

Epistle *October*



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HARVEST HOME SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

An annual tradition in our congregation is to celebrate the harvest by returning a portion of God's gifts to be distributed to others in need.

On Sunday October 16th, please bring non-perishable food items to the church. We will be collecting those items at the communion rail. After service they will be counted and taken to the Glade Valley Food Bank. Check the Wednesday newsletter and bulletins for current Food Bank needs.

It's also pumpkin Sunday! Please pick up a pumpkin to enjoy at home, on your way out after worship



October Birthdays

- Oct. 2nd - Tyler Barrett
- Oct. 3rd - Stephen King
- Oct. 10th - Paul Kiever
- Oct. 18th - Sloane Donati
- Oct. 20th - Doug Campagnoli
Gary Wachter
- Oct. 23rd - Morgan Howell
- Oct. 25th - Darlene Kiever
- Oct. 26th - Marcia Gupta
- Oct. 27th - Anthony Jack
- Oct. 29th - Ashley Sube
- Oct. 30th - Regina Cavell
Marilyn Gupta

Trunk or Treat

It's Spooky Season!

And that means it's time for another fun evening of Trunk-or-Treat!

Saturday, October 29th from 5:30-7:30pm
St. Paul's youth will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat night. We could use some more volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy.

If you have never done it before, it's easy and fun and we'd love to help you get started! Please contact Belinda to reserve a parking space and help St. Paul's reach out to our neighbors and community with a little fun!



All Saint's Sunday

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 or 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 10/30/2020.

Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee.

Betsy Galliher
Worship and Arts Committee Chair



Pastor's Peace

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." **Luke 6:38***

As I sit here with my last full day on the lake in the Adirondacks, I am mesmerized by the beauty of the gifts we have been given by our Creator. The crystal clear lake, fresh crisp air, and majesty of the mountains are what always draw me back to my favorite sanctuary of peace and rest. This is the place I come to recharge my batteries and find respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. As we enter the Fall season we often take these places or whatever place brings you joy for granted, even if it is our own back yard. Places like this rely on our generosity and stewardship to maintain and perpetuate the continued legacy in our communities. As I tool up the lake or am hiking any of the trails, I often find trash, pick it up, and carry it out so that others can revel in the beauty our God has created.

Generosity doesn't end with us just stewarding our neighborhoods for the sake of our planet, yet that is a very important facet of what it means to follow the tasks God has given us in maintaining and being a part of all he has provided for us in our journey on earth. Generosity includes sharing your time, talents, and treasures with our church so that we can further a life of Christ through our fellowship together. Many of our members share their gifts with the church and our community by volunteering time and other resources to further St. Paul's social outreach in our community through events at Victoria Park, worship at Autumn Lake, volunteering in the Thrift Shop, and providing meals at the Frederick Soup Kitchen just to name a few. These events take resources and financial support which we have been able to accomplish through the gifts of our members, budgeted funds, Thrivent Choice Dollars, and other avenues of revenue. Additionally, Congregational Life utilizes some of its funds monthly to support Glade Valley Services and a designated local charity doing work in our community.



Pastor's Peace Cont'd

I believe a lot of us get overwhelmed when we are consistently asked to support a variety of things over the life of our time together. We have a large number of members who have not made a contribution nor have they joined us in worship in over a year. If only this group of people would contribute \$20 per month/family for the year, our financial picture would be in a more sustainable position allowing us to undertake some projects such as repair of the stained glass windows. I understand that many of us have had financial hardship over the last two and a half years, yet there is always some way we can seek ways to be generous with all we have to offer. Over the last two years we have not entertained a Generosity campaign because of the considerations we have given to each other's struggles. We have heard about individual generosity journeys people have taken, as well as why St. Paul's is important to them in their lives in hopes this would touch our hearts and kindle the fire of generosity within each of us. I believe that Sue and I do our parts in sharing our financial gifts with St. Paul's, are among the top three givers in this community, and yet there is probably more we can do which will be part of our annual discernment process.

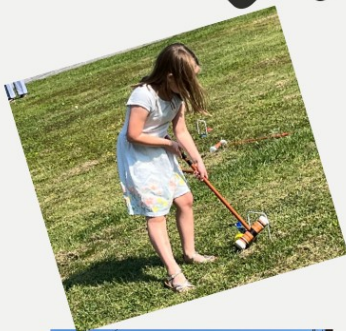
Where is it that you will discern to be able to be more generous with our church community? Will you step up to take on the role of council person, volunteer for Trunk or Treat, become a new member, donate to Harvest Home Sunday, volunteer at the thrift shop or soup kitchen, or find a way to increase your giving so that we can continue our growth and support of our community? "11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

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

Rally Day Photos



Upcoming Events

FAITH FORMATION

Oct

- 2- No Class
- 9- Armor of God
- 16- Noah's Ark
- 23- Abram's Call
- 29- Trunk or Treat 5-7pm
- 30- Abraham & Sarah's Visitors



OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT: Help fill the Food Bank by bringing canned goods to class this month!

