

# The Epistle

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## The 24th Annual German Dinner is Saturday, September 22nd from 3-7pm

As the German Dinner quickly approaches many tasks are already underway. The sign-up sheets are at the side of the church with a variety of volunteer opportunities. Any time can you give is paramount to the success of the evening. We always receive favorable comments from the community about our dinner and we look forward to another fantastic and fun-filled event.

And we need everyone to help spread the word about our event. Dinner tickets can even be purchased ahead of time online at our website. If you are on Facebook, share our event to your personal page or the flyer we sent out via email share that with your family and friends. Is this the year we top our most meals ever served?



*Do you know what our record is? Find the answer in this newsletter.*

## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

*We join with the National Church on God's Work Our Hands Sunday to make a positive difference in the world.*

The chemo bags were the choice of everyone to make on September 9th.

The benevolence offering from July and August will be used to gather the supplies for this project. The bags will be assembled in the Parish Hall immediately following church on the 9th. The coffee hour will be held there as well. We would like everyone to come and take part in this service project. Thank you for your input and we look forward to completing this project with you.

The result was 38 votes for the Chemo Care Bags, 31 for bags for the Homeless & 21 for the Police Appreciation Bags.

## Church Events

- Sept. 2nd– Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sept. 9th– God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
- Sept. 18th– Christkindl Market planning mtg.
- Sept. 19th– Quilting Angels
- Sept. 22nd– German Dinner
- Sept. 25th– Women's Group
- Sept. 30th– Mar-Lu-Ridge Walk-a-thon

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# Thanks for Stamps for the National Lutheran Home

St. Paul's ELCA Women have sent stamps (on cover) to the National Lutheran Home in Rockville for many years. Often we received envelopes from a CPA delivered to us by Doris Alexander, plus some from other members.

Recently several large quantities of covers with stamps from someone were received (a mystery.) Then some happened to be delivered by Kay Wachter. (Mystery solved!) The envelopes have stamps not previously seen in this area

but with lovely, commemoratives and from every state in the U.S. All of these will be prepared and sent with others going to the National Lutheran Home this fall.

The stamp program at "The Home" has been in existence for 42 years and has been recognized for its ministry to its residents. The stamps get prepared, sorted and sold to stamp dealers and the proceeds benefit the residents. We, at St. Paul's, have been thanked by letter from the Stamp Program

Chairman for our past contributions and I am sure they will be especially pleased with our next contribution.

They prefer United States commemoratives or foreign stamps (all need to be on at least 1/2 of the envelope so elderly hands can work on them.) Picture postcards are appreciated also.

Envelopes can be left at either usher station or given to me personally for preparing further prior to sending them. This activity may be new to many of you—check with me if you have questions.

—Margaret Powers  
ELCA Women's Volunteer

**Christmas Stocking donations for September: Coloring or Activity Books**

## Quilting Angels

Returning from the summer break the Quilting Angels will be meeting at the home of Margaret Powers at 9:30am on September 19th. Any help is much appreciated!

## Sandals on the Ground

*Follow along with Tori in her year of accompaniment in South*



Tori is on the ground in South Africa. Through some twists and turns she was the only one granted a Visa in South Africa, so instead of Swaziland as originally believed she will be in the town of Atteridgeville, north of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Follow along with Tori as she is able to update us on her blog at: <https://toriinsouthafrica.wordpress.com/>

## Mar-Lu-Ridge Walk-a-thon

*Interested in supporting the outdoor ministry of the ELCA right in our own community?*

St Paul's will be assembling a team to participate in the Mar-Lu-Ridge Walkathon on Sunday, September 30th. Want to spend an afternoon with friends on the beautiful Mar-Lu-Ridge Campground and help support children and youth—see Belinda or Trisha to sign up!

## Clothing Closet

The Clothes Closet will be manned in the month of October by the members of St. Paul's. We need people from 10am until 2 pm on each of the Saturday's in October. Please give the community a hand by volunteering to staff this important ministry. You will be given a brief orientation to the job. Please let Wendy know if you can help by emailing her at [wendyb117@comcast.net](mailto:wendyb117@comcast.net) or calling at 301-471-1164. This is a Ministry that does not get a lot volunteers and we could really use your help.

Everyone is busy and everyone has things they would rather do but think about this - Imagine what it would be like if your child needed an article of clothing and the only place you could afford to get it was at the clothes closet? However, the place was closed because no one could give 2 - 4 hours? Please consider helping out, we really need you.

