



# St. Paul's News

## Pastor's Corner by Pr Dave Heckler



As we begin the month of November, we're all dealing with so many issues— the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the presidential election, our return to in-person in-the-sanctuary worship (hopefully), our stressed-out family, occupational, economic, and educational situations, and the like— that it's hard to know what to say.

In such situations, I'm glad I can share the wisdom of others. In this case, I'd like to share with you the wisdom of Debie Thomas, an Indian-American Christian education director and essayist for the website "Journey with Jesus". Here are some excerpts from her meditation for All Saints Day (in my opinion, a near-perfect reflection on where we find ourselves in this strange November season):

*How often, since the COVID-19 pandemic began, have you said, "I can't wait until life gets back to normal?" I've said it more times than I can count. There's nothing wrong with saying it: Of course we want to return to the lives we enjoyed before the virus changed everything; of course we want to travel again, and welcome people into our homes, and worship in-person in our churches, and put away our face masks, and send our children to school, and hug our loved ones without fearing for their safety; of course we want the dread, isolation, uncertainty, and grief of the past year to fade into memory...*

*But what exactly is "normal"? Who decides how we define it? What does "normal" look like to Jesus— and does my vision of normality align with His?*

*Perhaps, like me, you grew up hearing that the "Beatitudes" are "Be-attitudes"— postures and perspectives we should strive to adopt in order to earn favors from God. If you still believe this, then please read Matthew 5:1-12 again, and notice that the passage doesn't contain a single "should," "ought," or "thou shalt." There's no transactional language in these verses at all— no commandments, no moral injunctions. Rather, what Jesus does is simply describe reality, as in, "Here are the facts. Here's how the world works. Here's an accurate description of life as it truly is." In other words, here's "normal"— God's "normal"...*

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus claims that the poor, the mournful, the meek, the hungry, the merciful, the pure-hearted, the peaceful, and the persecuted are "blessed." They're the fortunate ones, the lucky ones, the ones whose lives are aligned with the heart and character of*

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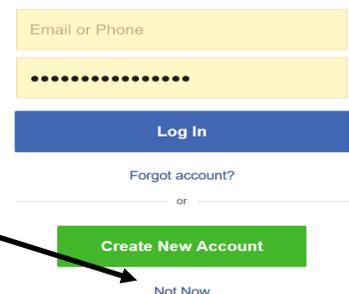


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## Pastor's Corner Continued

*God. They're the ones who'll enter heaven, experience comfort, inherit the earth, be filled, receive mercy, see God, and be called the children of God.*

*Do I really believe this?*

*The problem, of course, is that God's "normal" isn't the normal I see and experience in the world around me. I live in a world where the loudest, strongest, wealthiest, and most privileged people prey on the "less fortunate." I live in a world where greed and selfishness pay big time, while meekness, mercy, and mournfulness earn little more than contempt. I live in a world where securing my own ease and comfort is my "right"—the rest of creation be damned.*

*But Jesus in His wisdom recognizes this disparity, and addresses it in the very wording of the Beatitudes: "Blessed are... for they will be..." The language bridges the present and the future, the now and the not-yet, the kingdom that is and the Kingdom that's coming. The blessing is here; God's favor is now. But its fulfillment, its perfection, still lies ahead...*

*So then, back to the essential question: Do I believe in Jesus' version of "normal?" Do I believe that the people who care profoundly—the people who yearn, mourn, hunger, thirst, suffer, and speak for justice—are the most fortunate people on earth? Do I see (or even look for) blessing in the world's most reviled, wretched, starving, grieving, shamed, and broken human beings—or do I find their desperation, their passion, and their suffering embarrassing, excessive, undignified?*

*The amazing thing about the people Jesus describes in the Beatitudes is that they **want**. They want without reservation or apology. They want justice; they want peace; they want solace; they want healing. Even in the face of oppression, pain, loss, and sorrow, they don't give up wanting—or living in ways that bear witness to that wanting. There's nothing casual, tepid, half-baked, or shallow about them.*

