



**ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

***THE TRUMPET***

March 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite psalms is Psalm 30. I especially like the verse that reads, "Weeping may tarry the night, but joy comes in the morning." On that first Easter morning joy found its way into the troubled hearts of the sorrowful women who had come to the tomb to anoint Jesus' dead body. Horrible memories of their Lord's suffering and death still weighed heavily upon them. For them it was, indeed, "still dark." Suddenly it was dawn! As the sun began to rise, so did their spirits. An angel announced to them that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Jesus was very much alive, and so was their hope. "Weeping may tarry the night, but joy comes in the morning."

The Resurrection of our Lord is a time to celebrate the morning joy that comes after a night of weeping. Easter is a time to celebrate the morning joy that invades a night time of despair and despondency. It is a time to celebrate the morning joy that mysteriously and miraculously erupts from the darkest places in the world as well as the darkest places of a person's heart. I often share Gerhart Frost's illustration in which we are asked to imagine two rooms connected by a door. One room is totally dark and the other is filled with light. When the door is opened, what happens? What happens is that the darkened room always becomes brighter. It never fails!

When God opened the door of Jesus's tomb the world suddenly became brighter. "Weeping night may tarry the night, but joy comes in the morning." I invite you to come and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Come and celebrate the morning joy of experiencing, in faith, the power of light over darkness, and the power of life over death. Come and celebrate the hope that death no longer has any hold on us, that death has, indeed, "lost its sting." Come and celebrate the morning joy of knowing, in faith, that the crucified and risen Savior stands in our midst and brings us peace as well as a promise, a promise that one day we will live with him in God's heavenly kingdom. Christ is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas A. Omholt

*Saved by God's grace, and nourished through Word and Sacrament, we, the community of believers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, are Sent by the Holy Spirit to Share the Good News and Serve our neighbors following the example of Jesus Christ. (St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement)*

**Welcome to the St. Paul's Trumpet,  
A publication of St. Paul's  
Lutheran Church.**

Additional information is available on the church website at [www.stpaulslutherandc.com](http://www.stpaulslutherandc.com). St. Paul's also publishes a weekly email update – E-news. Be sure to join us on Facebook.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
4900 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
202-966-5489  
Fax: 202-362-9165  
[office@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:office@stpaulslutherandc.com)  
[www.stpaulslutherandc.com](http://www.stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Rev. Thomas A. Omholt**  
[tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Cassie S. Brown, Deaconess**  
[cbrown@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:cbrown@stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Lisa B. Wackler, Director of  
Congregational Life**  
[lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Aline Otten, Director of Music**  
[aotten@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:aotten@stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Joy C. Belew, Office Administrator**  
[joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Glenn Ralph, Sexton**  
[killsing@yahoo.com](mailto:killsing@yahoo.com)

**David R. Hearn, Director of Music, Emeritus**

**Gail Ferris, Treasurer**  
[treasurer@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:treasurer@stpaulslutherandc.com)

**Tim Boldt, Accountant**  
[Tim.Boldt@boldtfinancial.com](mailto:Tim.Boldt@boldtfinancial.com)

**Prayer List**



**Please Keep In Your Prayers ...**

Charles Albert  
Kay Schwarzmann  
Katharine Berger  
Lois Leland  
Donald Althouse  
Ellen Saposnik  
Barbara Miller  
Jay Guerber  
Ellen Cohen  
Jean Isley  
Katherine Davis  
Joseph Saccone  
Miriam Burt  
Ann Albert

Kevin and Mary Lowe Mayhugh upon the death of  
their son, John

Christians who are persecuted in the Middle East

**Worship Ministry to meet  
on March 6th!**

St. Paul's Worship Ministry will meet on March 6th after the 11 am service. We will meet in room 207 of the educational building. All are welcome to attend. Contact: Karen Leigh Campbell ([dirhtss@gmail.com](mailto:dirhtss@gmail.com)) with any questions or concerns.





## Lenten Services and Fellowship Continues...



### "Soup, Sacrament and Holden Evening Prayer"

Each Wednesday during Lent we meet in the church's dining room for mid-week Lenten activities. At 6:00 pm, there is a child-friendly activity and devotion time, followed by a light supper at 6:45 p.m. Then we head upstairs for the *Holden Evening Prayer service in the Chancel at 7:30 p.m.* In addition to Holy Communion we visit various "stations" for prayer and meditation.

Over the last 4 years, these Lenten Mid-Week "Soup and Sacrament" gatherings have been a huge success, and a wonderful opportunity to share the Lenten journey with one another. We hope you'll join us again this year!

