

The Epistle

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ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 4

Worship	9:30am
VBS Meeting	10:45am

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Congregational Life	7pm
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Sunday, Aug. 11

Worship	9:30am
Shareholder Luncheon	12pm

Monday, Aug. 12

Finance	7pm
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Tuesday, Aug. 13

Council	7pm
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Sunday, Aug. 18

Worship	9:30am
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Sunday, Aug. 25

Worship in the Park	9:30am
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Monday, Aug. 26

Worship & Arts	7pm
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Tuesday, Aug. 27

Executive Council	7pm
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Church Council— Meet Vicar Phil Beck

"I am Phil Beck and am married to Susan Jean, my wife of more than 26 years. My son, Dan, is currently serving in the U.S. Army and is married to Amy. We enjoy hiking in the woods or the mountains and I enjoy fishing in the Adirondacks. We have lived in the same community for the past 17 years and are members of Living Grace Lutheran Church in Urbana, MD. I retired from the U.S. Park Police on December 31, 2017 with 29 years of service spanning a variety of positions with my last being the Commander of Criminal Investigations. I have been enrolled in United Lutheran Seminary as a full-time student since the fall of 2017, but began part-time study in the fall of 2014. I have just completed my year-long internship at Grace Lutheran in Westminster, MD. I will be going through the approval portion of the ELCA candidacy process for ordination this fall."

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Property Notes

Roofer - How to fix the area by the side door; waiting on information

Fix Plaster (wall of the library area near the window) where water has been leaking in.

Carillon - not working

Follow-up to the Special Church Council Meeting

Appropriate way to proceed is sending a letter to the congregation; seconded by Russ Mildenstein and Trish Valcarcel;

9 council members approved with 2 abstentions.

Letters mailed to each church member on Wednesday, June 12th.

Save
the
Date

It's Coming Sunday,

October 20, 2019

Consecration Sunday!

More details to come as the date gets closer!

Church Council Continued...

Agreement between St. Paul's and Vicar Phil Beck.

Trish Valcarcel, on behalf of the Call Committee, motioned to review the presented agreement between St. Paul's and Vicar Phil Beck for discussion; seconded by Mary Ann Ferguson and Ed Chaney.

The agreement is for a half-time (25 hours) covenant agreement with Seminarian Philip J. Beck to be performed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and is agreed to by the church council. The Rev. Seminarian Philip J. Beck, and the Office of the Bishop of the Delaware - Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

- The agreement is effective September 11, 2019 until December 30, 2019. It may be terminated upon a 30-day notice with the approval of the Bishop.

Note: Vicar Phil has a prior engagement and not able to preach on Sunday, September 15th.

- Once the agreement is signed by all parties, it becomes a legal binding contract.
- Once the Office of the Bishop signs the agreement, this allows Vicar Phil to preside over the elements.
- Monthly compensation for this half-time covenant position is \$2,333 (salary) + mileage at the current IRS rate.
- During the interim, who can the Office Administer go to for guidance and questions? Trish Valcarcel volunteered to be the point of contact.
- Suggest putting a list together of all the church members and their roles and functions at St. Paul's by committee for the Church Office.

After discussion, Trish Valcarcel motioned to approve the presented agreement between St. Paul's and Vicar Phil Beck; seconded by Mary Ann Ferguson. **Council approved.**

Congregational Life Ministry (see report dated June 4, 2019)

- Outreach Project (Linda Yopp) - recommendation changed to "supporting a Lutheran church in the El Paso area by hosting a fundraiser" seconded by Mary Ann Ferguson and Ed Chaney.
- Summer Chat - June 23rd - Farewell for Pastor Ron - RSVP to Russ and Amy Mildenstein

**Donate a meal
to a
First Responder
or Single Soldier!**



Boy Scout Troop 1011 is having a Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser on October 19th (Woodsboro Days) at the American Legion in Woodsboro. Tickets are \$15. The meal comes with a Chicken Half, two sides, and a beverage. We are also offering the opportunity to donate a meal to a local first responder or a single soldier stationed at Ft. Detrick. This fundraiser is supporting a group of Scouts going to Ely, Minnesota for a High Adventure Canoe Trip. If you are interested in buying tickets, please see the Mildenstein family at mruddy@aol.com or 301-845-2037



A Note from Sherry



*The Family of Margaret Powers
Thank you for the use of
the church for her services.*

*Many thanks to the ladies
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Everything was great!*

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Executive Council

Given the office will be going through a few changes, we wanted to assure everyone that there will be no gaps in office coverage. We were very fortunate that Tori Valcarcel has agreed to temporarily fill in until a permanent replacement is found. So please, do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

Office Administrator

Let's explore the role of the Office Administrator. They report to the council, but work in the office to help deal with scheduling and facility rentals, correspondence between the council and the congregation as well as answering any inquiries that may arise. They will also create the weekly Bulletins, the monthly Epistle and the Weekly Reminders. Most importantly they are here to help, so don't be afraid to pop in!

