



# St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of *Sassamansville*

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## The Epistle

### Worship Times

Sundays  
10:15 am  
With  
Holy Communion

Sunday School  
9 am



March 20  
Yay!

# MARCH

**All You Can Eat  
Spaghetti Dinner**  
Saturday, March 17  
4 pm to 7 pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Adults: \$8**  
**Children ages 6-12: \$5**  
**Children under age 5: Free**

**Homemade Pies**  
**Baked Goods**  
**Take-Out Dinners**

**Tickets available in  
advance or at the  
door.**

Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to **sign up to bring soup for the Lenten soup suppers** at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays until March 21. The Lenten service will follow at 7:30 pm.



Join us for a time of fellowship and food and then a time of worship and reflection.



All submissions to be included in the April issue of The Epistle are due by **10 am on Wednesday, March 14.**

Please email things to Andrea at [office@stpaulssassamansville.com](mailto:office@stpaulssassamansville.com)

### Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all kids ages 0 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

**Saturday, March 31  
10 am!**

Donations of candy filled eggs or decorated eggs are appreciated and need to be at church before Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Empty plastic eggs to fill will be available at church.



## Note from Pastor Matt

At the end of March, we will once again come to the celebration of Holy Week. Maundy Thursday services will be held on March 29 at 7:30 pm. On this day, the Church remembers the last supper of Jesus and the Apostles. We hear the account of the Gospel of John where during the meal Jesus removes his outer robes and stoops down to wash the feet of the disciples. Jesus does this as a sign of love and service. He shows that even though he is their teacher and Lord, Jesus will humbly and willingly serve the disciples. Foot washing is not a practice that is common in our society, but in Jesus' day, it was commonplace. The reasons for this are obvious; for the most part people walked where they needed to go. Of course, the roads were not paved, and people wore sandals. These circumstances lead to very dirty feet. The host of a meal would never be the one who would wash the feet of the guests, though. That job was usually reserved for the lowliest slave or servant.

In washing the apostles' feet, Jesus shows his willingness to take on the role of the lowest ranking servant in order to make those who follow him clean. As you might imagine the apostles (in particular Peter) are uncomfortable seeing Jesus serve in this way. Peter's discomfort comes from seeing his Lord (master) serve in such a lowly way. Peter relents and more when Jesus explains to him that he must allow Jesus to wash his feet in order to have a "share" with Jesus. Jesus' actions point to the cross where he will take on the role of lowly and despised to "wash" us clean from our sins. Jesus also explains to the apostles that he washes their feet to set an example. They will need to wash feet and more as they take the mantle of leadership from Jesus, and lead the Church in spreading the good news of Jesus to the world.

Peter's objections centered on the role of serving and his discomfort seeing Jesus in this role. I find though whenever the subject of foot washing comes up people seem more uncomfortable with the thought of having their feet washed than washing someone else's feet. In several different church contexts, I have had the opportunity to be on each side of foot washing. I know I felt more uncomfortable having my feet washed than I did when I was washing feet, and I have heard the same from others. I hope this is only because foot washing is an unusual occurrence in our society. The other explanation is that I (and others) am uncomfortable being served and helped. Being served means admitting that we do not have everything under our own control. Having your feet washed means taking off your shoes and showing the world your own stinky feet. Isn't that exactly why Jesus has come into the world? None of us has everything under control. All of us have parts of us that stink. We need Jesus to save us from ourselves and from our sins. On the cross, Jesus undertakes the ultimate act of lowly service. He asks us to receive his service and let him wash us clean forever.

The Good Friday service will be at 7:30 pm. Easter Sunday worship will be held at 10:15 am. I hope you can join us to celebrate these holy days.

In Christ,

Pr. Matt

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## Mission Statement

"To know Christ and make Christ known  
Spread the Gospel by word and action"

Date	Flowers \$22 for one vase \$44 for two vases \$7 delivery charge	Bulletins \$12 per week
March 4	OPEN	OPEN
March 11	OPEN	OPEN
March 18	OPEN	OPEN
March 25	OPEN	OPEN

March

It's your day!  
Celebrate!!!

