



# Tidings

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

May 11, 2025

## Serving This Morning

**Presiding:** Pastor Henrik Sonntag

**Acolytes:** 8:00 AM Wesley Ritter  
10:30 AM Tommy Erat

### Assisting Ministers:

8:00 AM Vicar Daniel Marrone, Alix Davatzes  
10:45 AM Vicar Daniel Marrone, Betsy Berglund

### Musicians:

Rae Ann Anderson, music director



### Greeter/Usher

8:00 AM  
10:30 AM Fred Helbig, Vickie MacMillan  
**Flower Delivery:** Harry Van Pelt  
**Hospitality:** Karen O'Brien

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### Last week's member giving:

\$5,009.00  
**Counter:** Mary Anne Allen

### Attendance: Sunday

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
In Person: 29	117
YouTube: 20	22
Facebook 34	78



## Flower Dedications

*In memory of my mom, Catherine Roming, on her birthday,  
By Kathy Kolb*

*In memory of Christoph Wagner's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
By Maggie Sauer*



**Small Groups**  
**Big Impact!**  
Join us for an engaging discussion on the book "Parenting the Crisis Generation" by child and adolescent psychiatrist Dr. Jean Young Bai, MD. Bring your questions about parenting or even how to write and publish a book. Everyone is welcome, whether you've read the book or not! The discussion is scheduled for **Sunday, May 18**, at 9:15 AM in Room 200.

## Come sing in The Summer Choir!!

Have you wondered if the choir is a place for you at St. Paul's? Do you wonder if you could find that singing voice you had in high school or college? Do you wonder if the music is more inspiring to sing than it is to listen to from the pew? Would you feel at home in the cushioned red choir chairs? To answer these questions come sing in The Summer Choir on **Sunday, May 25 at 8:30 AM**.



We will practice from 8:30 to 9:15 – have a brief coffee break – and then re-group to lead the summer worship service. It usually involves singing one anthem and leading the Psalm and the liturgy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rae Ann Anderson, Director of Music. (215-913-0730)



**Thinking-of-You cards** to be sent to members of the congregation unable to worship with us at this time will be available in the Great Room for you to sign. Please take a few minutes to add your signature and let these folks know they are not

forgotten, and that they are in our prayers. Thank you for supporting this ministry of the Lois Circle.

## Congratulations to Pastor Bre Tessitore on Her Pregnancy!

St. Paul's is overjoyed to share the wonderful news that former vicar and cherished staff member, Pastor Bre Tessitore, is expecting a baby girl! Bre and her husband Tom recently announced that Baby Tessitore is due to arrive on October 9, and our church community couldn't be happier for them.

During her time at St. Paul's, Bre touched many lives with her warmth, faith, and dedication to ministry. We continue to hold her and Tom in our prayers as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Congratulations, Bre and Tom! We can't wait to welcome your little one into the world.



**Summer Opportunity!** All children of St. Paul's who attend Bear Creek camp for a week this summer will receive a camper ship in the amount of \$300. Kids who have completed grades one through twelve are welcome. This is part of an ongoing Faith In

Action grant. To get reimbursed, contact Doug Strachan or Nancy Stevens. [Bearcreekcamp.org](http://Bearcreekcamp.org) for information about the camp.



## FAITH IN ACTION – in action!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the event bagging menstrual hygiene kits on April 27. Special thanks to Lilly Davatzes for securing a Faith in Action grant to address the critical but often overlooked issue of "period poverty." Your leadership and compassion are truly inspiring!

Thanks to you, we were able to assemble menstrual hygiene kits that will be distributed through the St. Paul's food pantry and One House at a Time, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of the underserved. These supplies will directly support mothers and families in need -- making a meaningful difference in their daily lives.

We are grateful for our congregation's generosity, energy, and willingness to serve.



## Summer Schedule!

Our Summer schedule begins on **Sunday, May 25**. One service will begin at 9:30 AM. We will return to two services in September after Labor Day. Keep an eye on your Tidings for the most recent updates.



## 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 will teach a Sunday morning class in Room 200 between church services **on May 11**. The class is 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. Everyone is welcome!