*In other words, what Jesus describes in His sermon is a world turned upside-down by passionate conviction, intensity, and desire—an economy of blessing that sounds ludicrous to those who refuse to feel so deeply, a reordering of priority and privilege that the Church has found awkward and even offensive for centuries. Do we find it offensive, too? And if we don't, what then? ...*

*This isn't because I'm callous. It's because I'm **full**—so full that I barely register the hunger beneath the fullness. It's because I have easy access to laughter, and therefore don't wonder what lessons honest tears might teach me. It's because I'm primed by my cozy life to live in the shallows, unaware of the treasures that await me in the depths. Most of the time, it just doesn't occur to me that I'd be lost—utterly and wholly lost—without the grace that sustains me.*

*[Perhaps] what Jesus is saying in this Gospel is that I have something to learn about discipleship that my life circumstances won't teach me—something to grasp about the beauty, glory, and freedom of the Christian life that I'll never grasp until God becomes my everything, my all, my go-to, my starting place, and my ending place... something to humbly admit about the limitations of my privilege... something to recognize about the radical counter-intuitiveness of God's priorities and promises... something to notice about the obfuscating power of plenty to blind me to my own emptiness... something to gain from the humility that says, "Those people I think I'm superior to in every way? They have everything to teach me. Maybe it's time to shut up and pay attention."*

*In a beautiful reflection on Jesus' upside-down kingdom, Frederick Buechner writes this: "The world says, 'Mind your own business,' and Jesus says, 'There's no such thing as your own business.' The world says, 'Follow the wisest course and be a success,' and Jesus says, 'Follow Me and be crucified.' The world says, 'Drive carefully—the life you save may be your own'—and Jesus says, 'Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.' The world says, 'Law and order,' and Jesus says, 'Love.' The world says, 'Get' and Jesus says, 'Give.' In terms of the world's sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot, and anybody who thinks he can follow Him without being a little crazy too is laboring less under a cross than under a delusion." This isn't prosperity theology; this isn't "blessing" as health, wealth, and happiness. This is a teaching so costly, so soul-rattling, so unpalatable, that most of us will do anything to domesticate or ignore it.*

*Eventually, whether months from now or years from now, our lives will return to "normal." We'll manufacture and distribute vaccines; we'll find better medicines and treatments; we'll put our face masks away; we'll venture out of our houses and cities; we'll grieve the dead, and we'll heal. But even when that time comes, the challenge and the invitation of Jesus' Beatitudes will remain. **Will God's normal become ours? Will we align our priorities with God's heart? Will we center, privilege, and bless what matters most to God?***

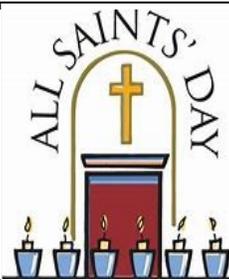
*"Blessed are... for they will be..." Lord, give us faith to believe it.*

Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord, *Pr. Dave*



### Congratulations on Your Confirmation!

Congratulations to *Jake Baringer* on his confirmation at St Paul's UCC in Sellersville! Rich and Mary Beth and Jake are all active both at St Paul's UCC in Sellersville (where Mary Beth grew up and Pr Dave was baptized) and St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Applebachsville (where Rich grew up); Rich has been the coordinator of our biennial Joyful Noise music festivals since 2005, and all three are part of our Joyful Noise Band (where Jake totally rocks the house with his guitar). Blessings on your confirmation, Jake!



## Worship in November: "For All the Saints!"

November's the time of year when the Church remembers all those who've entered into the fullness of eternal life and begins looking forward to the consummation of history in the return of Christ Jesus. And even though we're still worshipping together at a distance during the coronavirus pandemic, we're celebrating this liminal time in a number of ways:

Through November 22, we'll be using the classic **LBW Setting 2** as our base liturgy, singing "This is the Feast of Victory!" with gusto and chanting the Kyrie and Proper Prefaces joyfully, rejoicing in the beauty of the Lord's holiness. (And indeed, with only one "non-Communion" Sunday this month, we'll be sharing the Feast of God's victory most bountifully!)

