

Epistle

Monthly Newsletter of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

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August 2022

Back to School Time Already!

Sunday, August 14th is Blessing of the Backpacks!

Kids of all ages returning to school this fall are invited to attend the Sunday service on August 14th for a special blessing. We will celebrate with a small reception after service to kick-off the school year. And this year we are excited to distribute new Bibles to our new third graders as well! So please let the church office know if your child is in third grade and will be able to attend. This is a combined event hosted by Worship & Arts, Congregational Life and Christian Education, thank you to all involved in making it possible!

August Birthdays

- August 8th - Lukas Pank
- August 10th - Amy Koch
- August 14th - Kate Stottlemeyer
- August 15th - Erica Chesnik
- August 16th - Rebekah King
- August 19th - Riley Bruning
Ellen Hatgi
Sue-Etta Long
- August 20th - Phyllis Dayhoff
- August 21st - Thomas Kelley
- August 22nd - Jay Leins
- August 27th - Jackie Waas
- August 28th - Trish Valcarcel



Quilt Ministry Donates Quilts

On Sunday, August 7, Quilt Ministry will donate three dozen (36) children's twin-size quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (a.k.a. No Child Sleeps on the Floor), an organization that makes beds for needy children. Karl Rathvon, a representative from SHP, will attend our service and give a brief talk about SHP's mission, including a video showing the journey of a bed from lumberyard to smiling child. We are certain you will enjoy this informative presentation about where our quilts go, and we look forward to seeing you on August 7.

In terms of distribution, on July 21, we delivered 15 adult twin-size quilts to Faith House, a Frederick shelter for women with children, and on July 26, gave 80 lap quilts to the residents of Victoria Park in Walkersville as "Christmas in July" gifts.

We appreciate the congregation's generous donations of fabric and money which make Quilt Ministry possible, and we continue to accept your contributions. To donate fabric, see Kate Stottlemeyer. Monetary donations, clearly marked "quilts", may be placed in an envelope in the offering plate. As always, we thank you.



*"Your Talent is God's Gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
— Leo Buscaglia*



***The deadline to
reserve a spot is
quickly
approaching.***

***Come join us for fellowship,
and a great show with
transportation, lunch and
more!***

***Thursday,
October 13, 2022***

***Cost is \$160.00 per person
Full payment due at time of
registration***

There are deadlines:

If we cannot attract enough
people to join us,
the **deadline** to cancel the trip
is August 28, 2022.

**To reserve your spot,
Call the office at 301-845-4600
or email**

officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

August 28, 2022

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

Spoken Worship Service will be held @ 11:30am in the Park Pavilion.

Annual Church Picnic will follow at Noon. All visitors and members are welcome to attend.

Through Christ, we joyfully feed
the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SAINT PAUL'S OUTSIDE WORSHIP AND PICNIC

August 28th at 11:30 AM

St. Paul's is providing Fried
Chicken, bottled water
and cutlery!

**Bring a side dish or
dessert to share!**

Walkersville Community Park
Pavilion #2
22 Kenneth Drive
Walkersville, MD 21793

**RSVP to the Parish
Office by 8/21/22
301-845-4600**

**Office Administrator@
Saintpaulslutheranchurch.org**

If rain deters us from meeting in the Park,
we will gather at the Parish Hall.
19 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Walkersville, MD



PASTOR'S PEACE

“2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” *Luke 11: 2-4*

As I mentioned in my sermon on July 24, 2022, I have been asked many times how should I pray. This seems to be a dilemma for many people throughout the ages as this is exactly the question posed to Jesus from the disciples. Jesus instructed the disciples and us that we are to honor God and keep His name holy when we pray and that should be at the forefront of our conversations with God. I have come to be a firm believer in the power of prayer and also in the notion that prayer is how we personally connect with God in our lives. Prayer is the conversation between intimate friends, a loving parent, and a caring God where we are able to have dialogue with our Creator.

