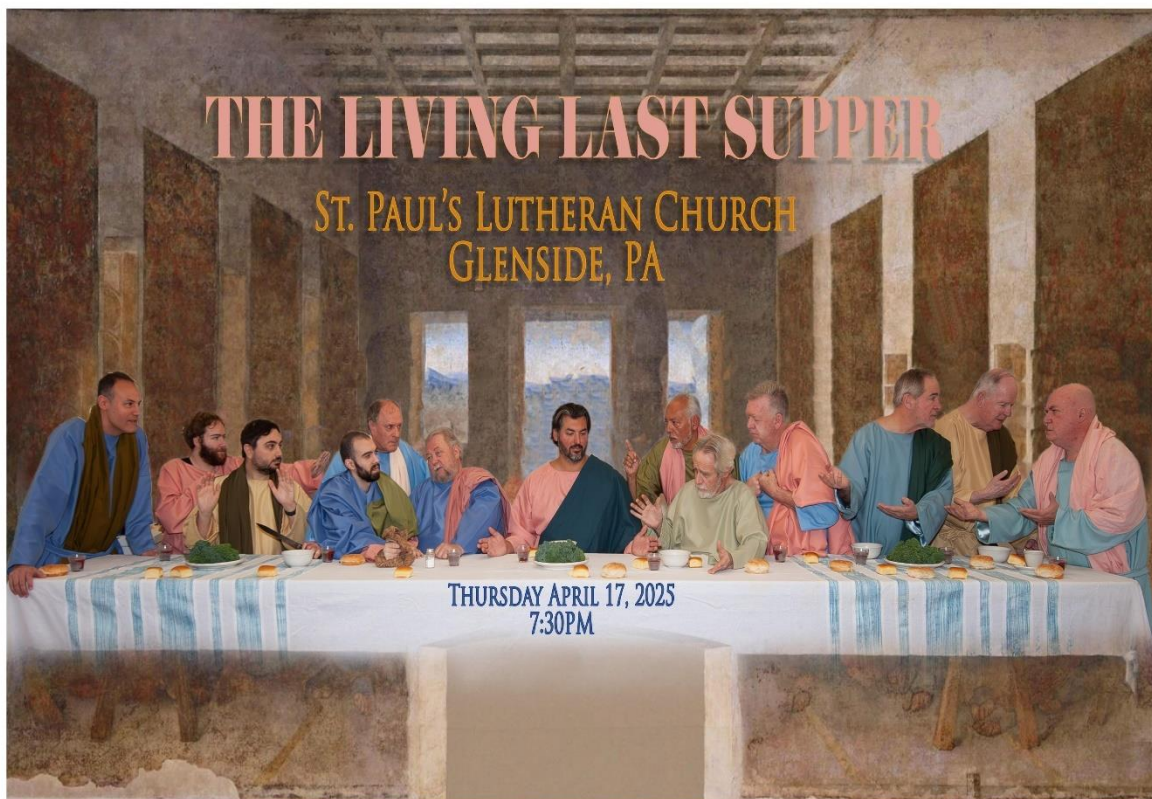




THE LAST SUPPER

The annual Living Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 17, will once again feature the Chancel Choir performing music by Ruth Elaine Schram and thirteen men of the church portraying Jesus and his disciples.

Each disciple will present an original monologue based on the Sunday Bible studies they have been doing since February 23.





Help Wanted on Sunday, April 27, after the second service!

Hi everyone. I am Lilly Davatzes, and I received a Faith In Action grant to address an issue that affects countless individuals in our communities. It's a silent struggle that many endure – period poverty. We will be making bags of menstrual hygiene products to be given out at our pantry and by "One House at a Time," a nonprofit organization that tirelessly works to provide beds and bedding for children in need. Many of the moms they work with have noted their struggles in having access to these products they so desperately need. Through this grant, we have purchased the supplies, and now we need your help to bag these up! We will have a bagging party (with pizza!) after the second service on April 27, come join us!

LET'S LEARN!



LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Learning Opportunity

The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Rajashekar has worn many hats, among them pastor, seminary professor, author, and Executive Secretary for Interfaith Studies and Relations at the Lutheran World Federation, in Geneva, Switzerland. He also happens to be a member of St. Paul's, along with his wife, Pastor Esther Rajashekar!