**November 1** is the **Feast of All Saints**, when we remember our brothers and sisters who've died over the past year. We'll light the Paschal Candle in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection shared with them, and light votive candles in their individual remembrance. (Please call in the names of loved ones you want to remember on that day to Alicia at 215.536.5789 or [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com) by October 26.)

On **November 8**, we'll be marking **Veterans Day** weekend by remembering and rejoicing in those who serve our nation in the armed forces— and remembering the 22 veterans who take their own lives every day to end the pain of PTSD, moral injury, and deep woundedness of soul— by hanging 22 dog tags on a "**Witting Tree**".

On **November 22**, we'll celebrate **Christ the King Sunday**, the last Sunday of the Church year, with a service of Holy Communion that ponders how Jesus shows up in distressing disguise and continues to reign among us. (And barring worsening of the pandemic, we'll be returning to in-person worship too! See the article below...)

And then on **November 29**, we'll begin a new Church year with Holy Communion on the **First Sunday in Advent**— and once again, in-person worship in the sanctuary.

It's a month full of special worship events— and certainly full of the presence, peace, and power of our Lord Jesus Christ giving Himself to us and for us in Word and Sacrament. So mark your calendars, invite your friends to join you, and come and share in an exciting month of worship here at St Paul's!

### St Paul's to Return to In-Person Worship November 22

At our recent October Council meeting, we decided that after a long time of being unable to worship indoors, we'll try to **resume in-person worship at St Paul's in late November**. Our plan is to host a "dry run" service in person on Nov. 22 and officially resume in-person worship on Nov. 29, the First Sunday of Advent. (Note: Should the pandemic situation worsen in our area between now and then, we'll stick with our current "virtual" worship practice and wait until it's safer for us to gather...)



But if we're going to do this, we're going to do this as safely as possible. To do this, we'll observe the following safety protocols:

- Everyone will wear a face mask;
- Family groups will be seated a minimum of six feet apart from one another on all sides;
- We'll pick up bulletins and place offerings in baskets out in the narthex after sanitizing our hands first;
- We won't be singing or doing responsive readings during the service— music will be instrumental only;
- We'll receive Holy Communion in the pews rather than coming forward to the altar, picking up our bread and grape juice as we enter the sanctuary;
- We'll enter by the front door and leave by the side door;
- Our Sharing of the Peace will be "non-contact";
- We'll seat no more than 30 people in the sanctuary. Additional attendees will sit, properly distanced, in the fellowship hall; and
- For the time being, we'll forego our in-person fellowship time in the fellowship hall. We'll continue to livestream our worship via Facebook Live and host our fellowship hour via Zoom throughout this time.

**On Going Business:**

- Vanguard Account Balances:** As of September 30, \$128,725.29 down from August 31, \$130,201.31. Market fluctuations.
- Income statement:** Bob distributed report -- As of Sept 30, expenses exceeded income by (\$16,992.03), up from August 31 (\$15,528.79).
- Cemetery:** Account totals as of Sept 30, \$76,887.82, down from August 31, \$79,441.93.



**Habitat for Humanity**

*Monthly Special: Habitat for Humanity*

Taken from Habitat for Humanity's website <https://www.habitatbucks.org/>

"Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman, and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all."

If you'd like to contribute to our monthly special simply send a check to the church with Habitat for Humanity listed in the memo if you'd like to support this ministry to our community.



Cub Pack Troop 007 no longer has leadership and is looking for leader (s). At this time the Cub Pack has disbanded but some former cubs scouts would like to continue. Maybe other children in the area would also be interested. If you are interested, please contact Donna Wyatt, Charter Organization Representative for St. Paul's Lutheran Church at [helpkids1997@yahoo.com](mailto:helpkids1997@yahoo.com) or 267-261-8377.

We are looking for a **new congregational coordinator** for our Food Pantry efforts here at St Paul. Many thanks to Denise Shaeffer for her fine work over the years! If you're interested, please contact Pr Dave.



