



Epistle

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
WALKERSVILLE, MARYLAND | AUGUST 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME ALREADY

On August 8th during the service, it's time to bless the backpacks for all the returning students, of any age. Bring your backpack or just yourself and allow us to offer up a prayer for the new school year. Seminarian Tori Valcarcel will be leading service that day as she too prepares to start a new school year.



And save the date for Rally Day, September 19th as we return to in person classrooms for Faith Formation. Join us as we celebrate a new year of learning and fun! Adult, Youth and Child Faith Formation classes return this fall and we need teachers. Come and learn alongside one another as a leader, we will help each other succeed along this faith journey. Please contact Billie Jo Kahler or Belinda Burriss for more details.

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF SAINT PAUL'S

We hope you have enjoyed the snippets of history shared throughout July! Would you like to see more? We are venturing to create an archive for our historical documents and photographs. Would you be interested in helping? Please contact the office with your availability, we are in the early stages of planning and looking at Thursday or Friday mornings as well as some evening possibilities. Together we can make sure that there are more pictures and documents to enjoy for the future generations at St. Paul's.

August Birthdays

- August 8th Lukas Pank
- August 10th Amy Koch
- August 14th Kate Stottlemeyer
- August 15th Erica Chesnik
- August 16th Glen Dayhoff
Rebekah King
- August 19th Riley Bruning
Ellen Hatgi
Sue-Etta Long
- August 20th Phyllis Dayhoff
- August 21st Thomas Kelley
- August 22nd James Leins
- August 28th Patricia Valcarcel

St. Paul's Annual Church



A Time for Fun, Food and Fellowship
Sunday, August 22, 2021

Time: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Walkersville Community Park (at the end of Kenneth Drive)
Pavilion #1

**Menu: Fried Chicken, bottled water, plates & cutlery
will be provided by the church**

Please sign-up at
<http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/AnnualChurchPicnic>

with a side dish or dessert you'd like to share at the picnic

**** RSVP to the office or Marie P. by Wednesday, August 18, 2021**
with the **number of people coming** so we have enough **CHICKEN** to share

Contact: Marie Purswell (240-446-1641)
Church office (301-845-4600)



Regular Worship Service will be held @ 9:30 a.m. in the Nave.

Spoken Worship Service will be held @ 11:00 a.m. in the park pavilion.

Annual church picnic will follow at Noon. All visitors and members are welcome to attend.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Still time to register for the Youth First Aid Mental Health course. Registration closes on September 11th for the October 9th course. Forms can be found on the church's website. If there is a youth or young adult in your life, then this training is essential. A mental health crisis like a physical health crisis is better treated when the symptoms are recognized and caught early. There are partial scholarships available to help with the registration fee. Please reach out to the office for more information.

God's Work, Our Hands

*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed
by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly
and serve joyfully #GodsWorkOurHands*

What is "God's work. Our hands." Sunday? Scheduled for Sept. 12, 2021, Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. The good news is that we are beginning to experience a slow return to daily routines and gatherings as more people become vaccinated. We look forward to be with family and friends once again to share God's love in person. We are witnessing the love and concern God's people have for one another. Our congregations continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. On "God's work Our hands" Sunday we come together to restore and reconcile our communities. You do this kind of work every day — loving your neighbors and making your community a better place.

So please join us to do God's work.....with our hands!



Council's Corner

Part of our church mission statement says that we challenge ourselves to share and live Christ's love within the congregation, within the community and to the larger world. We often do that, and one good example is what St. Paul's did recently for the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick.

The Religious Coalition helps prevent and alleviate the effects of poverty by responding to the emergency needs of Frederick County citizens. For forty years, the Coalition has provided emergency shelter for the homeless, including families, a point of entry for homeless prevention programs, after shelter programs, and healthcare assistance to the uninsured.

Recently, the Religious Coalition provided 33 families with emergency family shelter totaling 3,675 safe-bed nights of shelter. Unlike many homeless programs, the Coalition provides shelter and supportive services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and case management services.

The demand for homeless services continues to grow, and the Religious Coalition is currently embarked in a New Emergency Shelter Campaign to create a permanent family shelter, expand support services, and keep families together and return them to permanent housing.

In May, St. Paul's was able to make a gift of \$2,000 to the Beyond Shelter Campaign. As a result, thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the Coalition is getting closer to their goal of tripling the number of people they can help in Frederick County.

The past year and a half have been difficult for many of us, yet we here at St. Paul's should be proud of our willingness and ability to help those in the community that are suffering the most.

Thank you!



