



St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of *Sassamansville*

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The Epistle



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

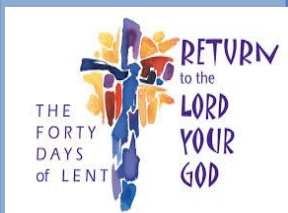
Worship Times

Sundays
10:15 am
With
Holy Communion

Sunday School
9 am



Invite a
friend
to
church!



All submissions to be included in the April issue of The Epistle are due by **10 am on Wednesday March 13.**

Please email things to Andrea at office@stpaulssassamansville.com



We will be meeting on Sundays after worship once a month and focus on an overview of the entire bible. We will meet over lunch. ALL are welcome!

**March 10
April 7
May 5**

Our Lenten soup meals will begin on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm. Worship begins at 7:30 pm.



Sign up to bring soups and other things for the meals. Join us for a time of fellowship. Ends April 10.



and Cross of Change

We collected \$1 for Patriots / \$72 for Rams / and \$485.38 in change on Sunday, February 3 and all of the money went to Boyertown Multi-Service Food Ministries. Thank you everyone!

CHURCH COUNCIL 2019

We welcome our new Council Members....please pray for these leaders of our church to guide them as they make decisions for our congregation.

President	Ken Dittman
VP	Diane McGlinchey
Secretary	Joan Davis
Treasurer	Marlene Duchak
Members	Carol Adams, Charlie Kulp, Ashley Dittman, Barb Marlow, Kim Ibach, Geoff Littlefield, Gene Yerger, Lili Sanderlin
New member	Donna Long

And a thank you to **Sara Ibach** as her term as ended as a council member.

Note from Pastor Matt

In my last newsletter article I wrote about things we were considering at our annual meeting. These important decisions would be a part of revitalizing the congregation here at St. Paul's. As most of you hopefully know all of the proposed resolutions passed. Now that we have a plan in place for the next 20 years for our building we can now turn our attention to the next 20 years for the church (all of you, and others). Having a plan in place to maintain our building for next 20 years does not mean much unless there is also planning for ministry and mission that happens within (and outside) the building. The season of Lent is a time to consider one's practice of faith. So church, how is your faith? Are all of you taking steps to grow in following Jesus? Are you doing things that allow God to work in your life and bring to fruition a renewed and deepened faith? The fact is all of us (I include myself) can take steps to let God work in our lives in a deeper way. The traditional disciplines of Lent, prayer, fasting, and giving are all good places to start. The 40 days of Lent are a good opportunity to build a new habit. There are several opportunities to do this here at St. Paul's.

First, commit to attending worship every Sunday in Lent. Many of you already do this; others do not, but all can benefit from making this commitment. Gathering for worship is the most important thing we do as a church. Assembling to hear the word of God and receive the grace of God in the sacrament is vitally important for our spiritual health and vitality. The theme for our sermons in the Sundays in Lent is *Inheritance and Legacy*. We will be looking at what God has given to us as an inheritance and what does God want us to pass on as a legacy.

Next, study of the scriptures is an important way for God to work in our lives. On Wednesday nights in Lent we will be studying the book of Philippians. This relatively short letter has many things to say to us about how we live out our faith. We will begin our evenings at 6:30 with a simple soup meal and then at 7:30 we will move into a time of prayer and Bible study.



Additionally, I want to let you know that we have a new way to give financially to support our mission and ministry here at St. Paul's. You can now give online through our church website stpaulssassamansville.com or through the ELCA Tithe.ly app on your mobile device. With a credit card or bank account number you can give one time gifts or set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift. Also any fundraiser orders, tickets, or registrations can be paid through the website or app. Please see the additional information elsewhere in the newsletter for instructions on how to find the app and online giving.

I hope and pray that you will take the opportunity this Lent to seek a renewed and deepened faith in God through Jesus Christ. We are a community of disciples (followers of Jesus) and being a committed disciple of Jesus means that we seek to follow him more and more, growing in his image and likeness. Please take these opportunities to follow him.

Finally, since the January/February newsletter was completed before Christmas, I want to thank the congregation and council in writing for the generous Christmas bonus. My family and I appreciate it very much, and we are glad to be a part of the community of faith here at St. Paul's. Thank you.

In Christ,
Pr. Matt



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Here are the steps to take to utilize our new way of offering, hoagie sales, tickets, etc.....if you choose to do so. Offering envelopes are still a wonderful way to give your weekly offerings. The decision is up to you to decide whenever you choose this might be a good way for you to keep in touch with the church.