**Volunteers are needed to provide parts of the shared meal.** Contact Lisa Wackler (lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com) or 202-966-5489 to volunteer, or you can sign up online at Signup Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0949a8a9229-soup>



**Youth Group Volunteering with Capital Area Food Bank.** Saturday, March 19, 9am-12pm at the Food Bank (4900 Puerto Rico Ave NE) or meet beforehand at St. Paul's for a ride. Join us afterwards for lunch. Talk to Rob or Donna Hershey ([donna.hershey@gmail.com](mailto:donna.hershey@gmail.com)) to RSVP!

**April 1-3rd: Shekinah** is a retreat for middle school youth (7th & 8th grade) from Lutheran churches across the DC Metro area, held yearly at the Northern Virginia 4H Camp in Front Royal. There are large group and small group sessions as well as free time and outdoor activities. We will meet at St. Paul's on Friday evening and return early afternoon on Sunday. The cost is \$125.



## Prime Time Center

The Prime Time Center gathers every Wednesday between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for fun and fellowship. St. Paul's Center continues to be blessed with a faithful ministry team who welcome the participants, spend time with them in conversation, and serves a wonderful hot luncheon to everyone. We welcome you to come and see this vibrant community and participate in any program that seems interesting to you.

The programming begins with an **entertainment, lecture, or information session from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm followed by a delicious hot lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Immediately after lunch the group participates in an active hour of exercise** that is led by an excellent instructor who has become an important part of the PTC community.

### Upcoming Schedule

March 9: Marsha Goodman: Jazz & Blues program

March 16: Activities to Go "America's First Ladies"

March 23: Dr. Robert Jenner presents "Cleopatra"

March 30: Paula and Tom "Two for the Road"



### **Pocket Prayer Squares Now Available!**

Pocket Prayer squares will be available beginning Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The pocket prayer squares were knitted by members of the prayer shawl ministry with love and prayers for your encouragement, healing, joy and peace.

The squares may be carried with you in your pocket or purse as a reminder of God's love and to sustain and strengthen you in difficult times.

On Sundays, the Pocket Prayer Squares will be available at the entrance to the Nave off of the portico. We ask that you take them on an as needed basis to ensure adequate supply. Please contact Deaconess Cassie with any questions or concerns.





**St. Paul's Mission Trip to Missouri:**  
Pastor Tom Omholt, Roger Branstiter, and Richard Wake worked with "All Hands", a disaster response organization, to assist Missouri residents who were affected by severe flooding in December, 2015. Check out the photographs of their adventure and service.



**December 29, 2015** (This photo: AP/J.B. Forbes, St. Louis Post Dispatch)



(From All Hands)



(From All Hands)

## February 2016









### **Mission Trip to Namibia being planned!**

The dates are **July 19th - August 2nd**. Stay tuned for more information!



### **Tellers Needed**

We are looking for people interested in volunteering for this very important church function. It consists of a two member team that works on Sundays after church for about 1 or 2 hours collecting,

counting and recording the offering. The teams are assigned a month at a time, usually 3 or 4 months a year (depending on how many teams we have). Sundays can be switched with other teams. Training and written instructions are provided. Please contact Paula Stewart (410-956-7117) or the church office to volunteer.

### **The St. Paul's Nursery is open from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm most Sundays!**



It is located in Room 111.

There will be a sign in sheet and parents will be asked to provide a cell phone number that the attendants can text if the parents are needed in the nursery. The nursery is open to all!

### **St. Paul's has a new Youth Choir!**



St. Paul's Youth Choir is welcoming new singers! Youth in the third grade and up are invited to join us for fun, games, and singing from 12:30 – 1 pm on Sundays in Schafer Hall. Questions? Contact Lisa Stechschulte Lowe (lisasteck@gmail.com) or Tammy Larson (t\_a\_larson@hotmail.com).

### **Installation of Leaders in the Congregation**

This Sunday, **March 6th**, the following members of St. Paul's will be installed as leaders of the congregation at the 11 o'clock worship service: June Ericsson as Trustee; Sue Hollar (President), Kate Belinski, Melissa Brown, Mike Charlton, Jane Cramer, Bill Heffley, Karen Ostergren, Jason Rademacher, Paul Reichert, Nancy Shearer, Beth Van Hanswyk and Pam Wannan as Council Members; Lynn Adkins as Congregational Secretary and Gail Ferris as Congregational Treasurer.

### **New Member Sunday: March 13<sup>th</sup>**



New members will be received into St. Paul's on Sunday, March 13th during the 11:00 am worship service. There will be a class for the prospective members on Tuesday, March 8th at 7 pm in room 207 of the educational building. If you know someone who would like to become a member, please have them contact Pastor Tom (202-966-5489) or tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com.