Faith Formation News

RALLY DAY THANKS!

Written by Stephanie Isennock

As our guest pastor, Dave Shank mentioned giving of ourselves generously and abundantly. His sermon and message must have resonated within the spirit of our parishioners whom volunteered to help make Rally Day great.

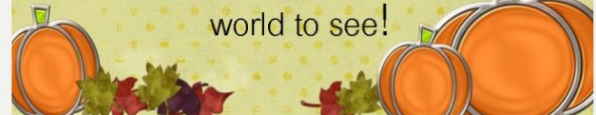
Thank you to all who were able to serve us generously whether through donating their time, food goods, or support.



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Rally Day Thanks
- Discussion Points
- Upcoming Events

Being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**. God **picks you** from the patch, brings you in, and **washes off** all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and **scoops out** all the yucky stuff. He **removes the seeds** of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He **carves you** a new smiling face and **puts His light inside** of you to shine for all the world to see!



DISCUSSION POINTS

- Faith Formation will be forming two classes, a preschool/lower elementary group, and also an upper elementary group.
- Opportunities for serving our Church and surrounding community included in the format
- Curriculum from Spark: Activate Faith
Visit wearesparkhouse.org

Christmas is coming.....

**Calling all Artisan, Direct Sales
& Parade Participants**

Historic Walkersville 5th Annual

Christkindlmarket

Saturday, December 3rd

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Walkersville celebrates the holiday season showcasing historic Walkersville and its rich German history. The festivities begin with a parade to bring people from near and far to stroll the quaint streets dressed in holiday splendor, purchase artisan crafted and direct sales goods and enjoy tasty food.

Inside vendor spaces equipped with a table & 2 chairs - \$25

Parade Participants: Free

For Additional Information and Vendor Packet

go to WalkersvilleChristkindlmarket.com

Email: christkindlmarket@comcast.net

or call Bonnie Leins at 240-626-5847

Proverbs 15:20

*“A cheerful look
brings joy to the
heart; good news
makes for good
health.”*

It will soon be time to decorate for Christmas.....

Consider purchasing Poinsettias to adorn the nave. Keep an eye out in upcoming weekly emails and bulletins for more details. There will be a link to purchase online or you will be able to pay in person at the Parish Office with check or cash.

It's a wonderful time of year!



AN AFTERNOON OF FUN

Sunday, October 30th from 2-5pm volunteers from St. Paul's and the community will be visiting Victoria Park, the senior housing complex on Sandstone Dr. for an afternoon of games and some yummy fall soups. This type of activity was most requested by the residents and our soups were a hit. If you are interested in joining us or would like to provide a soup or other items please contact Belinda.

How to reach Belinda: email youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org or 240-315-5030

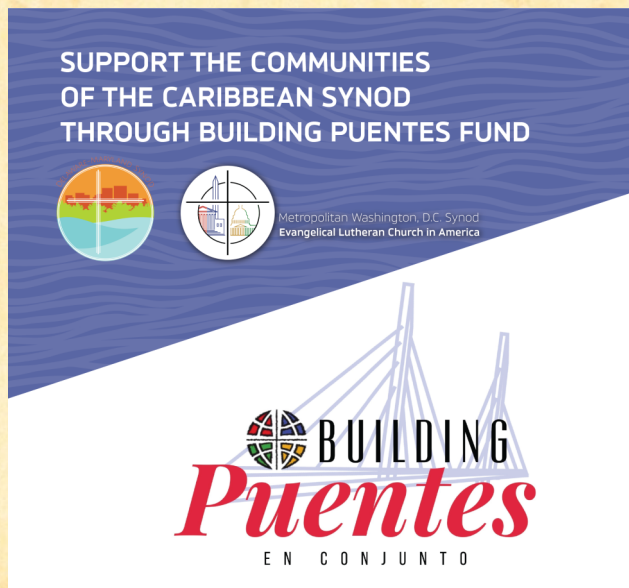


Directed by Bishop Gohl and unanimously approved by our synod council, from September 22nd – October 30th (Reformation Sunday) we are inviting individuals and congregations to make a special gift to support relief in Puerto Rico through our *Building Puentes* (Building Bridges) ministry fund.

Building Puentes is a partnership with the Metropolitan-Washington, D.C. Synod, and the Caribbean Synod, to give support, aid, and relief to the churches and pastors who need financial support now more than ever.

Please consider giving. Click this link or call the Parish office to send your gift.

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/644796



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 2nd—Ministry Sunday

Saturday, October 16th—Harvest Home Sunday

Saturday, October 29th—Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th—Fun at Victoria Park

Sunday, November 6th—All Saints Sunday

