

This Week at St Paul's

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sun. Lent 2 2/25	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Holy Communion, in person and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live Food and Fellowship Hour; Sunday School Bowling @ Earl Bowl, Quakertown
Mon. 2/26	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Bible Study via Zoom/FCC* Congregation Council vis Zoom/FCC*
Wed. 2/28	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship @ St John's Activity Center, Richlandtown Cub Scouts Pack 007
Thurs. 2/29	7:00 PM	Quakertown Lutheran Cluster Collaboration Meeting @ Trinity, Quakertown Annex Building
Fri. 3/1	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Al-Anon A.A.
Sun. Lent 3 3/3	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Communion, in person and online: www.facebook.com/StPaulsQtown/live Food and Fellowship Hour Upper Bucks Conference Assembly @ St Peter's, Riegelsville

* If you'd like to participate in these **activities taking place over Pr Dave's Zoom platform**, go to zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 3700147169, if it asks for a password, use 119805. If you're using a phone, these dial-in numbers will work: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, type 3700147169#, then 119805#. You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.

Today's bulletins are sponsored by Alison Brown. Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gloria and Joe Rittoper.

Thank you to our AA Treat Volunteer for Friday, March 1st: Pat Stever

St Paul's **new address** is **849 Old Bethlehem Road**, Quakertown, PA 18951. Please make the proper adjustments when mailing items to the church.

Our **Monday Morning Bible Study** meets this Monday, **Feb. 26** from **10:00 AM-12:00 NN** via Zoom or Free Conference Call. We're digging into the Scripture readings for the upcoming week to discover the treasures that await us come Sunday. And **Sunday School is back** for kids ages 4 through fifth grade (with older kids as helpers/leaders), meeting from 10:30-11:30 AM on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Come join us today!

Come join us for an afternoon of **Bowling with St Paul's this afternoon, Feb. 25 @ 1:00 PM** at Earl Bowl in Quakertown! This is a great event for folks of all ages, and we'll have pizza and goodies available for our crew as well. Bowling is \$4.75 per game and \$3.00 per shoe rental. Please RSVP by February 21 to Karen Roehner @ 267.718.8830.

Stewardship Note: Our congregation's expenses for 2024 exceeded our income by almost \$27,700. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our ministry together. If you'd like to give electronically and would like some information on how to do that, please contact the church office.

Our Social Ministry Team is now helping to **pack food bags at the Quakertown Food Pantry** the first Thursday of every month from 1:00-3:00 PM. Contact Sara George (primrose40@aol.com or 215.538.3786) or Food Pantry coordinator Donna Sorok (215.313.4644 cell) if you're interested in helping.

Our **Monthly Special** recipient for February is **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Lutheran Disaster Response continues to work with companions in Ukraine, Gaza, and our own land to providing refugees and disaster victims with immediate support and supplies as well as pastoral and psychological support and long-term reconstruction efforts— and we can be partners in those relief and rebuilding efforts. For more information or to give, go to www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Ways-to-Give. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by these disasters. Please give as you're able!

On Wednesday evenings during Lent (Feb. 21-Mar. 21), we're joining our brothers and sisters from St. John's Lutheran Church in Richlandtown in a series of **Midweek Lenten Services** at St John's Activity Center. We'll begin with simple **soup suppers at 6:00 PM**, then move into our **worship at 6:45 PM**. All our midweek suppers and services will be held at St John's Activity Center. (St John's is the "host" this week.) We've been blessed to enjoy this time of worship and fellowship together for over twelve years now— so come on out and invite your friends to join you!

Easter Flowers are available for sponsorship to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter Day. We'll be ordering twelve lilies, four hyacinths, and four tulips; each plant will cost \$11.00. An order form is enclosed in this bulletin for your convenience. You can place your completed order form and money in a sealed envelope (please write your envelope number on the outside of the envelope) and place it in the offering plate or the silver "Suggestion Box" in the breezeway by March 23. Thanks!

Number of Flowers Sponsored as of 2/20/24.