**Bakers Needed!** Do you like to bake? Each Friday Sue Young coordinates a baker to supply treats to help support the AA Let Go and Let God group meeting at St. Paul's. She is hoping to add a couple more bakers to those who already participate in this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Sue Young at 610-982-5541 or e-mail her at [sueyoung751@gmail.com](mailto:sueyoung751@gmail.com)

*Happy Birthday*

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| 11/1 Henry DePue      | 11/15 Peter Flood     |
| 11/1 Melanie Johnson  | 11/17 Joe Brown       |
| 11/2 Alyssa Barndt    | 11/19 Gordon Bryan    |
| 11/3 Sarah Hunsberger | 11/23 Winnie Knapp    |
| 11/3 Jessica Morgan   | 11/23 Mervyn Brumbach |
| 11/4 John Hunsberger  | 11/24 Joshua Roehner  |
| 11/13 Dean Sauerwald  | 11/26 Aubrey Diehl    |
| 11/14 Linda Hertzog   | 11/29 Stefanie Bauman |
| 11/14 Rhonda Diehl    | 11/29 Shane Ruth      |

**DON'T FORGET TO ...**

- Save your Redner's receipts and place in the envelope on the Narthex Bulletin Board. This is a simple way to financially help St. Paul's.
- Save your aluminum tabs from Soda Cans, Soup Cans, etc. and give to Todd Silvius for the Ronald McDonald House.
- If you have e-mail; sign up for the Electronic version of the newsletter by e-mailing us at [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com).



**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

**For More Spiritual Growth Resources, Check Out Our Facebook Page!**

You've been turning to our congregation's Facebook page to catch our weekly worship livestreams— but we're also using it as a platform for **other weekly faith formation opportunities:**

- ✝ Pr Dave is still posting weekly segments of Rob Bell's classic "Nooma" video series. They're not Bible studies or courses *per se*, but they'll definitely make you think. (And when we run out, we'll make available some other video series well worth pondering. Some possibilities include Alan Storey's reflections on "Manna and Mercy" and a video series entitled "The Work of the People".)
- ✝ Pr Dave's also posting videos on **spiritual disciplines and spiritual growth**, working with resources from Richard Foster's "Renovare" series as well as some personal resources.





**Thursday Morning Bible Study News** Come join us each week for our **Thursday Morning Bible Study** from **10:00-12:00 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. You don't have to be a biblical "expert" to get a lot out of this study— so come on out in the broad daylight and invite your friends to join you!

To participate in Thursday Morning Bible Study or any of our other **activities taking place over Zoom**, go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 370 014 7169, and if it asks for a password, use 119805 and you should be in. If you're using your 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, and you'll type in 3700147169#, then 119805# and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you— something that's really precious right now!) You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]**: Dial 857.232.0157, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.



### Baptismal Anniversaries!

We rejoice to celebrate people's biological birthdays all the time, and rightly. But as wonderful as receiving the gift of life in this world is, receiving the gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus in our Baptism is even more wonderful (and best of all, it never grows old!). Why shouldn't we celebrate the anniversary of our new birth in Christ even more gladly?

**Happy Baptismal Birthday!**

**Ray Constable and Laura Ulrich**

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Help support St. Paul's every time you shop at Amazon by bookmarking this link and using it when you shop at Amazon: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6272047>. You will see an amazon log -in screen which states on the left .5% of all eligible purchases will be given to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Applebachsville. Sign in with your account/password and continue with your purchase and check out. The total donation by Amazon for all eligible purchases will be credited to the church's bank account on a quarterly basis. Once you register St. Paul's as your preferred charity, it becomes a part of your Amazon account and all future purchases will automatically be credited to the church. Any questions regarding this program can be directed to the Finance Committee or just use the information tabs on the Amazon site.



