There's a Seat Saved for You

October 26, 2026

Tidings

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

Serving This Morning

Presiding: Pastor Henrik Sonntag
Acolytes: 8:00 Lewis Ritter
10:30 Claire Picado
Assisting Ministers:
8:00 Vicar Evan Kodudula, Glenn Rall
10:30 Vicar Evan Kodudula, Marsha Hunt, Julie Sullivan
Greeter/Usher
8:00 Barb Little, Kathy Kersul Wiener
10:30 Marilyn Kowalick, Emerson Corsey
Musicians:
Rae Ann Anderson, Music Director
The Chancel Choir
The Children's Choir

Flower Delivery: Marilyn Kowalick
Hospitality: Karen O'Brien
Last week's member giving: $4,467.00
Counter: Eileen Rall

Attendance: Last Sunday

	8:00	10:30
In Person:	49	59
YouTube:	13	27
Facebook	29	62

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Flowers are available for October

Greetings from your St. Paul's 125th Anniversary team!

Our yearlong commemoration of St. Paul's, "Together in Christ: Remembering, Embracing, Rejoicing—Celebrating 125 Years of Ministry," begins **on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 4 PM** with a **Hymn Festival featuring organist Andrew Senn**. Join us for scripture, song, sacred readings, and a reception. Invite family and friends! *Questions? Talk to Rae Ann Anderson.*

We're also exploring a community mosaic with local artist Jessica Liddell. We hope members of all ages will help place pieces that reflect our life together. *Have a vision for it? Talk to Ashley Daniels.*

Plans for outreach projects include collecting members' memories of St. Paul's, serving dinners at Hope Lodge, and possibly hosting a free community meal. *Share ideas with Glenn Rall or Jenn O'Rourke.*

Our concluding celebration is planned for Sunday, November 14, 2027, with Rev. Karl Krueger preaching. We're also exploring ways to share St. Paul's history. *Talk to Paul Ziegler if you have ideas.*

And up there is **our new anniversary logo**, designed by Minnesota artist Kathryn Brewer. *Want to get involved? Talk to Henrik Sonntag or Nancy Raabe.*

Nearly 1 in 11 people worldwide—about 720 million—are hungry. In the U.S., more than 47 million people face food insecurity.

ELCA World Hunger works with congregations and partners in more than 60 countries to meet immediate needs and address the causes of hunger. Gifts to the World Hunger Appeal support food assistance as well as access to clean water, education, health care, and ways to earn a living. Local partners help shape responses that fit their communities.

World Food Day is October 16. This year's theme, *"Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow,"* calls on communities to combine traditional knowledge with new ideas so everyone can access nutritious food.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal gives us all the opportunity to faithfully pursue a just world where all are fed.

Gifts to ELCA World Hunger can be made:

- *online,* at https://www.ELCA.org/hunger/donate
- *by mail,* with a check payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
- *by phone,* at 800-638-3522, Mon – Fri, 8 AM to 5 PM, CT
- *through this congregation, with a check* payable to St. Paul's (noting "ELCA World Hunger" on memo line) or at St. Paul's website's "Misc. Restricted" donate link.

Please also remember the food needs of our local community by continuing to generously stock St. Paul's food pantry. Be sure to regularly check the "Pantry Needs List" inserted in the service bulletin each week!
-- Good Works Team

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 November Messenger are due on **Monday, October 19.**

Stewardship Message

Mark your calendars to save the date for **Sunday, November 22, when we will celebrate Consecration Sunday** as we close out the Church year and prepare to enter the Season of Advent.

On Consecration Sunday, we will celebrate Stewardship with guest preacher the Rev. Ric Elliott, the gathering of commitment cards, and a catered luncheon following the 10:30 AM service. Look for a letter in a few weeks with more details. -
- The Stewardship Team

Brighten someone's day - bring a smile to someone's face. Add your name to the thinking of you greeting cards available in the Great Room this morning. Cards are sent to members of St. Paul's no longer able to worship with us in person. Who knows, you might brighten your own day and bring a smile to your own face by adding your name to these cards. The members of Lois Circle say "Thank You " for supporting this outreach ministry to members of our own congregation. If you know of someone who would like to receive a card, please be in touch with Kathleen Breuer (breuer613@gmail.com).

Faith in Action Grants – Making a Difference!

The Fall 2026 Faith in Action grants have been awarded, and we're excited to share how St. Paul's continues to put faith into action!

Thanks to the generosity of our Mission Endowment Fund, this fall's grants will support local food assistance programs, transportation for young mothers and families served by Cradle of Hope, the beautiful outreach of our Hearts & Hands quilting group, and new table covers for our handbell choir.

We're also pleased to support improvements to our church doors, helping make St. Paul's more accessible and welcoming to our members and the community.

From meeting essential needs to strengthening our ministries and improving our church home, these projects reflect the many ways we can share God's love in action.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an idea and to those who continue to make these ministries possible!