Dr. Rajashekar has graciously agreed to teach two Sunday morning classes between church services on **April 27** and **May 4**, based on his recent publication entitled *On Being Lutheran – A Concise Introduction to the Lutheran Faith*. Even for those of us steeped in Lutheranism, it can be daunting these days to have a conversation about the word *evangelical* (as in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), when the current cultural understanding of that word has acquired so much baggage. A close look at who we are and what we believe is welcome and timely.

On Being Lutheran is scholarly yet brief, a handy summary of Lutheran history, theology, worship practices, governance and inclusivity. It provides a global view of the church, including the six ethnic ministries of the ELCA. Copies will be available to participants at no charge. Look for additional information in the Sunday *Tidings* during April. If you would like to attend, please use the sign-up sheet in the Great Room. Or just show up! Everyone is welcome!

Announcements

Lenten Soup Suppers are back! Join us Wednesday April 2 and 9 at 6:30 PM for a meal before worship at 7:30 PM.



SUNDAY SCHOOL. JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 - 10:15 AM for in-person classes.

Ages 3 to Pre-K (Room 201); Grades K-2 (Fellowship Hall);
Grades 3-6 (Room 101, next to the downstairs elevator).

Join us for The Holden Evening Prayer every Wednesday evening at 7:30 throughout Lent. The final Holden Evening Prayer will be on Wednesday, April 9.



Exciting news from our Pathfinders hiking

group! Our very first event will take place at Lorimer Park, 183 Moredon Rd., on Sat. April 12 @10AM.

Please meet at the Park's parking lot across the street

from the park's entrance. This location was selected to be inclusive of all age groups, from children to older adults. It has benches along the trail with a hard packed dirt surface. Please consider bringing bottled water & snacks! The entire trail is 2.5 miles, but we will only walk at most 2 miles in and 2 miles back. Those not able to walk as much, can rest on one of the many benches on the trail. We are thoroughly looking forward to our inaugural Pathfinders event!



First Communion class will take place on **April 6** at 12:00 PM in Room 200. If you are interested in having your child receive first communion, please see Pastor Sonntag or reach out to office administrator Chris Garcia in the office via phone or email.



are due April 21.

Messenger Deadline Reminder If you would like to submit an article to our monthly newsletter, please send it to cgarcia@stpaulsglenside.org no later than the third Monday of every month. Articles for the May Messenger



Exciting News! St. Paul's has a new website!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new website for St. Paul's! Designed to be more user-friendly and informative, our new site makes it easier than ever to stay connected with our church community. We invite you to explore the site, and we'd love to hear your feedback—your thoughts will help us continue improving this online home for our congregation! Visit us at Stpaulsglenside.org



We want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and support of our food pantry. Thanks to your continued donations, we are pleased to share that our pantry is currently well-stocked and able to serve those in need. Your contributions make a profound difference, not only for the members of our church but also for many families within our local community.



A note of thanks:



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has expressed their sympathies through cards, words, and prayers on the passing of my grandmother.

I was extremely blessed to be able to conduct her services back in Germany. It was of great comfort to all of us to be together as a family and celebrate her life.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

--Pastor Sonntag and family.



Dear Friends at St. Paul's

Thank you! You make our Foster Care for unaccompanied Refugee minors program possible. Because of you, we can serve more refugee children, youth, and families. You have made a huge difference.

Thank you for being so thoughtful and generous. With Gratitude,

Bethany Christian Services



Hello Pastor Sonntag,

Thank you for all you at St. Paul's has done for so many at Lutheran Settlement House!



To the St. Paul's Family,

It was a dreary Sunday when your altar flowers were delivered and brightened up the day. I didn't get to see/meet the flower deliverer as my husband answered the door-thanks to him and the St. Paul's family for providing a bright spot during my recuperation.

Betty Sedgwick



Dear St. Paul's

Many thanks for the beautiful altar flowers and supportive message of condolence delivered to us upon the death of Mike's sister, Helen. They brought beauty on an otherwise gloomy day. We also appreciate the prayers during her illness and for our family in this sad time.

Mike, Sue and Liz Edelman



Dear St. Paul's

Thank you for the flowers for Izzy on Sunday. She went back to school on Monday and is doing better this week. They made her smile!

The Pratt family



Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church:

We have been asked to inform you that the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home of Glenside is arranging to have a young tree planted in memory of Jeanne K. Lewis. This memorial tree will be planted during the earliest appropriate season on public lands in the state of Pennsylvania. John. R. Freed, Jr. of the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home hopes that you will find solace in the fact that this lovely tree,

symbolic of strength and future growth, will grace the countryside.

