

Serving This Morning

Presiding: Pastor Henrik Sonntag

Acolytes:

8:00 AM: Claire Picado
 10:30 AM:

Assisting Ministers:

8:00 AM: Vicar Jeff Wenzel,
 10:30 AM: Vicar Jeff Wenzel, Marsha Hunt, AnnaLisa Mariani

Musicians:

Rae Ann Anderson, Music Director
 The Chancel Choir
 The Youth Singers
 Susie Pierce Mills, piano



Greeter/Usher

8:00 AM: Barb Little,
 Kathy Kersul-Wiener
 10:30 AM: Marilyn Kowalick, Ronny Kosempel

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Flower Delivery: Marilyn Kowalick

Hospitality: Karen O'Brien

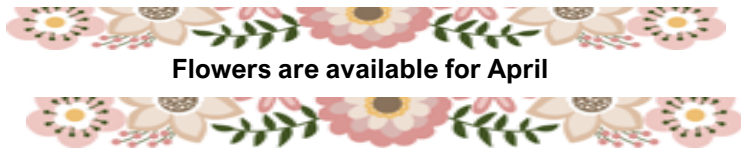
Last week's member giving:

\$7973.85

Counter: MaryAnne Allen

Attendance: Last Sunday

	8:00	10:30	Wednesday
In Person:	25	194	7:30: 40
YouTube:	29	32	
Facebook:	65	66	



Flowers are available for April



St. Paul's Pantry Update

Our food pantry has been serving more people than usual, and we're running low on everyday essentials. If you can donate, please bring **whatever items you can**—even a few things make a big difference.

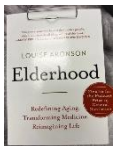
Current needs include:

- ***Basic pantry items (pasta, rice, cereal, flour, sugar, sauces, oils, snacks, oatmeal/grits, pancake mix, canned meats)
- ***Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, spices, BBQ sauce, etc...)
- ***Hygiene & household essentials (laundry products, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues)

Gift cards are also a huge help for last-minute needs. Thank you for showing up for our neighbors.

First Communion classes will take place on March 22 and 29 after the late service 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.

"Elderhood" Discussion



On **Sunday, March 8**, at 9:15 AM, the adult education class will have their next meeting continuing their discussion of Louise Aaronson's book *Elderhood*. We will discuss the chapters titled "Adult," found on pages 137-191, and "Middle-aged," found on pages 192-240. The group will

meet in the Narthex, closest to Mount Carmel Ave. Hope to see you there!



A Lenten Practice

Growing up Catholic, I was taught to give up something for Lent. When I became Lutheran, I learned about the practice of taking on something instead.

Here's a way that you can do both: Each week when you go to the grocery store, pick up one item for our food pantry and bring it to church on the following Sunday. You'll be giving up the money that you spend and taking on a new practice.

--Kathy Kersul-Wiener



Rummage Sale News — Save The Dates

The main sale will be held on **April 17 and 18**. Donation drop-offs begin starting **April 12** with set up **April 15**, with sorting on **April 16**. More details will be in the March Messenger and

future Tidings and notices.

As always, we are hoping for lots of good, lightly used donations, and, most especially, **volunteers** of all sorts. Look for posters and sign-up sheets in the Great Room.

Any questions contact Cyndee Folk at 202-577-1007.

The Lois Circle

The Lois Circle will meet at 10 AM on Tuesday, March 10, in the Great Room. All are welcome! The study, based on the Gospel according to St. John, is about God's Holy Name: "I AM." Session one (March 10) is about Jesus' "I am" statements such as "I am the bread of life," "I am the true vine," and "I am the light of the world." Please remember to bring your frozen soup or meal for Aid for Friends.

The Lois Circle meets at 10 AM on the second Tuesday of each month in the Great Room. After some refreshments, we go over



Lenten Soup Suppers are back! Join us

Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 PM for a meal before Holden Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM.

The final Soup Supper will be on Wednesday, March 25.



Join us for The Holden Evening Prayer every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM in Lent.

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Calling All Pathfinders!