There are times in our lives when we are at a crossroads and don't really know what to say and sometimes we are even angry because of what we perceive to be some sort of slight by God. As Pastor Kevin might attest to this getting me burned at the stake for heresy, I posit that it is OK to get angry and yell at God when we speak with him. As we all know in relationships we have with family and friends, we are able to vent our frustrations and those who love us will hear us out and will accommodate us in being beside us in our struggles. God is our loving friend, our caring parent, and the one who desires us to bring all of our joy and pain to him in prayer. God is the one who will listen and provide us with relief when the very essence of our being seems to be falling in around us. As I also mentioned in Sunday's sermon, sometimes we can't get out of our own way to hear what God has for us in response and more often than not, we don't necessarily want to hear the answer as it often points back to our own foibles and faults. Again, this is OK for us as God is a loving and forgiving God who only wants the best for God's children.

I spoke with one of my friends on Monday following the sermon and she mentioned that she had also struggled with how to pray, other pastoral leaders in her life had a more rigid sense of what prayer was to be and how prayer should be accomplished. I propose

How Do I Pray?



Pastor's Peace cont'd

that prayer is not some mystical conundrum for us to spend hours pondering the right or wrong way to do it, rather prayer is YOUR connection with God and however you feel connected to God is the only thing YOU need to be worrying about. It is not some contest or competition to see who can get it done the best, it is about relationship with OUR Creator and the peace you attain in being able to connect with God. The intimacy of our conversations with God is what welcomes the Holy Spirit to act in our lives and create the inner unity we seek with the One who created us in His image. The next time you go to God in prayer, I invite you to truly picture yourself in God's presence, feel the warmth come over you as you are enveloped in God's grace, and revel in the power of YOUR conversation with God.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

1 John 5:14

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

Peace Pastor Phil

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Cell phone: 202-497-0584



There are several other options to support our church and its mission!! We, as a congregation, are in the time of the year when our giving typically declines. This happens due to vacations, Summer holidays, graduations, and other summer events. Here are a few additional options that you might not be aware of to help increase giving any time during the year.

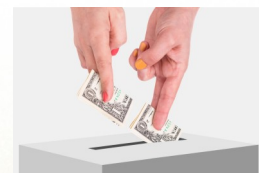
When members of Saint Paul's become propane or heating oil customers with Aero Energy, they will donate \$0.04 to the church for every gallon they use each year. If we enroll 20 participating members, we could expect to receive an average donation of \$600 per year!

WE want to donate to YOUR church!

AeroEnergy.com/HOW
for your energy bill to
directly benefit your
House of Worship!



Many employers offer a program that will match your donations to a charitable organization of your choice. There are usually limits on the amount, but it's an easy way to maximize your impact and support.



Another easy way is if you purchase items from Amazon. A portion of every purchase can be designated to St. Paul's. Please use the button below to join Amazon Smile and they will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to St. Paul's. So far, the church has received over \$2,000 from this program!!

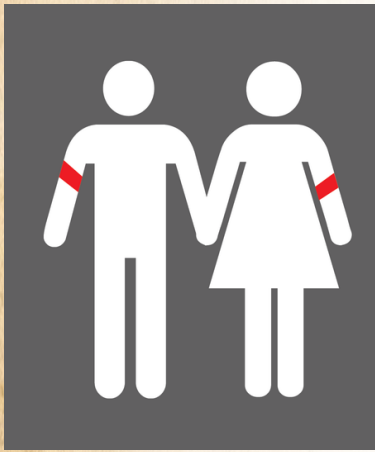
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*How do you encourage Church Growth? Will you search your heart to find supplemental ways to keep your church thriving?
Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.*

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

— Romans 8:30



Help save a life.

Schedule your
blood donation
appointment today.

Friday, August 26, 2022

It's almost time for the summer blood drive and the need for donors is critical. If you are able to donate please consider signing up for your appointment with the link below and/or share this post to spread the word. Thank You!!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=St%20Pauls%20Lutheran%20Walkersville>

"We rise by lifting others."

—Robert Ingersoll



Save the Dates!

God's Work Our Hands

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 11
2022**

Stay tuned for more details!

RALLY DAY

September 18, 2022

"Come the end of summer, we need "a renewal of energy" when it comes to spiritual matters. It's hard to renew your energy on your own. But it's much easier in a group. That's why we set aside one special day at the end of the summer to "rally" - to "draw together for a common purpose" seeking the Holy Spirit's power to "renew our energy" for worship, for digging into God's Word, for praying, for serving, and for witnessing."

-Pastor David Eibel

More details coming soon!