Hours

Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm

Calendar

As another reminder, the calendar will have listed who is leading our services as well as who is volunteering each Sunday, so everyone can keep as up to date as possible! The calendar can be viewed on the website here:

www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Glade Valley Community Services

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June 19, 2019

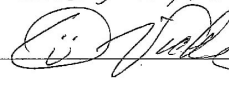
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19 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Walkersville, MD 21793

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We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,


Glade Valley Community Services, Inc.
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

*You all are our good and faithful friends
and we appreciate your support so much!
You continue to be the "wind beneath our
wings!"* 

Please keep this acknowledgement for your tax records. GVCS is a 501(c)(3) organization. Pursuant to section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code we acknowledge that the donor did not receive any goods or services in whole or partial consideration for the above contribution.

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Save the Date

Saturdays in October from 10 to 2

Did you Know? The Glade Valley Community Services (GVCS) Community Thrift Shop has been housed in St. Paul's Parish Hall (basement) since 2004? The shop is open most Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The shop is run by volunteers from the community. St. Paul's month to staff/run the Community Thrift Shop is the month of October. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours on a Saturday in October. Teens looking for community service hours are welcome. We will need at least 2 people per shift.

Shifts: October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th:

9:45 am to 12:00 pm

12:00 pm to 2:15 pm

9:45 am to 2:15 pm

It's fun and rewarding; a time to meet/greet families from our community.

Questions/Interested in volunteering:
contact **Sheila Kahler (301) 845-2820**

SAVE THE DATE

Worship in the Park

With Pastor Bruce Barth

St. Paul's Annual Church Picnic



A Time for Fun, Food and Fellowship Sunday,
August 25, 2019 following
"Worship in the Park"

"Worship in the Park" as well as the picnic to follow will be held at the Walkersville Community Park at the end of Kenneth Drive. Pastor Bruce Barth will b.

Interested in helping with the Picnic? Please come to the Congregational Life (CL) meeting on Tuesday, August 6th @ 7 PM (Parish Hall)

More details to follow after the CL August 6th meeting.

So your Pastor is retiring...

What Comes Next?

The significant change for pastors, congregations and the synod, will correlate with the pastor's calling. In every situation there are special needs and opportunities to show love for one another, as well as prepare for a brighter future.

Step 1

Pastor retires or resigns

Step 2

Synod appoints an interim pastor for approval by council (Interim pastor is NOT available for call to that congregation)

Step 3

Transition team is chosen for purpose of completing Ministry Site Profile

Step 4

At completion of Ministry Site Profile a Call Committee is chosen by council

There are significant differences in the process of hiring an employee to a company and the calling of a pastor. The Call Process of a Pastor is a patient one that requires time, stringent research and prayer, as well as the cooperation of the pastoral candidate, the synod, and the congregation for the interdependent process to function.

Step 5

Synod Pastor meets with Call Committee to give instructions

Step 6

MSP is officially sent to Synod office for candidate search

Step 7

Synod office forwards potential candidate information to Call Committee for review and interview

Step 8

Potential Candidate is Seminarian Student with two semesters left—to be a contractual 'temp to perm' position (or 'rent to own')

In final reflections, the process is to guide you to the question and answer of the following quote, "In our deepest reflection and prayer, do we believe God is moving us to call this pastor to speak for Christ and serve Christ in our parish?" We must have faith that God's presence will aid in your discernment.

Step 9

Call Committee interviews Seminarian (Vicar) and recommends to Council for contractual hire while Vicar finishes seminary

Step 10

Council approves contract for Fall 2019 with re-negotiations to happen for Spring 2020 Semester

Step 11

Spring 2020 Call Committee recommends to Council/Congregation for full call to be extended

Step 12

Congregational meeting for vote to extend Call to Vicar