The living memorial to Jeanne K. Lewis is part of a large endeavor, in cooperation with reforestation efforts in the state of Pennsylvania, to restore the landscape and our environment with the eternal beauty of living trees. Please accept our expression of sympathy along with that of the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home, who have provided this memorial to Jeanne K. Lewis.

*Sincerely yours,
Nate Pearson, President
Lofty Oaks Association*



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 in support of our programs. Bethany believes every child deserves to be loved, connected and safe in a family-because family has the power to change everything.

Our work together matters. It brings hope. It saves lives. It literally changes a child's world. And we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for partnering with us and standing in the gap for children and families in need.

*Blessings.
Renee Paulsell
Vice President of Philanthropy*



Dear Dot Sutton and the Good Works Team,

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Settlement House and the children, adults, and families we serve. Your gift of \$200 spreads hope and joy, and helps our clients find safety, compassion, and healing. Your commitment makes a

difference in people's lives, people like Devon.

Devon came to Lutheran Settlement House after leaving an abusive relationship. She was new to the city and looking for a community to help her heal from the abuse and chart a new course for her future. "I knew I needed to get my mental health in order to catapult forward." And catapult forward, she did. With support from her counselor and case manager, within a few months, Devon repaired her credit, created a resume, and found safe housing.

After Devon had a place to call home, she was able to focus on other goals, including her career. "I found that the people who helped me throughout my journey were the people I really wanted to be like. Because who I am today, I'm very, very proud of."

Today, Devon is a children's health case manager and member of Lutheran Settlement House's Survivor's Network where she uses her experience to educate healthcare providers, researchers, and students about domestic violence. Helping people define their future is at the heart of our work. As a donor, you remind our clients that in the most vulnerable moments of their lives, they are not alone. Thank you for being there for Lutheran Settlement House; we are honored to have you as part of our family.

Sincerely,

David Chiles

PS: Powerful Together, our biggest event of the year, is coming up on Tuesday April 29th. To learn more, visit our website at www.lutheransettlement.org, or write me dchiles@lshphilly.org. I hope to see you there!

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Dear Good Works Project Team,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our welcome church community. We will use your gift to help fund our two women's groups offering a place of respite, conversation and shared meal for those living on the street.

We are grateful!

Pastor Violet Little

The Welcome Church of Philadelphia





Our “Hand-Dipped Chocolate Covered Easter Egg Candy”

Chocolate Covered butter cream Easter Eggs, including coconut, vanilla, and peanut butter available for purchase on Palm Sunday, April 13 and Easter Sunday, April 20.

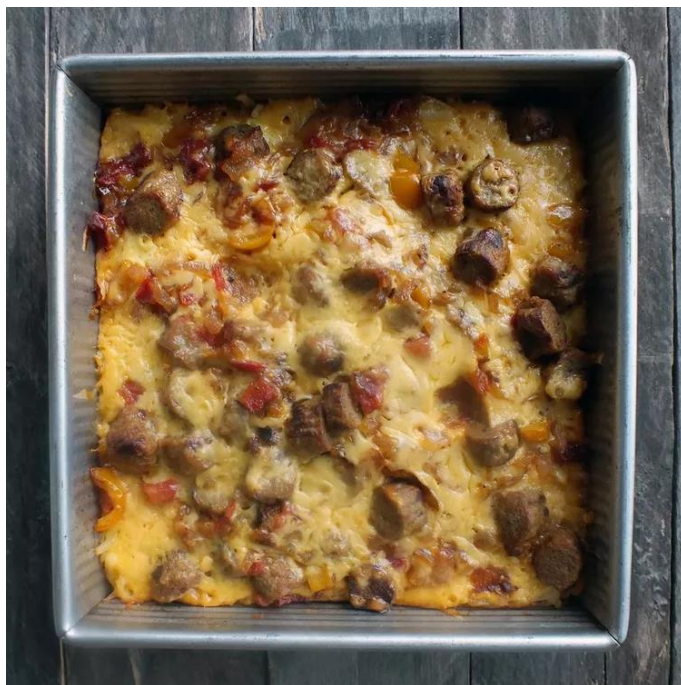
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Please call or text me at 215-317-9762, or email BHLECH@outlook.com if you need anything more.