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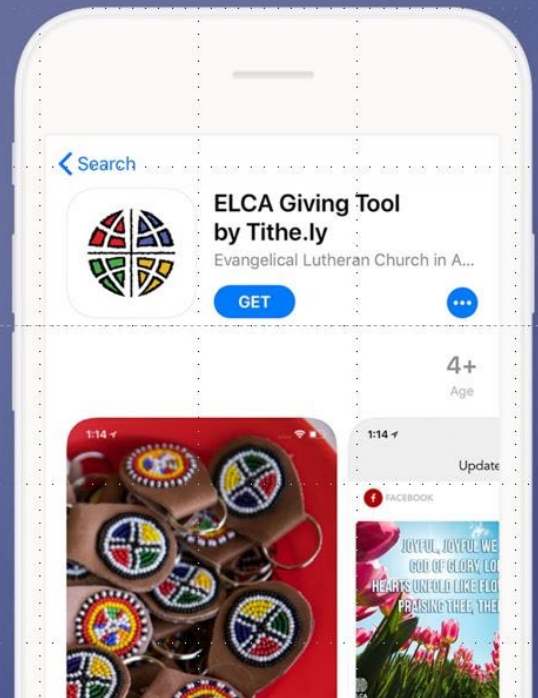
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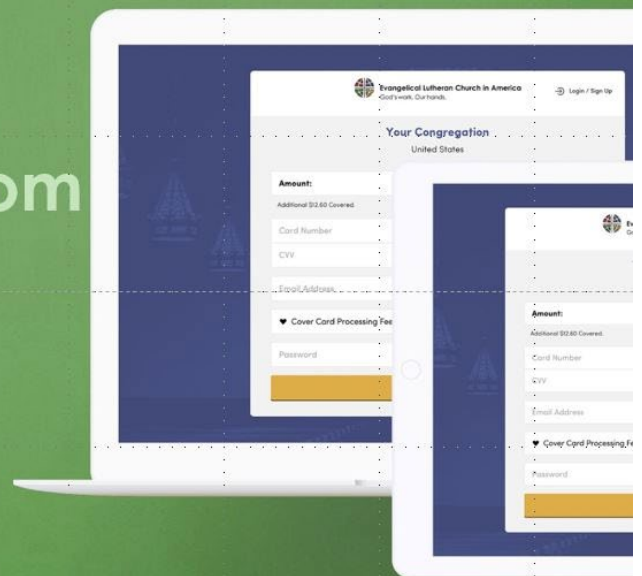
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Simply go to stpaulssassamansville.com Click the *Online Giving* button

Give from any smartphone, tablet or
computer, without installing an app.



Remember in your prayers:

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

Mary Moyer	Arlene Hess	Jerry Higham
Esther Renninger	Robin Koch	Cleora Shellaway
Helen Johnson	Marie Stauffer	Mary Ann Levan
Gloria Stricker	Audrea Littlefield	Bruce Koch
Eugene Heydt	Anita Shannon	Ruthy Heydt
John and Miki Mroz	Maxwell Girard	Harry Henning III
Charlotte Bletz	Anita Shannon	Nancy Shellaway
Joan Davis	Allen Heydt	Linda Harpel
Lillian Sweinhart	Joe McGlinchey	Dawn Hydock
Arthur Yerger		



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 the loss of their loved ones.....

Rosemary Hojecki, Cheryl Stricker, Mill Barry, John and Thelma Simmons, John Hilbert, Brenda Eschbach, Dexter Merkel, Joseph Karl Renninger, Virginia Hoffman, Betty Gilbert, Arthur Smith Jr., Frank Fulmer

Keep this paper with your devotional items to reference daily.

Our Ministry Volunteers

Date	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24
Acolyte	Geoff Littlefield	Sue Prutzman	Doris Moyer	Donna Long
Reader	LeRoy Roshong	Carol Adams	Doris Moyer	Jodie Moyer
Ushers	Carol Adams Madison, Brooke and Leah Eisenhard	Donna Long Joan Davis	Barb Marlow Jodie Moyer	Kim Ibach Doris Moyer
Counters	LeRoy and Jean Roshong	Jodie Moyer Marlene Duchak	Barbara Littlefield Geoff Littlefield	Willard Koch Gerald Koch
Council	Carol Adams Charlie Kulp	Carol Adams Charlie Kulp	Carol Adams Charlie Kulp	Carol Adams Charlie Kulp
Altar Guild	Doris Moyer Sue Prutzman	Doris Moyer Sue Prutzman	Doris Moyer Sue Prutzman	Doris Moyer Sue Prutzman
			ASH WEDNESDAY	
Date	March 31		March 6	
Acolyte	Ruthy Heydt		Doris Moyer	
Reader	3rd and 4th SCS			
Ushers	LeRoy and Jean Roshong			
Counters	Doris Moyer Kim Ibach			
Council	Carol Adams Charlie Kulp		Carol Adams Charlie Kulp	
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 Andrea Kershaw, Secretary
 Becky Higham, Sexton

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

Ross Boerner and The Norristown Chorale will be filling our church with beautiful music once again. The concert will be on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. It will be a Sunday afternoon that you will not want to miss. So please mark your calendars and pass the word around to all your family and friends. What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. This church filled with beautiful music! It could not get any better than that.



Jodie Moyer and Marlene Duchak woul like to thank everyone who came out to suport our Blood Drive on February 3. We collected 24 units of blood!

Date	Flowers	Bulletins
Monies MUST be attached to form to have that date sponsored. Forms on bulletin board in narthex.	\$25 for one vase \$50 for two vases \$7 delivery charge	\$12 per week
March	All open	All open
April	All open	All open

“To know Christ and make Christ known
 Spread the Gospel by word and action.”



The profits from the January **hoagie sale was \$566.88!**
 Thank you to everyone who helped sell hoagies and a big thank you to everyone who came out in the snow to help make them!