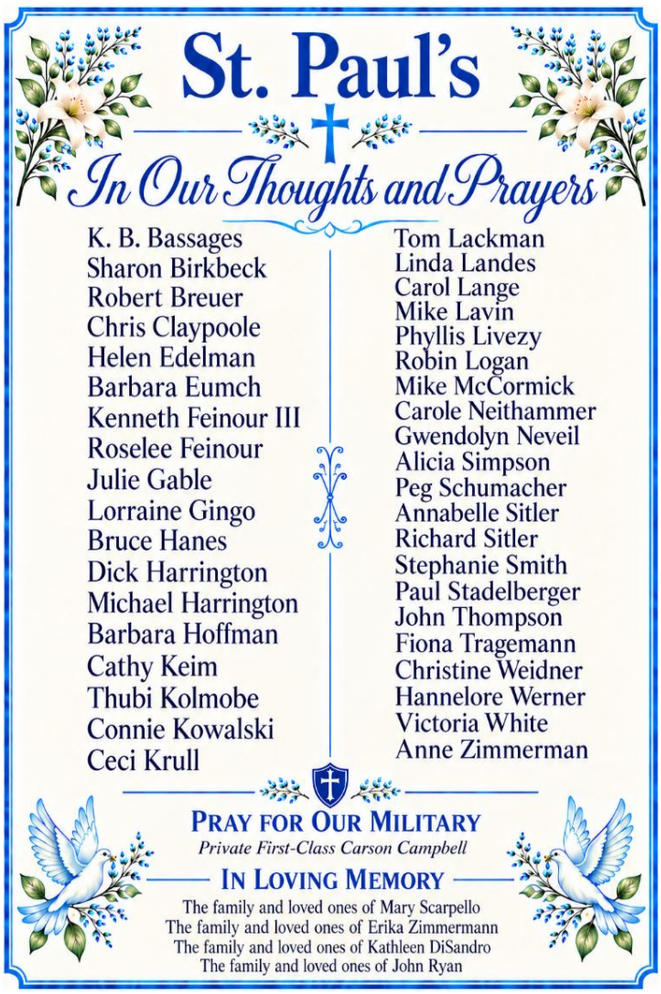
Have an idea for a future project? The MEM Committee would love to hear from you when applications reopen in Spring 2027.

If you are sick, hospitalized, facing a serious health concern, or have experienced a death in the family (or have a loved one who is in the same circumstance), please contact the church office or Pastor Sonntag directly. We may not always be aware of it 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



Chancel Reimagined Update:
Feel the Vibrations!

The organ is back! The console is back in place, music director Rae Ann Anderson is front and center, all the organ pipes are installed, and you can feel the low notes shaking! All the music will be accompanied by the pipes!

The digital sound was incorporated into the instrument on September 16. As our music director Rae Ann Anderson says: "It sounds like a pipe organ and not an appliance!"

We also have The Chancel Choir back on the new platforms and in the blue chairs ready to sing for 10:30 services, with The Children's Choir, Youth Singers, and Cherubs on the schedule. Thanks to all who have continued to donate to our three-year, $500,000 capital campaign to reimagine the chancel, including the music space. The St. Paul's community is delivering, once again.

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Sunday, October 25
REFORMATION SUNDAY WEAR RED
8:00 AM The Eucharist — Nave
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM The Youth Singers
10:30 AM The Eucharist — Nave

Monday, October 26
7:30 PM Deborah Circle — GR
7:30 PM Rachel Circle

Tuesday, October 27
10:30 AM Staff Meeting — 200
1:00 PM Stewardship Meeting — 200
6:30 PM Girl Scouts — 101
7:00 PM Prayerful Yoga — GR
7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 48

Wednesday, October 28
Halloween Parade NO MORNING PARKING IN LOT
7:30 PM Confirmation Class — 200
7:30 PM Ringers

Thursday. October 29
5:00 PM Simple Supper/Kid's Club
5:30 PM Cherub Choir
6:00 PM Children's Choir
6:15 PM Girl Scouts — FH
6:30 PM Girl Scouts — 101
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 1
8:00 AM The Eucharist — Nave
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM The Youth Singers
10:30 AM The Eucharist — Nave

A GREEN SEARCH ENGINE

ECOSIA is a green search engine used by over 20 million people, whose profits are used solely for climate action, with the majority going into tree-planting projects around the world.

When you search on ECOSIA, you won't see an automatic artificial intelligence (AI) summary. AI searches are available, but it's your choice. This saves an enormous amount of energy!

This earth-friendly search engine produces "more clean energy than it takes to power all searches and AI queries on ECOSIA, leading to more renewable energy in the grid." You can learn more about ECOSIA and download the free app by visiting the ECOSIA website. You will be taking action to love the earth during the Season of Creation we're celebrating right now. Thank you!

We encourage everyone to keep track of the legislation regarding a moratorium on data centers (HB 2496) and the need for regulation by the PUC (HB 1834). Both bills passed the Pennsylvania House and are stuck in the Pennsylvania Senate. You can encourage your Pennsylvania senator to pass these bills by visiting the LAMPa website. It's easy, and every voice matters! *Please contact Janet Bischoff (jbischoff61@yahoo.com) for more information.*