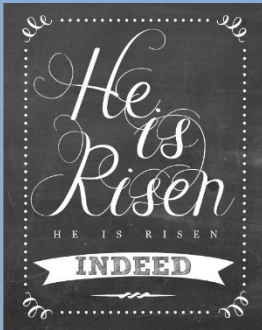




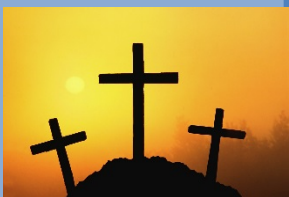
Worship Times

Sundays
10:15 am
With
Holy Communion

Sunday School
9 am



Invite a
friend
to
church!



St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH of Sassamansville

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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!

April 7
May 5



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](mailto:office@stpaulssassamansville.com)

Our Lenten soup meals will
continue until Wednesday,
April 10 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.



A big thank you to
everyone who helped in
any way with our
successful Spaghetti
dinner that was held on
Saturday, March 16.

It was fun and enjoyed by
all! Bring some friends
next year!!!!!!

Our Annual Egg Hunt

Calling all kids ages 0 -6th grade!

Saturday, April 20 at 10 am

Donations of candy filled eggs or decorated eggs
are appreciated and need to be at the church
before Friday, April 19.



Note from Pastor Matt

In April we will transition from the reflective nature of Lent to the celebratory joy of Easter. Sometimes this transition seems sudden and abrupt. We leave worship on Palm Sunday after hearing the passion narrative, and on Easter Sunday we shout with joy at the news of the resurrection. There is a set time, however, to move from the solemn reflection of the Passion to the joy of the resurrection. That time is Holy Week. In the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (and in some congregations the Easter Vigil) we enter into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in a special way. In reality these are not distinct services but one service extended over three days. There is no blessing or dismissal until the end of the Easter celebration. The service of Holy Week retraces the steps of Jesus and the apostles. We go with them to the upper room, from the upper room to the garden of Gethsemane, from the garden to Pontus Pilate's palace, from the palace to Golgotha, From Golgotha to the tomb, and finally from the full tomb to the empty tomb.



As we walk through the story we experience it for ourselves. This liturgy is designed to be different from the normal Sunday Service. We enter into an extended period of confession and absolution. We listen to Jesus as he tells his disciples (including us) "love one another as I have loved you". Along with Jesus we put those words into action by washing one another's feet. We gather at the table to celebrate Holy Communion. We experience the shock of Jesus' betrayal as we take everything out of the chancel and strip the altar bare. We huddle in the cold with Peter as he denies Jesus three times. We cry out with the crowds "crucify him". We weep at the foot of the cross as Jesus suffers the consequences of our sin and the sin of the world. We pray for the church, ourselves, and all the people of the world. We confront our own actions and the ways we have prepared a cross for our savior.

Entering into these events, placing ourselves within this great story helps us to celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection in a new and deeper way. It helps us to understand better why the resurrection matters, why it is so important for all of us, and most importantly why it is indeed good news. I urge you to join us for Holy Week, even if you have never attended such a service before, especially if you have never attended a Holy Week service before. I am confident that during Holy Week God will invite you into a deeper faith, challenge you, and comfort you. The events of Holy Week are at the heart of the Christian faith and experiencing them will allow you live out your faith with renewed purpose and joy.

In Christ,
Pr. Matt

Holy Week at St Paul's
Maundy Thursday: 7:30 PM
Good Friday: 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday 10:15 AM