0 of 12 Lilies

1 of 4 Tulips

1 of 4 Hyacinths

"My father has a new address. Cards would be wonderful and appreciated! Thank you!"

-- Rhonda Diehl

Penn Assisted Living, Attn: Norman Diehl Sr., 68 Main Street, Pennsburg, PA 18073

For the latest announcement updates, go to www.stpaulsqtown.org.

After the Confession

You tried to explain it to your brother once, and to yourself, the sense you've had growing within you since that day Jesus called you to follow, and you did— that sense of awe, of something forcing cracks into familiar walls of thought, like that time as a child when you first saw the sea, not the Galilean waters from which your family fished, but the Mediterranean, vast, blue, the deep waves rolling in, the ships sailing out, their square sails growing small as they headed to the horizon from which the wind blew a salt scent to your skin, while your thoughts tried to grasp something big beyond words... and today here's Jesus, asking what people have been naming Him, and you use the word that comes so easily to your lips, it slips like breathing from your mouth: "Messiah"— yet you sense as you say it that you're trying to name the sea, but describing just the beginning of an ocean of truth; and sure enough: Jesus speaks about suffering death almost as if it were part of a plan, which surely can't be, but He rebukes your rebuke of Him, talks of taking up a cross, of losing life to find it— suddenly you're again that young child on the shore, watching a boat leave harbor on a deeper sea than you've ever known— and somehow the ship that's leaning into the wind has its deck underneath your own feet...

• *Andrew King*



Serving in Worship Today:

	Today 2/25/2024	Next Sunday 3/3/2024
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte/Cru	Stefanie Bauman	Linda Hertzog
Counters	Karen Roehner	Tom Sutkins
Alter Guild	Janet Hallman & Marie Shaw	Marie Shaw, Aundie Hamlin, Janet Miller
Communion	Rich Baringer	John Hunsburger
Bulletin	Katherine Brown	Katherine Brown
Reader	Tracy Hallman	Sasha Baringer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

- The Armed Forces, President Biden and his cabinet, Crossroads Pregnancy Care, David & Mary Johnson Sr., Morgan, Ally, Dontay, & Emily Hassler, Andrew Edmonds, Don & Karen Ludovici, Derek & Matt Ludovici, Barbara Graser, Charyl Westervelt, Connie Slotter, Norm Diehl Sr., Amy Miller, Karen Capella, Chrissy Cousins, Bob Shimalla, Robert & Cheryl Ball, Melissa Manhart, Tammy Zepiora, Aaron Hamlin, Gary Hertzog, David & Carol Marks, Katie, Cassidy Owens, Kelly & Jim, Kelsey Shaak, John Apple, Dr Jenn Phelps, Karen K., Keith, Joe, Ron Diehl, Annabelle Weller, Kelly, Kareem, Bret & Layann, Dr Stephen Motsay, Brenda Oelschlager, Brody, former Pres. Jimmy Carter, Roy Weidner, Bill Schumacher Jr., Michael Ludovici, Pr Robert Lescallete, Pr Erika Wesch, Sable Wilcox, Laura Ulrich, Nancy Ziegenfuss, Mary Beth Baringer, Dave & Karen Hammerschmidt, Pr Andrew Carlsson, Jennifer Carlsson, Barry & Judy, Ron & Fred Diehl, Bob Knapp, Dr. Ken & Family, Bella + Friora, Sheila Simpson, Norman Hottensen, Rachel & baby Benjamin Marks, Christine; victims of natural disasters and gun violence.
- The war-torn people of Ukraine, Yemen, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, the DRC, Sudan, Mali, Central America, Niger, Gabon.
- Families and friends of Ray Constable, Bob Cope Sr., Connie Sheetz, Bob Westervelt Sr., Karen Blicht, Brittany Kane, Paul Ahlum Jr., Jim McKelvey, Shelly Doremus, Jerry Diehl, Cindy Cunnane, Mitsy Foulke, Sue Becknell, Jolly Ekpe, Edna Hottensen, Jodi Ritto.