### **St. Paul's College Scholarship Fund accepting applications!**

As you know, St. Paul's has a college scholarship fund and we are now accepting applications! So, if you have a daughter or son planning to enter college this fall, and are in need of financial assistance, we would like to hear from them by May 1st. Please have them contact Pastor Omholt in writing (by email or letter) stating briefly where they plan to attend school, when, and a brief reason why they need this scholarship. Your family financial data is not necessary, just basic reasons. Priority will be given to students beginning their first year but we may consider those starting their second, third or fourth year. Contact Pastor Tom with any questions. (tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com)





**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

## **St. Paul's collecting for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kit Ministry**

This Lenten Season, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is collecting items for **Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kit Ministry**. Each week, we are collecting a different item that we will then use to assemble Personal Care Kits to give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Our personal goal is just 30 kits, but we will make more if we receive the materials to do so!

### **Here's our collection schedule:**

(Soap, Toothbrushes and Towels have already been collected).

The week of **March 6th:**      **Combs (sturdy)**

The week of **March 13th:**      **Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)**

The week of **March 20th:**  
**TO BE DETERMINED. At this time, we have received enough bars of soap.**

### **Please Note:**

- **Items MUST be new.** Sending new items shows the greatest care and respect for the recipient.
- **Please do not donate any items with religious symbols or messages.** Kits are distributed based on need, regardless of religious affiliation.
- **Please do not donate any items decorated with US flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the Armed Forces, including camouflage.**

Items may be dropped off at the church in the Portico or the Narthex. Please look for the basket marked "**Baskets of Promise.**"



**New!!**

twitter

Follow us on Twitter: @StPaulsLuthDC

## **Reminder!**

St. Paul's Podcasts are available online at:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stpaulsdc>

## **Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul's**

### **Passion Sunday, March 20th**

Worship at 8:30 am and 11:00 am  
Dramatic reading of the Passion with Holy Communion  
(11 am gathers across the street at the Muhlenberg Statue)



### **Wednesday, March 23rd**

6:00 pm Lenten Mid-week Worship and Fellowship  
7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer

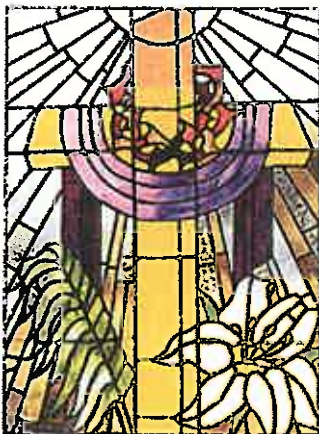


### **Maundy Thursday, March 24th**

7:30 pm Worship service with Holy Communion and Foot Washing

### **Good Friday, March 25th**

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service



### **Easter Sunday, March 27th**

8:00am Service of Holy Communion (note time change)  
9:30am Easter Breakfast  
10:40 am Festival music with Coolspring Brass  
11:00 am Service of Holy Communion



## ***Easter Lilies***

Help beautify St. Paul's this Easter. Plants in 7" pots containing 5-6 blooms are \$12.50 each. To order, please complete the form below and return it to Joy Belew in the Church office.

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies at \$12.50 each.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***In honor of:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***In memory of:*** \_\_\_\_\_

( ) will pick up after the 11 am Easter service.

( ) will leave for shut-ins.

Attached please find the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



## Church Council

Council members welcome your calls at their home phone numbers.

**President, Sue Hollar** – 202-966-2009  
sueanddave@hollar.us

**Kate Belinski** – 202-244-0005  
kbelinski@verizon.net

**Melissa Brown** – 301-312-6059  
mbafrica@aol.com

**Mike Charlton** – 202-415-4347  
charlton46@aol.com

**Jane Cramer** – 301-946-2996  
Jlcramer52@gmail.com

**Bill Heffley** – 301-942-0892  
bheffley@verizon.net

**Karen Ostergren** – 972-658-2675  
karenostergren@gmail.com

**Jason Rademacher** – 202-413-8975  
jrademacher@dowlohn.com

**Paul Reichert** – 301-983-0409  
preichert@jonesday.com

**Nancy Shearer** – 301-770-3834  
nancyshearer@aol.com

**Beth Van Hanswyk** – 202-363-7465  
bvanswyk@yahoo.com

**Pam Wannan** – 202-454-6700  
Pam@wannan.com

---

## Ministry Chairs

### Education Ministry

Liz Rihani – 202-667-9110  
lizrihani@gmail.com

### Evangelism Ministry

Linda Sell – 202-306-1092  
Lsell1300@gmail.com

### Social Ministry

VACANT

### Stewardship Ministry

James Carstensen – 202-225-4772  
jamescarstensen@yahoo.com

### Support Ministry/Personnel

Joan Janshego – 202-966-4721  
joanjanshego@verizon.net

### Support Ministry/Property

VACANT

### Worship Ministry

Karen Leigh Campbell – 703-508-2492  
dirhtss@gmail.com

~~~~~  
St. Paul's Monthly Newsletter, *The Trumpet*

Managing Editor, Joy Belew

If you have information you wish to have included in an issue, please send your submission to Joy by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com