## Chancel Reimagined Project Update

Work on the Chancel Reimagined Project began on May 5 with the removal of nearly 20,000 organ pipes, now being refurbished in Ohio. As the project continues, we're grateful for your ongoing support and invite new contributions. As a special thank-you, over 200 pipes that won't be reinstalled are available as mementos to donors—minimum donation \$20, suggested gift \$50. To request a pipe or make a donation, please contact the church office. We'll continue to share updates as the project moves forward.

—The Chancel Reimagined Committee



If you have someone on the prayer list whose prayers have been answered, please let the office know.

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Betsy Ahlum  
Rodney Barnhart  
Martha Baum  
Hudson Beruta  
Jeremy Birnbaum  
Betty Bortmann  
Fr. Joe Brandt  
Robert Breuer  
Claudette Brown  
Conrad Bush  
Claudia  
Jean Cristaldi  
Leslie D.  
Jerome & David  
Dr. Steven Deets  
Angela Giordano  
Roselee Feinour  
Peter di Filippi  
Kathy DiSandro  
Flossie F. & Gloria 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  
Larry Miller  
Gwendolyn Neveil  
Ariella Notarianni  
Nancy O'Conner  
Lucas Palumbo  
Dr. Michael Pladus  
Deborah Panceo

Lucille Parris  
Scott Robinson  
Robertson/Fragale family  
Rondinelli/Montgomery families  
Robert Rumnock  
Toby Sauer  
Mary Ann Saurman  
Barbara Sheppard  
Brad Schutt  
Alicia Simpson  
Mary Sims  
Annabelle Sittler  
Richard Sittler  
Stephanie Smith  
Barbara  
Stadelberger  
Lucille Stimmel  
Jane Storm  
Rachel Stube  
Grace Stumpf  
Pastor Karl Stumpf  
Jerry Sutliff  
Jane Vanderleiw  
Don Wolf  
Jenn Wetzel  
Wolfgang  
Marie Woodring

# WEEKLY Sneak Peek

### Sunday, May 11

#### Mother's Day

8:00 AM The Eucharist Nave  
9:15 AM Adult Education 200  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM The Eucharist Nave

### Monday, May 12

1:00 PM Chancel Reimagined Meeting 200  
7:30 PM Mem Committee Meeting 200

### Tuesday, May 13

10:00 AM Chapel Nave  
10:00 AM Lois Circle GR  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting 200  
7:00 PM Prayerful Yoga Great Room

### Wednesday, May 14

10:00 AM Chapel  
7:30 PM Confirmation Class 200  
7:30 PM Ringers

### Thursday, May 15

7:00 PM Girl Scouts 101

### Saturday, May 17

8:00 AM Elizabeth Circle FH

### Sunday, May 18

8:00 AM The Eucharist Nave  
9:15 AM Adult Education 200  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM The Eucharist Nave

Please feel free to reach out to any of the staff with questions, concerns or general inquiries.

#### Contacts

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### Did you know you can now donate with Venmo?



### Support Our Food Pantry – Donations Needed

Our church food pantry continues to serve many individuals and families in need, and we're asking for your help to keep the shelves stocked. As we enter a season of increased demand, your donations make a direct impact on our neighbors who rely on this ministry.

We are currently in need of the following items:

- **Household Supplies:** Paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, trash bags, and cleaning sprays.
- **Toiletries:** Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, and feminine hygiene products.
- **Shelf-Stable Breakfast Items:** Cereal, oatmeal packets, granola bars, pancake mix, and instant breakfast drinks, etc...
- **Canned Soups & Shelf-Stable Sides:** Canned chili, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, rice and pasta sides, macaroni and cheese, and boxed mashed potatoes, etc....
- **Condiments:** Peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce, and salad dressing, etc...
- **Personal Care Items:** Bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and hand sanitizer.

All donated items should be unopened and within expiration dates. You can drop off your contributions in the collection bin located in the Great Room throughout the week.

Thank you for showing the love of Christ through your generosity and support of this vital ministry!



Private First Class  
Carson Campbell



The family and loved ones  
Richard Haring

The family and loved ones of  
Richard Woodring

The family and loved ones of  
Mario Federerico

The family and loved ones of  
Don Lawrence

The family and loved ones of  
Arlene Hayes



### 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](http://Stpaulsglenside.org)



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

June Messenger are due **May 19**.