### Like Us on Facebook (and Otherwise Online)!

Did you know that St Paul's maintains an active church website, as well as several Facebook pages? Check out our online presence at the following sites:

- ⇒ **Our Facebook page:** [www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church-of-Applebachsville](https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church-of-Applebachsville)
- ⇒ **Our WEBSITE:** [www.stpaulsqtown.org](http://www.stpaulsqtown.org)
- ⇒ **Our Joyful Noise Facebook page:** [www.facebook.com/joyfulnoiseatstpauls](https://www.facebook.com/joyfulnoiseatstpauls)
- ⇒ Daily Bible readings and commemorations: [www.satucket.com/lectionary](http://www.satucket.com/lectionary)
- ⇒ Daily Morning and Evening Prayer liturgies: <https://dailyoffice.wordpress.com/>
- ⇒ **Our e-mail address:** [stpaulsqtown@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsqtown@gmail.com)



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**Fire - Marine Rescue - EMS**

### Tethered Balloon Ride Fundraiser & Fire Prevention Event

Date: Saturday November 7, 4-7 pm  
Location: Haycock Township Community Center (1014 Old Bethlehem Rd)



Come out to support your local fire company and learn about fire prevention! Fire equipment will be on display and a tethered hot air balloon will be available for rides.

Balloon Ride ticket prices: Adult: \$20; Child (6-12 years old): \$15  
(Note: children under 6 years old are not permitted on ride. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian and they must sign a release for the child. A maximum of 4 passengers per ride.)

Cash and checks will be accepted for payment.

Masks and social distancing are required.

Thank you for your support!  
[www.haycockfire.org](http://www.haycockfire.org)

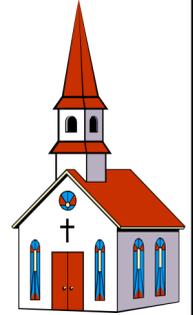


## "Fall Back" One Hour for November 1

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on November 1. **Make sure to make your clocks "fall back" one hour** (if they don't already do so automatically) **before you go to bed Saturday evening, October 31**, so you can be here at St Paul's lifting your voices in praise with all the saints on Sunday morning.

## Congregational Budget Meeting Nov. 23

On **November 23 at 7:00 PM**, we'll hold our annual **Congregational Budget Meeting via Zoom** to review and approve our 2021 ministry budget. (Copies of the budget will be available by Nov. 10 for your review prior to the meeting.) Again, to attend the meeting, go to **zoom.us**, click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID **370 014 7169**, and if it asks for a password, use **119805** and you should be in. If you're **using your phone**, these dial-in numbers will work to access Zoom: 929.205.6099 or 312.626.6799. After you dial, you'll be asked for the host's code, and you'll type in 370 014 7169, then 119805 and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you— something that's precious right now!) We'll email copies of the budget in advance, as well as have it viewable on screen during the meeting.



## Remembering Our Veterans

November 11 is **Veterans' Day** in the United States. We'll be marking Veterans Day weekend on November 8, by remembering and rejoicing in those who serve our nation in the armed forces and remembering the 22 veterans who take their own lives every day to end the pain of PTSD, moral injury, and deep woundedness of soul. Once again, we'll hang dog tags from a **"Witting Tree"** this year— but here's another way to remember those 22 veterans who take

their own lives each day and strengthen yourself in the process:

If your physical condition allows, beginning November 1, consider doing (or working your way up to doing) **22 push-ups each day** in remembrance of those veterans, and keep it going throughout the month of November. (Kudos to Peter Gehring of Christ UCC in Trumbauersville for not only giving us the idea, but doing this back in May in preparation for Memorial Day.) Whether you do your pushups from a full plank (knees off the ground) or a half plank (knees on the ground), you'll be strengthening your upper body and recognizing our brothers and sisters still striving against the darkness that war's chaos brings.

## Grandparents Support Group

*Run by grandparents for grandparents and relatives raising the children of loved ones. Build support, discuss topics related to challenges, celebrate successes, broaden areas of knowledge, and educate others through lived experience. Speakers to be announced.*

**When:** 1st & 3rd Friday in September thru November 19th (resumes March—May)

**Time:** 6:30—8:30 PM

**Location:** Lenape Valley Church  
321 W. Butler Ave. New Britain, PA  
(For GPS use Doylestown, PA)

**\*Turn onto Ute Road to access parking lot**

*Registration Required By Wed. Prior to Friday Meeting at BCGrandFamilies@gmail.com  
E-mail the names of all attending (including name/age of children) and phone number).*

**FREE SUPPORT GROUP**

**NAMI Connection**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness SUPPORT GROUP FOR TEENS

Maintaining positive mental health is important in dealing with the challenges of life. As your brain develops, negative stress and pressure makes it hard to cope. Not everyone will understand what you're going through, but you're not alone.