We are planning our first annual Spring Walk! It's been a long, cold, hard winter and to celebrate the coming Spring, Pathfinders will have a **Spring 2026 Nature Walk** at 10 AM on **Saturday, March 21**. If you've had cabin fever, the winter blues, or want to follow through on your New Year's resolution, now's your chance. We'll meet at a Pennypack Trail parking lot, (1750 Byberry Rd., Huntingdon Valley). We will be crossing the creek onto the "Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust" land. It's a wooded trail and goes back about a mile.

THOMAS KEESECKER IN CONCERT, MARCH 8

Composer and pianist Thomas Keesecker will present a **free concert** of his works at 4 PM on **Sunday, March 8**, at St. Paul's,



Glenside. Keesecker is renowned for his delightful and meditative piano arrangements of hymns (many of which have been heard at St. Paul's during services). He mixes classical technique, jazz improvisation, Celtic, and folk

music influences in his arrangements. At this concert, we'll be able to sing some of his hymn settings together, as well as listen to his piano interpretations. The hymns will be interspersed with works by the esteemed poets Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry.



Eric Mitchell is currently working hard to support autism research as part of the Eagles Autism Challenge for 2026 on **May 9**. After riding in support in 2025, he's riding again in 2026, and

is looking to raise \$500 to help autism research in the community. If you're interested in helping Eric do good for the community, here is a link (or talk to Eric at one of the 8 AM Sunday early services).

<https://donate.eaglesautismfoundation.org/donations/new?fundraiser=b00fa7ecbb246cbabd90>

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Although our Lenten journey has a long way to go, here are some Easter reminders:

*The annual **Easter Potluck Brunch** will take place between the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services on **Easter Sunday, April 5**. If you are willing to make a dish

for this event, please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the Great Room.

*The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place at 9:00 AM on **Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026**. In preparation for this event, we are asking members of the congregation to fill plastic Easter eggs with wrapped candy so that they can be hidden on that morning for the children. Please either take a few plastic eggs from the bin located in the Great Room and return them full of candy or bring in candy-filled plastic eggs of your own. (Participants in the Easter Egg Hunt will take part in making some crafts while members of St. Paul's Confirmation Class hide the eggs.) Then, the hunt begins!

-- Vicar Jeff Wenzel



Easter Flower dedication forms are available in the Great Room. Dedications are due to the church office by **Monday, March 23**.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Rodney Barnhart	John Hagan	Pat
Hudson Beruta	Jill Hamilton	Lucas Palumbo
Sharon Birkbeck	Bruce Hanes	Dr. Michael Pladus
Betty Bortmann	Dick Harrington	Dave Pancoe
Tina Bria	Bernard & Barbara	Deborah Pancoe
Robert Breuer	Hoffman	Lucille Parris
Claudette Brown	Barbara and Gail	Dave Pasquale
Conrad Bush	Johnson	Lisa Pasquale
Eric Carlson	John	Alex Posey Sr.
Claudia	Eddie Kaufman	Scott Robinson
Diane	Cathy Keim	Robertson/Fragale family
Jerome & David	Boaz Lazarus-Klein	Robert Rumnock
Dr. Steven Deets	Thubi Kolmobe	Barbara Sheppard
Barbara Deebold	Ceci Krull	Lisa Scheidel
Sarah Dolan Schumaker	Margerie Kunish	Sarah Schumaker
Ruth Donnelly	Cheryl Kurtz	Brad Schutt
Jackie Duffy	Tom Lackman	Alicia Simpson
Helen Edelman	Linda Landes	Mary Sims
Martha Elliott	Marie Leonard	Annabelle Sittler
Barbara Eumch	Zach Lean	Richard Sittler
Angela Giordano	Anita Lukach	Stephanie Smith
Peter di Filippi	Joe Lukach	Paul Stadelberger
Tim Funk	Ed Mansfield	Lucille Stimmel
Flossie F. & Gloria F.	Jean McVeigh-Schultz	Jane Storm
Kenneth Feinour III	Mary Scarpello	Rachel Stube
Roselee Feinour	Matthew	Jerry Sutliff
Tom Finney	Kim Mecca	Mike Trant
Leona Finney	Walter Merth	Pat Webb
Rina Fresnak	Sue and John	Carol W.
Chad Friedman	McLaughlin	Wolfgang
Family	Gwendolyn Neveil	David Wood
Lorraine G	Ariella Notarianni	Anne Zimmerman
John Gillespie	Nancy O'Conner	
Earl H.	Charlotte	
Bob H.	O'Donnell	



