

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

The gospel readings for the last Sundays of Easter shift the focus from Christ's presence among the disciples to his care for those who will continue his mission in the world. While the scriptural context is obvious, Christ addresses his contemporary disciples as well. To the community that bears his name he says, You will also do the works that I do. The church keeps these Easter days in order to discern anew its baptismal witness in the world. In our community, at this time, with these gifts, what witness can we offer to the one who is our way, our truth, and our life?

ADULT FORUM

In January of 1776, months before America declared its independence from Great Britain, the Rev. Peter Muhlenberg mounted the stairs to his pulpit in Imanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Virginia and began to preach quoting Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: "There is a time to pray and a time to fight, and that time has now come." According to Muhlenberg's nephew, Pastor Peter then threw off his clerical robes, revealing a colonel's uniform. Peter Muhlenberg was not the only Lutheran who had an impact on the Revolutionary War. We'll talk about them on Sunday, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Blue Room.

FSFC IN CONCERT

The First State Flute Choir which joined us in worship last Sunday will present their spring concert, "Dancing into Spring," this **Sunday, May 3, at 4PM**. A freewill offering will be received, and a reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

ST. PAUL'S GAME NIGHT

Please join us on **Monday, May 4, from 6 PM to 9 PM** for a Game Night. Bring your favorite card or board game to the Fellowship Hall for some friendly competition. Bring a snack to share, if you'd like.

BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone twenty-one and older, please join us on **Wednesday, May 6, 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 "Why do I believe in God?"

COME, WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION!

St. Paul's ministry of music and friends from the community will present a festival Easter concert on **Sunday, May 17, at 4PM**. Come enjoy our enhanced choir, handbell ensemble, and chamber orchestra as they offer anthems for the Easter season between "comments from the great cloud of witnesses." There will be opportunities for audience participation and voluntaries performed by a guest organist, as well. A freewill offering benefitting the Friends of Music fund will be received and a reception will follow.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

If you are considering becoming a member here at St Paul's, you are invited to learn more at two upcoming information classes. The two classes will be held right after worship on Sunday, May 31, and Sunday, June 7. New member reception will be held on June 14. Please rsvp your intention to join us no later than **Sunday, May 17**, (to Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com). Any questions, please contact Pastor Cris at pastor@stpaulsnewarkde.org.

BUSY HANDS

Looking for a worthwhile summer project? Look no further. Our Busy Hands Ministry is seeking folks who like to knit or crochet. We are making prayer shawls for members in need and hat/scarves for the Seamen's Center. Instructions are simple and yarn is provided. Please speak to Renate Maass to learn more (home: 302-368-7407, cell: 302-383-7098, email: renateatlast2@aol.com).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Our back cover has a QR code for our Sign-Up Genius. All who are a part of our worship life are invited to assist as you are willing and able. Training will be offered as needed (See Pastor Cris or Lynn Deschere). There are still several opportunities for each Sunday in May. Lay Reading frequency is once every 3 months, and once a month for the other positions.



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. Late submissions will be shared the following week.



Worship Attendance



Prayer Requests



Electronic Giving



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