--Thank you. Dave Lech

**Keep a close eye on your Tidings for
the most up-to-date information!**

Best Breakfast Casserole (Hash Browns & Eggs)



Ingredients

- 1 (2 pound) package frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1 pound pork sausage
- 1 small onion, diced
- 5 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ⅛ teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 12 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8-inch square pan; add hash brown potatoes and arrange in an even layer.
2. Place sausage and onion in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir until the sausage is browned and crumbled, about 10 minutes; drain.
3. Meanwhile, whisk eggs, milk, onion powder, garlic powder, salt, and pepper together in a large bowl until well combined; pour over the potatoes and sprinkle with 1/2 of the Cheddar cheese. Add sausage mixture on top and sprinkle with remaining Cheddar. Cover with aluminum foil.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Remove foil; return casserole to the oven and bake until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean, about 10 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL	NAMES	APRIL	NAMES
6-Apr	Valorie Merkle	14-Apr	Grace Sekelewski
6-Apr	Karen Ruth	14-Apr	Alicia Simpson
7-Apr	Elaine Craft	20-Apr	Michelle Allen
7-Apr	Fiona Mallen	22-Apr	Natalia Migone
9-Apr	Ted Fricker	23-Apr	Nelson Cordon
9-Apr	Mandy Frisco	25-Apr	Grace Carnavil
9-Apr	Laura Mitchell	28-Apr	Dale Ayton
11-Apr	Silvia Allen		
11-Apr	Elizabeth Embery	ANNIVERSARY	COUPLES NAMES
13-Apr	Sandra Riemenschneider	5-Apr	Amy & Andy Riemenschneider
		13-Apr	Randi & Brian Gill

Did we miss your special day? Please let us know your birthday or anniversary so that it can be included in future editions of the Messenger.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Betsy Ahlum
Rodney Barnhart
Martha Baum
Jeremy Birnbaum
Betty Bortmann
Fr. Joe Brandt
Robert Breuer
Claudette Brown
Conrad Bush
Jean Cristaldi
Leslie D.
Jerome & David
Dr. Steven Deets
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
Dick Harrington
Arlene Hayes
Charmaine Hoff
Oscar Hoffmann
Bernard & Barbara
Hoffman
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
Lucas Palumbo
Dr. Michael Pladus
Deborah Pancoe

Scott Robinson
Robertson/Fragale family
Jerry Rogowski
Rondinelli/Montgomery
families
Robert Rumnock
Toby Sauer
Mary Ann Saurman
Barbara Sheppard
Brad Schutt
Lois Shores
Mary Sims
Annabelle Sitler
Richard Sitler
Stephanie Smith
Lucille Stimmel
Jane Storm
Rachel Stube
Grace Stumpf
Pastor Karl Stumpf
Jerry Sutliff
Jane Vanderliew
Don Wolf
Jenn Wetzell
Wolfgang
Richard Woodring
Marie Woodring



Private First Class
Carson Campbell



The family and loved ones of
Gerda Friedrich (Pastor
Sonntag's grandmother)

The family and loved ones of
Helen Edelman

Serving schedule for April.

Please note this is subject to change

6	8:00 AM	Austin Reiff						
	10:30	Tommy Erat	Betsy Berglund	Jane Kinsey	Marilyn Kowalick			
					Fred Helbig			
13	8:00 AM	Jason LoMaistro					Marilyn Kowalick	
	10:30	Izzy Pratt	Jane Kinsey		Fred Helbig	Marilyn Kowalick		
		Addy Pratt						
20	8:00 AM	Alma Ojeda	Julie Gable		Ed and Linda Hayes			
	10:30	Gabe Picado	Laurie Pellicore					
27	8:00 AM	Wesley Ritter			Ed and Linda Hayes		Marilyn Kowalick	
	10:30	Claire Picado	Betsy Berglund	AnnaLisa Mariani	Marilyn Kowalick			

Additional Acolyte Schedule

Wednesday April 2 7:30 PM Addy Pratt, Izzy Pratt

Wednesday April 9 7:30 PM Claire Picado, Gabe Picado

Maundy Thursday April 17 Jason LoMaistro, Austin Reiff

Name: _____

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Ash

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Almsgiving

Prayer

Fasting

Lent

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter

Palm Sunday

Purple

Palm Branch

Forty Days

Jesus

Passover

Foot Washing

Resurrection

Love





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