Chancel Reimagined -- February Update: We have completed most of the Chancel construction renovation. Organ craftsmen are re-leathering wind reservoirs and individual note pouches.

In the meantime, we ask for your continued support and commitment to the project. If you have made a pledge, please check that your giving is current. If you have not made a pledge yet, we would appreciate your consideration and generosity. As of now, we have raised \$470,000 of our three-year, \$500,000 capital campaign. Please consider helping us reach our goal!



An update on the Chancel Reimagined project—specifically the organ portion that was presented at the annual meeting this past Sunday—is now available on our website. To view it, please click **INFO** → **Organ Update**.

JOIN THE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE!

Always wanted to sing, but didn't have the time to commit to Chancel Choir? Want to find out if you can sing? Want to sing better than you already can? Think about joining **The Women's Ensemble!** It's now a very short commitment of one Thursday rehearsal of 45 minutes (7:15 PM March 12).

This is an opportunity for the talented women of St. Paul's (and maybe some of their friends and relations) to broaden their spiritual effort in the community, and have some fun. **The Women's Ensemble** will sing for the **10:30 AM March 15** worship service. Contact Rae Ann Anderson.



The 2025 Annual Statement

Please pick up your 2025 Annual Statement on the Welcoming Cart when convenient. Thank you.



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Sunday, March 8

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

8:00 AM The Eucharist	Nave
9:15 AM Sunday School	
9:15 AM Youth Singers	
9:15 AM Elderhood Class	Narthex
9:15 AM Living Last Supper	200
10:30 AM The Eucharist / Youth Singers	Nave
12:00 PM Children's Choir Pizza Practice	
4:00 PM Free Concert -- Thomas Keesecker, piano	

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 AM Lois Circle	GR
10:00 AM Chapel	
10:30 AM Staff Meeting	200
6:30 PM Girl Scouts	FH
7:00 PM Prayerful Yoga	GR

Wednesday, March 11

10:00 AM Chapel	
6:30 PM Soup Supper	FH
7:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer	

Thursday, March 12

5:00 PM Simple Super	
5:30 PM Cherub Choir	
6:00 PM Children's Choir	
7:00 PM Girl Scouts	
7:15 PM Women's Ensemble	
8:00 PM Chancel Choir	

Sunday, March 15

8:00 AM The Eucharist	Nave
9:15 AM Sunday School	
9:15 AM Youth Singers	
9:15 AM Living Last Supper	200
10:30 AM The Eucharist / Women's Ensemble	Nave

If you or a loved one is sick, hospitalized, facing a serious health concern, or has experienced a death in the family, please contact the church office or Pastor Sonntag directly. We may not always be aware unless someone lets us know.

Sharing this information helps us:

- Stay informed
- Offer prayer, support, and pastoral visits

Our church family is here to walk with you through all seasons of life. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support and care for one another.

"SHARE AND CARE" COLLECTION



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** (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, body lotion, hand lotion, razors, shaving lotion, etc.) throughout February. We will also be collecting **disposable diapers (Sizes 3 through 7)** Receptacles for these items can be found in the Great Room.

This collection will be delivered to Lutheran Settlement House, LSH, a faith-based organization, is committed to responding to the evolving needs of vulnerable children, adults, and families in the Philadelphia community.

In past years, the contribution made by St. Paul's congregation to this in-gathering has been exceedingly generous. Our sincere thanks to everyone for faithfully "Sharing & Caring!"

--Good Works Team

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

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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 April Messenger are due **Monday, March 16**.