## Pastor's Corner

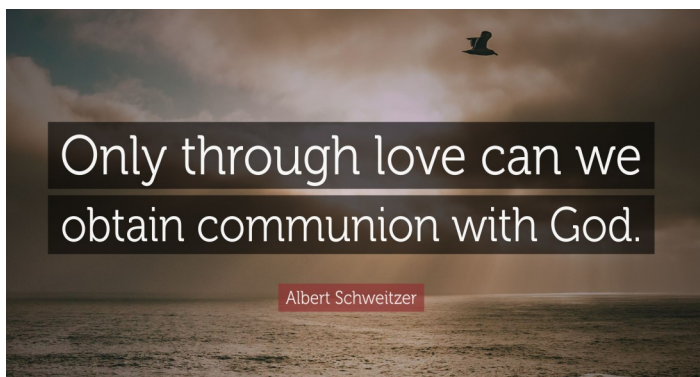
One of my heroes has always been Albert Schweitzer. Somehow when the red worship book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) replaced the green worship book (Lutheran Book of worship), Schweitzer's commemoration day didn't make it into the new book. But we used to, at least, commemorate this man on September 4. And since I am writing this article for the September newsletter, I find myself thinking of him.

Schweitzer, known as a theologian, philosopher, organist, authority on the works of J.S. Bach, physician, and missionary to Africa, was born on January 14, 1875, the oldest son of a Lutheran pastor in Alsace, which is in modern day France. He studied philosophy and theology at the University of Strasbourg. In 1899 he received his doctorate in philosophy and became a lecturer at the university and a preacher at St. Nicholas Church. The following year he was ordained a Lutheran pastor and received his doctorate in theology. He studied the organ and even wrote a book on the life and art of Bach.

In 1905 Schweitzer announced his intention to become a missionary doctor. He resigned his university appointments and abandoned a promising career as a lecturer. In 1912 he married Helene Bresslau, a scholar and a nurse. In 1913 he received his doctorate in medicine and on Good Friday of that same year, he and Helene set out for Lambarene in Gabon. There they built and opened a hospital on the banks of the Ogooue River.

When World War I broke out, Schweitzer was interned as an "enemy alien" and held as a prisoner in France. While there, Schweitzer pondered world problems and wrote a two volume set of philosophy, The Philosophy of Civilization. In it he set forth his principle of reverence for life in all of its many forms which he believed was essential for the existence and survival of civilized society. After the war ended, he returned to Africa in 1924 to rebuild the ruined hospital, to which was added a leper colony. In 1952 Schweitzer was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for his work on "the Brotherhood of Nations". He continued to write and lecture even as he worked in Africa. In addition to his work in philosophy, Schweitzer is known as the father of the study of "the historical Jesus", through which he sought to uncover and know more fully the person of Jesus behind the preconceptions and assumptions that we have through culture. He died on September 4, 1965 and was buried at the hospital beside his wife.

We can learn from Albert Schweitzer that our work which may seem mundane and done in out of the way places, has significance and is the open door through which God's graces are manifested in us. And that as



we draw nearer to Jesus, his grace will fill us and cause us to be more engaged with the world, not less. And finally, that Jesus – the object of our affection, transcends one aspect of our lives, to encompass every part and facet of our being. Love of Jesus will pull us through a merely theoretical relationship with Jesus and into concrete expressions of our love and his grace.

—Pastor Ron Schlak

**Prayer: Blessed Lord Jesus Christ; your love and your grace transcend all the world and all eternity. May we behold the depths of your love and be drawn to love you all the more, and having loved you, may we seek to spread your Word and manifest your grace. Help us to remember your servant Albert, that with him we may work for the coming of your kingdom in our world through works of faith and charity. Amen.**



# Christkindl Market

The Historical Society of Walkersville is again hosting the Christkindl Market. It will be much the same as last year's. The date will be December 1, but St Paul's will have a Friends and Family Night on Friday, November 30th.



We will have an organizational meeting on the 18th of September at 9:30 am.

We would like your help and assistance in this project. "Many hands make light work" works for this project. It is not labor intensive and is fun to work together with others from church. We will get together in the weeks leading up to the market to make some of the items that we will have for sell. It is an enjoyable event and a great way to kick off the holiday season!

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Walkersville, hosts its 24th Annual

## GERMAN DINNER

**Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, 3:00-7:00 pm**  
at the Walkersville Vol. Fire Co., 79 West Frederick St., Walkersville, MD  
"ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET"

Adults \$17—Children age 5-12 \$6—Under 5 Free—Carry-out available—\$1.00 extra  
Pre-purchase tickets online via our website

**MENU:**

•Sauerbraten	•Spaetzle	•Stringbean Salad
•Bratwurst	•Dumplings	•Cucumber Salad
•Bauernwurst	•Red Cabbage	•Applesauce
•Weisswurst	•Sauerkraut	•Bread & Rolls

**Dessert: Bundt and assorted cakes**  
**Beverages: Coffee and Iced Tea included; Oktoberfest beer and wine available for purchase.**

•Good Food!  
•LIVE German Music! Provided by:  
Frederick's Allgemeine Fest Kapelle  
•Gemütlichkeit!

Live Oompha Band  
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## Looking Ahead:

- October 4th Calendar Planning Meeting 6:30pm
- October 14th Harvest Home Sunday
- October 26th Annual Children's Halloween Party

Collection of names for All Saint's Sunday will happen throughout the Sundays in October.

850 German Dinner meals is the record to beat!