**When:** Every Thursday from 6:30-8:00pm  
**Where:** Online on Zoom Direct Link: [bit.ly/NAMIVirtual](https://bit.ly/NAMIVirtual)  
Meeting ID: 901 202 4943 Password: 202901

NAMI Youth Connection Support Group is designed for teens between the ages of 12 and 17 who are living with mental health challenges or those who might be dealing with a difficult school or home life. This group provides a safe space to connect with one another, share your stories, and receive support and encouragement.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**@NAMI Bucks County PA**

Groups are led by trained facilitators who have faced difficult circumstances, but these are not our groups. The groups are yours. They're also free, confidential, and you never have to register to attend.

NAMI, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, envisions a world where all people affected by mental illness live healthy, fulfilling lives supported by a community that cares. Questions? Call 1-866-399-NAMI (6264) or [namibuckscounty.org](http://namibuckscounty.org).



## “50-40-10”: Rejoicing in the Ordination of Women

With gratitude for those who've gone before and hope for the future, the ELCA gives thanks to God for the ministry of women. In 2019 and 2020 we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely. November 22, 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary of the Rev. Elizabeth Platz, who served her entire ministry as the campus pastor of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland. We celebrate the gifts and service that women have brought to our church and our world as pastors.

Yet even as we celebrate this anniversary year, we lament that women have been barred from serving in the ministry of Word and Sacrament in many parishes and have been bullied, dismissed, and excluded in others. In the ELCA, 32% of women pastors have experienced sexual harassment, compared to 6.5% of male pastors. As of April 2016, the average defined compensation for female clergy in the ELCA was 86% of what their male counterparts were compensated—a gap compounded for ordained women of color. “Many women in this church have shared that people continue to disrespect or ignore their voices and authority. Today, women of color continue to wait longer for calls than do all men and all white women. But there is hope... What didn't seem possible a generation ago is becoming a reality in our church.” (Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, 2019)

**Elizabeth Platz** Nov. 22, 1970

Elizabeth Platz is ordained in the Lutheran Church in America, which makes her the first woman of European descent ordained in a Lutheran church body in North America.

**Dec. 22, 1970** **Barbara L. Andrews**

Barbara L. Andrews is the first woman of European descent ordained in the American Lutheran Church and the first woman with a disability to be ordained in the United States.

**Janith Otte Murphy** Oct. 30, 1977

Janith Otte Murphy is the first woman of European descent ordained in the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

**March 4, 1979** **Lydia Rivera Kalb**

Lydia Rivera Kalb is the first Latina woman ordained in a Lutheran church body in the United States (LCA).

**Earlean Miller** Aug. 26, 1979

Earlean Miller is the first woman of African descent ordained in a Lutheran church body in the United States (LCA).

**Asha George-Guiser** July 1, 1982

Asha George-Guiser is the first woman of Asian descent ordained in a Lutheran church body in the United States (LCA).

**July 19, 1987** **Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo**

Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo is the first American Indian woman ordained in a Lutheran church body in the United States (ALC).

**Ruth Frost**

**Phyllis Zillhart** Jan. 22, 1990

Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart are the first openly lesbian women to be ordained in a Lutheran church body in the United States. Because of the ELCA's policies on clergy in same-gender relationships, the congregation that called them, St. Francis, was put on ecclesiastical trial, suspended from the ELCA for five years and then expelled in 1996. Frost and Zillhart were formally received back into the ELCA in 2010.

**Jun. 12, 1992** **April Ulring Larson**

April Ulring Larson is the first woman of European descent elected as a synod bishop in the ELCA. At this time, she was only the second female Lutheran bishop in the world.