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Walkersville, hosts its 26th Annual

German Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, 3:30-6:30 pm

At the Walkersville Vol. Fire Co., 79 West Frederick St., Walkersville, MD



Gemütlichkeit!

“Drive Thru German Dinner”
****Pre-Pay only, Take Out****

Price	\$14
After September 1st	\$15

Pre-payment Deadline is Sept. 11th

For payment and further information please go to

www.Saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Or call Amy 301-646-3304

You can use the pre-payment link
by visiting our website:

www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org



MENU:

- (2) Bratwurst
- Spaetzle
- Red Cabbage
- Sauerkraut
- Applesauce
- German Bread

For more information, call Russ & Amy Mildenstein (301) 646-3304
Website: <http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org> | Email: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Pastor's Peace

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts [a] of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. (Romans 8:26)

God works in mysterious ways and we are filled with the Holy Spirit as our advocate in life to restore our right relationship with God. I have mentioned a few times before that I often find solace and inspiration in the woods or on the lake, yet more recently I found joy in the middle of the night at my computer and subsequently on the radio as I drove to the church. One of the challenges I believed for me in taking up this new vocation was to be able to write a sermon each week with a message speaking about God and being meaningful to all who have ears. Yet this very trepidation was what got me started on my journey. I can't remember exactly what I have heard, but the time of study for each minute of a sermon equates out to about 1-2 hours. So an 11 minute sermon would equate to about 11-22 hours of thought, research, prayer, and writing each week. I will admit that sometimes it doesn't always come easy, other times the words are there, and far more often lately for me, the Holy Spirit has been whispering in my ear to guide me along the path.

This is just the case for my sermon entitled “Be Bold in your Faith” delivered on June 27, 2021. As I went to bed the week before, I had the Gospel Lesson swirling in my head, the lesson about the woman with hemorrhages and the temple leader's dying daughter. I couldn't get the lessons out of my head and wound up turning on the computer at about 1am and began writing. I felt such joy in my heart even when Sue, walking from the bathroom, said what are you doing at this hour? I replied nonchalantly that I was writing my sermon and she said ok and went back to bed. I continued on, eventually going back to bed filled with hope for the message I would share with you. But as the Holy Spirit goes, I was not done and on my way to the church a familiar tune came on the radio. I was blown away because it so beautifully captured the words and sense of the scripture, not to mention what Jesus had done for each of the women in our Gospel Lesson. The tune was Lay Your Hands on Me by Bon Jovi. I was so filled with joy and hope that I came in to ensure there were no questionable lyrics, as I grew up in the 80's full well knowing there could be an issue. To my delight, as I studied the lyrics and listened repeatedly to the music, I found none and knew that the Holy Spirit was pushing me to share what I had experienced.



Pastor's Peace cont'd

I consulted with a few people and they agreed this would be a great message to share, so I went to work finding a version that could be viewed on our screen with the words prominently displayed. I spent an hour in the sanctuary listening to the tune over and over, going so far as to open windows and doors because the Good News should be shared with all who have ears. If only you could have seen the smile on my face as I played the music at different levels. I was in the company of the Holy Spirit and I was at peace. That is the mystery of God and the Holy Spirit at work within us and we are called to share these moments with those around us. I realize that some of you might have not enjoyed the rock and roll tenor of the song, but I am certain that hearing the sermon, seeing the words, and putting it together with the music of Lay Your Hands on Me might give you a new appreciation for the mysterious ways God acts in our lives.

I continue to welcome the Holy Spirit into my heart and will follow where it leads. I ask that you be open to experiencing new ways to embrace the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit speaks to each of us. I am excited to be one of God's children called to be amongst you on our journey. Please do not hesitate to talk to me personally about any topic as I would appreciate the honest conversation.

May Jesus come to you in your need and lay his hands on you!

Peace Pastor Phil

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Garden Tales

Every Tuesday at 10:30am all are invited to join us as we grow this summer! St. Paul's is not having a week-long VBS this summer, but all are invited to continue to learn and grow weekly in the Praise Garden. And if you are interested in participating in the summer of service with the youth group, please contact Belinda. There is still much going on at St. Paul's this summer!



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness"

Galatians 5:22

When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others.

Peace Pilgrim

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22nd

Saint Paul's Annual Picnic Noon—5:00pm, Outdoor Worship at 11:00am with Communion



August 27th

Our next Blood Drive is August 27th - It's time to set your appointment! Find the appointment link on our website's homepage banner at the top of the screen. Sign up early to get your preferred time! Your donation can save up to 3 lives, so share the love and save a life! Any questions please contact the office.



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