1	Paul Dugan
3	John Simmons
7	George Schonely
10	William Smith
15	Stephen Crouch
21	Landen Mathias
22	William Prutzman
23	Peter Duchak
24	Tyler Palladino
26	Jodie Moyer




Just a reminder to please return the sheets for us to compile the new directory. If you lost yours, there are some available on the bulletin board with all the forms. Please write your current address on the form also!

The directories will be available on Easter Sunday. Your form needs to be in the church office no later than Sunday, March 18 to be included.

Date	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
<b>Acolyte</b>	Geoff Littlefield	Sue Prutzman	Doris Moyer	Ruthy Heydt
<b>Reader</b>	Leroy Roshong	Carol Adams	Doris Moyer	Jodie Moyer
<b>Ushers</b>	Doris and Alexis Moyer	Leroy and Jean Roshong	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield	Debbie Spencer Diane McGlinchey Jodie Moyer Donna Long
<b>Counters</b>	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield	Willard Koch Gerald Koch	Doris Moyer Kim Ibach	Dawn Hydock Debbie Spencer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue Prutzman Doris Moyer	Sue Prutzman Doris Moyer	Sue Prutzman Doris Moyer	Sue Prutzman Doris Moyer

March 29 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm Acolyte---Donna Long  
March 30 Good Friday 7:30 pm Acolyte---Geoff Littlefield

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Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10.  
Set them ahead one hour since Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 11!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

**Stpaulssassamansville.com**

## Remember in your prayers:

### **Our Church members, family and friends.....**

Betty Gilbert	Mary Moyer	John Hilbert
Arlene Hess	Esther Renninger	Robin Koch
Cleora Shellaway	Helen Johnson	Marie Stauffer
Christopher	Elizabeth	Debbie Burr
Nancy Smith	Mary Ann Levan	Gloria Stricker
Allen Sanderlin	Jerry Higham	Chanel Marie
Fred McKinney	Theresa Sgarlata	Mary Jane Kehs
Ed Rutter	Audrea Littlefield	
John and Miki Mroz	Todd Barton and family	
John and Thelma Simmons		



### **The young men and women serving in our armed forces....**

Noah Ziegler, Peter Duchak, Matthew McHugh, Eric Littlefield

### **For the families and friends who mourn loss of their loved ones.....**

Helen Mercer, Harold Renninger, Rosemary Hojecki, Steven and Cheryl Stricker, Mill Barry

*Keep this paper with your devotional items to reference daily.*



## Passover and Palm Sunday

The Passover story from Exodus and the liturgies of Holy Week have always been connected. In the reading of the passion narrative on Palm Sunday we hear of Jesus and the disciples gathering to celebrate the Passover. On Maundy Thursday we read part of the Passover narrative from Exodus and remember Jesus and the disciples gathering for the last Supper. This year at St. Paul's these two events will be connected in another way. In Sunday school we have been learning the stories from the Books of Moses or the first five books of the Old Testament. On Palm Sunday we will be exploring the story of the Passover in Exodus. To do this we will be holding a reenactment of a Seder meal during the Sunday school hour at 9:00 am. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join in. Then following our worship service, we will have a meal in the fellowship hall where we will enjoy some traditional Passover foods. It is a great opportunity to learn and experience these stories from the Bible, hope to see you there!

Remember, we are selling "keys" to the organ to finance the organ loan. You have two options to purchase a key. The first is to pay \$250 upfront per key, this would be the cost of the principal without interest on the loan. All the keys purchased with payment in full will be used to pay down the principal on the loan and save the church the costs of additional interest. You also have the option to buy keys over time for \$325 per key this reflects the cost of the interest and the principal on the loan. Prayerfully consider the purchase of keys, they can be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones as well. The sooner we sell all 220 keys the more we save on interest payments.