**April 13-16 1980**

### 10th Anniversary

The 10th anniversary gathering was the first time female pastors across the AELC, LCA and ALC met. The Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist remembers that there was an element of fear in the gathering. People were uncertain if women's ordination would last.

“Too often, when female clergy meet and share, the air is filled with anger, frustration and pain. Stories are sad, discrimination is outrageous, and the joy comes mostly from the little moments of warmth shared with a kindred soldier before leaping back into battle. Uncomfortable, but true.”

—The Rev. Margaret Gatter Payne, 1985

**Louisa Groce**

**Sept. 12, 1999**

Louisa Groce, of African descent, is the first octogenarian woman ordained in the ELCA.

“During my 98 years of life, I have seen God sweep aside barriers of ethnicity, gender and age to help me become a pastor of Christ's beloved people. Each step of the way, this was not a calling I sought nor did it come about by my effort. It has all been God's work from beginning to end.”

—The Rev. Louisa Groce, 2017

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**Women's Ordination Statistics**

Women are more likely to serve as supply pastors than men. Additionally, men are more likely to be senior pastors, while women are more likely to be associate pastors.

As of January 2016, 119 out of 145 member churches in the Lutheran World Federation ordain women.



In the ELCA, 32% of women pastors have experienced sexual harassment, compared to 6.5% of male pastors.



As of April 2016, the average defined compensation for female clergy in the ELCA was 86% of what their male counterparts were compensated. This gap is compounded for ordained women of color.



For more data, please see the 45th Anniversary of Women's Ordination Report: [elca.org/About/Leadership/Womens-Ordination-research](http://elca.org/About/Leadership/Womens-Ordination-research).



**Supporting Our Ministries**

Thank you for continuing to support our ministries here at St Paul's during this time of safe distancing. While we haven't been able to meet in person during this time, our staff continues to work hard, our bills, salaries, and repairs still need to be paid, and we continue to reach out to our community to make disciples and touch people's lives with the love of Christ. Your support, through your tithes and offerings, continues to be needed during this time.

And now **you can financially support our ministries in several ways:** [1] If you're already signed up for **Simply Giving**, you're already taken care of; [2] You can **mail your offerings** to the church; and now [3] You can go to our church website ([www.stpaulsqtown.org](http://www.stpaulsqtown.org)) and make your contributions online, even using a credit card. Whatever way you choose, your contributions help us continue to serve our congregation and community and build upon the good things God's doing through us.

**COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE**

Sift dry ingredients together **three times** (this is important):  
 3 cups flour (2 c. whole wheat, 1 c. white if possible)  
 1¼ tsp. baking powder  
 1¼ tsp. salt

Stir in 4 tsp. [olive] oil. Set aside.

Divide dough into four balls and flatten each ball into a ¼-in. thick disk. With a knife, score a cross onto the top of each loaf (or score it like a pizza might be cut).

Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350° F for 10 mins. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with [olive] oil. Then bake them for an additional 5 minutes. Then pull them out and let them cool. After sharing the bread in Holy Communion, after the service is over, reverently eat the rest of the loaf together.

**Join Us During Social Distancing on Zoom!**

- If you'd like to participate in any of our **activities taking place over Zoom**, go to [zoom.us](http://zoom.us), click "Join a Meeting" at the top right of the page, use meeting ID 3700147169, and if it asks for a pass-word, use 119805 and you should be in.
- If you're using your 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, and you'll type in 3700147169#, then 119805# and you're in. (What's more, with your smart phone or computer, you can engage video as well as audio, so we can see and hear you—something that's precious right now!)
- You can also use **Free Conference Call [FCC]: Dial 857.232.0157**, enter conference code 144261, and you're in.
- Since Pr. Dave is now back at Christ Church in Trumbauersville on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM (they resumed in-person worship on October 4), our **Sunday morning Fellowship Hour** is now being hosted on Zoom by Patty Schumacher— and we'd love for you to attend! To do so, follow the instructions above for Zoom, but use meeting ID **839 381 0896** and passcode **90e8Dm**.



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