

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

### EASTER BRUNCH

We will be having an Easter brunch following the service on **Sunday, April 5**. To aid in our planning please use the sign-up posters in the narthex. Any questions, please call Cheri Simons 302-345-6573. We will be collecting a free-will offering during the brunch, to aid those in our community who need our help. All the donated funds will help us to continue feeding the needy through our participation in the Hope Dining Room. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### ADULT FORUM - LENTEN PSALMODY

Pastor Cris will spend some time with our Lenten Psalmody as we journey toward Holy Week. The rich readings this year include some favorites...Psalm 121, 95, 23, and 130.

One more Sunday morning conversation (**8:30 AM on March 22**). Two more conversations on **Thursday evening at 6:45 PM.**(March 19 & 26).

### LENTEN SUPPER AND STUDY

The Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Committee invites you to a Lenten Supper and Study of the documentary "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture." We continue to gather for soup, screening, and study on **March 18 & 25, 6:00-7:30 PM**. Join us for food, fellowship, and thought-provoking discussion.

### TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Next **Sunday, March 22**, is the deadline for ordering flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. There are paper copies of the order form in the Narthex or an electronic version is available through the weekly email blast. The electronic form can be completed online and printed out or can be emailed to the church office.



### RAISE THE ROOF (FUNDS) REPORT

We continue our campaign to raise money to replace our sanctuary roof. The cost of the repairs is approximately \$33,000. We are working to have a commitment to \$40K in 40 days, with the extra money to provide for unforeseen issues and cosmetic repairs.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex near the Gold Box. Our hope is to have all the pledges in hand by Easter Sunday, April 5, and all the funds received by Pentecost, Sunday May 24.

Watch for an update on our progress next week. Let's "Raise The Roof (Funds)" and give ourselves one more reason to celebrate this Easter!

### **BREWING THEOLOGY**

For everyone twenty-one and older, please join us on **Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 PM** at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this week will be "Healthy Boundaries - Navigating relationships with family, friends, and coworkers while maintaining faith values".

### **LENTEN FISH FUN IN MARCH!**

Before your next Friday Fish Fry in Lent, how about helping out with "FISH - The Ministry"? You're welcome to help with any or all of our FISH activities: the Food Bank pickup and setup on **Thursday, March 19, at 1 PM**, then the packing of the food boxes at **6:30 PM** that same evening, with the actual distribution on **Friday, March 20, starting at 2:30 PM**.

### **OWLS MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**

This **Saturday, March 21**, is our Murder Mystery Dinner in Fellowship Hall at **4 PM**. Join us for a potluck dinner and an evening of mystery solving. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Deschere @ [lynn@deschere.com](mailto:lynn@deschere.com) or by phone at 302-368-6437 (H), or 302-373-0644 (C).

### **QUILTERS**

St. Paul's Quilters will be meeting on **Saturday, March 21, beginning at 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We usually meet until about noon. You can come for all, or part, of that time as your schedule allows. We will be assembling quilts for

Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Community Services. Please contact Lorraine Fett if you have any questions.

### **BOOKS AND BANTER**

For March, we will be reading the New Castle County Reads 2026 selection, "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Co-author Victoria Christopher Murray will lead a discussion of the book at an "Evening with the Author" event on **April 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM** at the Chase Center at the Riverfront. Our monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, March 25, at 1PM** where we will discuss this historical fiction novel.

### **OWLS APRIL TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS**

Join the OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS) on **Tuesday, April 21**, when we visit Longwood Gardens during their Spring Blooms season. You'll be able to wander through vibrant blooms, linger in serene spaces, and discover beauty at every turn.

We will meet at Longwood Gardens at 10:30 AM, for a one-hour guided tour starting at 11 AM. After the tour we will have time to explore on our own, and then lunch will be at Floga Bistro at 2:30 PM. The address for Longwood Gardens is 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348, and Floga Bistro is at 826 East Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

The tour is a flat rate for the group and is limited to 14 people. With 14 people the tour will be about \$11 per person. Admission to Longwood Gardens is also required and is \$32 (\$28 for seniors). Kathy will reserve the tour and admission for all those who sign up and will notify attendees of the final cost after the reservations are made. If you would like to use your Longwood Gardens membership for Admission, please let Kathy know. Contact Kathy Palmer (elie2220@comcast.net; 302-547-5168) by **March 29**, if you will be attending and provide your email address and cell phone number. Also let Kathy know if you would like to carpool.

### **HOPE DINING ROOM**

Your help is needed to stock the pantry items needed to aid our mission of feeding our neighbors in need. We need sweet corn, seasoned bread crumbs, Ragu spaghetti sauce, large red Jello (any flavor) and boxed mashed potatoes. Please place any donations in the brown box.



# EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

**St. Paul's will be ordering an assortment of flowers for our celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Sunday, April 5.**

**ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 22.**

*Please place completed form in the offering plate or send it into the church office.*

*Payment can be made by cash, check, or by clicking the "Easter flowers" tab on the drop down menu using Tithe.ly, accessed by the QR Code below.*

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 6" Easter lilies (5+ bloom) at \$11.00 each.

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 6" Tulips (6 bloom) at \$9.00 each

Color and quantity \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ Purple \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 8" Tulips (10 bloom) at \$14.00 each

Color and quantity \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ Purple \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 6" (3 bloom) Hydrangeas at \$16.00 each

Color and quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Blue

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 6" Cushion mums (assorted) at \$9.00 each.

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 6" Daffodils (yellow) at \$9.00 each.

I/we would like to make a gift toward whatever is needed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_     Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by:    [   ] Cash        [   ] Check # \_\_\_\_\_

[   ] *Tithe.ly* online giving (Please pay the processing fee.)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



*Additional dedications can be written on the other side or on another piece of paper.*



Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.



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**Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast** - articles are due by Wednesday morning at 10 AM to [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org). Late submissions will be shared [the following week](#).



**Worship Attendance**



**Prayer Requests**



**Electronic Giving**

