

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks clearly of the Spirit he will send to his disciples of every generation. Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus announces that a person comes to birth as a child of God through water and the Spirit. In this reading, he calls the Spirit another Advocate, the one who will speak to the heart of the baptized, who listen in silence for his voice. In their prayers, hymns, and preaching, Western Christians have tended to place greater emphasis on Christ than the Holy Spirit. In these Sundays, when the role of the Spirit in Christian life is highlighted, it may be appropriate to reflect on our understanding of this seemingly silent yet every present person of the Holy Trinity.

### ADULT FORUM

When the Declaration of Independence declared America's freedom from Great Britain, it not only started a Revolution, but it placed the new nation's churches in limbo. Suddenly, churches were no longer linked to Britain for funding, some clergy, and loyalty to the British Crown. So, what happened? Join in the discussion on Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Blue Room as we conclude our discussion of churches of the American Revolution.

### SOMETHING IS FISH-Y THIS MONTH!

There's something a little "FISH-y" about the church's Calendar of Events for this month - specifically the date for the FISH activities is off by a week! But don't worry - the correct dates are below.

We're actually going to be heading to the Food Bank for pickup and setup on **Thursday, May 14, at 1 PM**, with the packing of the food boxes at 6:30 that same evening. Our distribution will be on **Friday, May 15th, starting at 2:00 PM**.

If you have questions about FISH, please contact Keith Bart at (302-345-6107 / [keith.m.bart@gmail.com](mailto:keith.m.bart@gmail.com)).

## 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.

## OWLS ACTIVITIES

Reminder that tomorrow, **Monday, May 11**, is our trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. If you have registered for this trip, we will be leaving the church at 7:30 AM.

The OWLS are also planning an activity to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Independence with a visit to Historic New Castle. It includes a tour where we will learn about the pivotal role Delaware played in the history of our country, as well as other activities. Please see the weekly email blast for full details or reach out to Greg Johnson (302-563-5150) by May 31 to register.

## QUILTERS

St. Paul's Quilters will be meeting on Saturday, May 16, 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.

## NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

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](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com)). Any questions, please contact Pastor Cris at [pastor@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsnewarkde.org).



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**



**Worship Assistants & Flower Dedications**



