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October

Epistle

2020

Re-Opening Information

THE TIME IS FINALLY HERE!!!!

Your Council members had a special meeting this week to discuss our in person/inside re-opening plan. We are happy to share that we will be **OPENING THE SANCTUARY** for in person services October 18th at 9:30am!! Things will look a little different but a video has been recorded and it should be helpful to watch and see how you will enter and exit the sanctuary and how the seating will be adjusted for social distancing purposes. For example, everyone will enter and exit from the SIDE/Handicap entrance. There will not be cushions on the pews, so bring your own if you would like. Masks are required to enter (we will have some at the door if you forget yours!) Temperatures will be taken at the entrance as well. Singing will only be done by the Cantor/Worship Leader during the service. In lieu of hymnals/ bulletins, we are also preparing the sanctuary to allow for easy viewing of the service/bulletin by using a projector to cast the images for all to see together. (The video will be available the week before we open on Facebook and an email link will be sent out for your viewing.)

We know that the changes may seem daunting, however our Re-opening team has been working diligently and carefully to make sure that our sanctuary is prepped and ready to welcome our church family back in person as safely and in the most healthy way possible. The entire leadership of St. Paul's has struggled with these decisions over the past 6 months, however we have been leaning on His guidance and prayerfully discerning the path that has been necessary for the health of our whole Christian family.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the 18th. We know, however, that many are not able to return to in person worship yet—The good news is that our Facebook live stream of the service will be continuing uninterrupted at 9:25a! (And then uploaded to YouTube the next day.)

As always, if there are questions/concerns, please reach out to the Church office or PASTOR!!! Phil ☐
Lifting each of you daily in His embrace!
God is Great! All the Time!

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*"If you want to change the world,
start with the next person who comes
to you in need."*

—Maezumi Roshi

A large, stylized illustration of a tree with a thick black trunk and branches. The tree is covered in vibrant autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Several small black birds are perched on the branches. The background features elegant, light-colored swirls and patterns, particularly on the left side.

Pastor's Peace

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

"For we live by faith, not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:7

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I have now been at St. Paul's for a year and in that time we have been involved in some very different ways of worship, gathering, holding meetings, and just staying connected to each other. The first leg of our journey culminated on September 27, 2020 when many of you joined Ron Brown and I in person and virtually to participate in our ordination and installation ceremonies. It was truly an inspiring day and one that saw the clouds dissipate when Ron and I received our stoles to signify our ordination as ministers in Word and Sacrament. Somehow I missed the flyover that occurred, but what else could we have added to this ceremony in the ballpark? Pastor Kevin Clementson mentioned to me after worship that while serving communion he had the strongest urge to yell out "Jesus here, get your Jesus here!" I must say that the overwhelming support of St. Paul's was flowing throughout the stadium and for that I am extremely grateful.

We now begin a new leg in our journey that will see our congregation grow in ways that we could never imagine. We are seen virtually across the country and in some cases around the world. The ministries of St. Paul's continue to grow and spread out into our communities reaching different people where they are instead of waiting for them to come to us. Our discipleship continues to touch new people who may not have been to church in some time and I am witnessing the empowerment of this discipleship on a daily basis. Just this past Sunday, a family came to drop off food for the food drive and mentioned that they were planning on joining us for our outdoor service. How wonderful is it that one ministry can spread out into the community to welcome new people and provide Jesus to the world? As I mentioned in my sermon of 9/27/2020, Jesus has left the door open for us to join with him in spreading the Good News to all who will hear. We are welcomed into the Kingdom of God for it is here and now, a joyful notion for us to embrace, a powerful witness to God in our lives. This pandemic has forced us out of our comfort zone to minister in new and exciting ways, not only to be in communion with our church, but to be in communion with our neighbor. I invite you to share your peace, as well as the Peace of God with all whom you encounter for as we know with the story of Abraham, you never know who that stranger is among you. Welcome to the first installment of the **Pastor's Peace**.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Share your peace boldly as a called disciple of Christ and "Get Your Jesus Here!"

Should you have any questions or concerns, I am glad to speak with you at any time.

Peace

Pastor Phil

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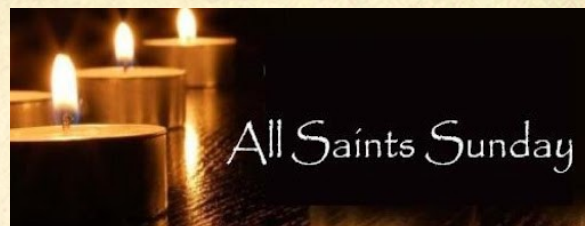
All Saints Sunday resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

At St. Paul's we follow a tradition of honoring all the saints who have passed away since last All Saints Day. We will light a candle and ring the bell for each person named.

Please call the Parish Office (301) 845-4600 or you can send an email @ Officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org to name the person you would like to remember in this way throughout the month of October. Please give the name, relationship to you and date of death. We will need these names by 10/23/2020.

Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee.

Betsy Galliher
Worship and Arts Committee Chair



"God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."

— Hebrews 13:5



Saint Paul's would like to extend our appreciation for the amazing work done on the Ordination and Installation services. The event was very successful and would not have been possible without all of those who invested their time, talents, energy and faith. Having to incorporate social distancing protocol during a pandemic made it a real challenge. You all really "stepped up to the plate". It was a wonderful day, well spent listening to the word of God. A great way to awaken our hearts, minds and souls from our ordinary, every day life in today's world, and take part in making a real difference. Thank you for this well organized and meaningful event.

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*"Faith is taking the first step even when
you don't see the whole staircase."*

—Martin Luther King Jr.



WE MET OUR GOAL!!

Thank you to Saint Paul's and the Walkersville Community!!

- 127 misc. food items (mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, oatmeal pkgs. etc.)
 - 50 cans of fruit
 - 81 - 4 packs of fruit cups = 324
 - 50 Hamburger Helper
- 511 food items TOTAL (goal was 500!)



Do you have a need for a prayer?

*Do you know someone else who has a need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer chain that is
ready to help at St. Paul's.*

*Simply contact Merle Anderson
through the Parish Office*

All requests are confidential.

October Birthdays

Oct. 2	Tyler Berrett
Oct. 3	Stephen King
Oct. 10	Paul Kiever
Oct. 20	Douglas Campagnoli Gary L. Wachter
Oct. 23	Morgan L. Howell
Oct. 25	Darlene Kiever
Oct. 26	Marcia Gupta
Oct. 27	Anthony Jack
Oct. 29	Ashley Sube Rebecca Sube
Oct. 30	Regina Cavell Marilyn B. Gupta

*"In my distress I called to the
LORD,
and he answered me
—Psalm 120:1*



Saint Paul's
Ordination of
Pastor Phil Beck
 Nymeo Field, Frederick, MD
 9/27/2020