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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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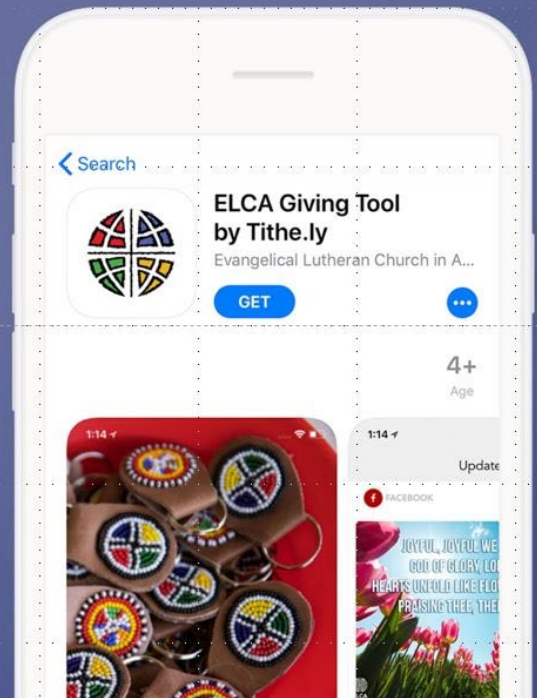
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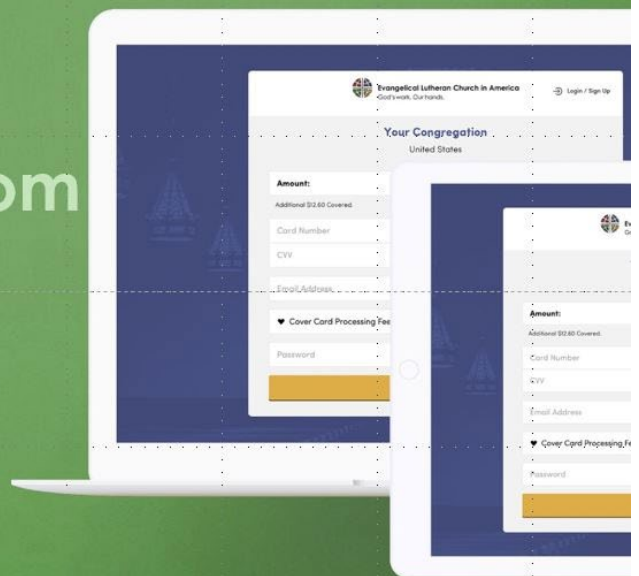
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Remember in your prayers:

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	Tara Fontaine
Eugene Heydt	Shirley Heydt	Robert Bletz
John and Miki Mroz	Brooke Smith	Walter Dittman
Debbie Saul	Nancy Shellaway	Linda Harpel
Lillian Sweinhart	Kevin Hyatt	Joan Davis
Arthur Yerger	Cory Moser	Carol Catto
Shannon Harp	Allen Heydt	Derek Moser



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.....

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, Dale Schrump, Emma Heydt, Karen Moser, Charlotte Bletz

Keep this paper with your devotional items to reference daily.

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.

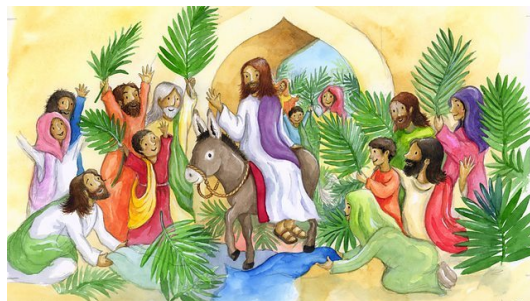
A free-will offering will be held to help defray the cost of the concert.

Our Ministry Volunteers

Date	April 7	April 14 (Palm)	April 21 (Easter)	April 28
Acolyte	Doris Moyer	Ruthy Heydt	Geoff Littlefield	Sue Prutzman
Reader	Geoff Littlefield	Marlene Duchak	Merilyn McLaughlin	Ruthy Heydt
Ushers	Roxanne Dittman Ashley Dittman	Debbie Spencer Diane McGlinchey Jodie Moyer Donna Long	TBD	Allen and Ruthy Heydt
Counters	Dawn Hydock Debbie Spencer	Allen and Ruthy Heydt	Donna Long Sue Prutzman	Eugene and Shirley Heydt
Council	Ken Dittman Ashley Dittman	Ken Dittman Ashley Dittman	Ken Dittman Ashley Dittman	Ken Dittman Ashley Dittman
Altar Guild	Donna Long Joan Davis	Donna Long Joan Davis	Donna Long Joan Davis	Donna Long Joan Davis
			Maundy Thursday	
Date			April 18	
Acolyte			Doris Moyer	
Reader				
Ushers				
Counters				
Council			Carol Adams Charlie Kulp	
Altar Guild			Doris Moyer Sue Prutzman	



Date	Flowers	Bulletins
Monies MUST be attached to form to have that date sponsored or paid online through tithe.ly Forms on bulletin board in narthex.	\$25 for one vase \$50 for two vases \$7 delivery charge	\$12 per week
April	All open	7, 21, 28
May	5, 12, 26	All open



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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET---Mark your calendars!

Ladies, Come one, come all to our 49th Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet.
It is planned for Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 PM in our fellowship hall.



Each family is asked to bring one cold dish and one hot dish.

We also know in today's fast-paced world this is hard to do. So, we just ask that you do what you can and come help us celebrate Mother's Day. This year's entertainment will be The Trinity Lutheran Church's Bell Choir. Come join us for a night of food, fellowship and entertainment. Make a great memory with your family, friends or loved ones.

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



Golden Age

The program is at 2 pm on Thursday, April 4 and will be held at Butter Valley Community Church in Ball. The program will be "The Glass Tear" and will be presented by Randy Doaty.

Come join us and bring a friend along!