

Second Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2022

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.

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

SERVING TODAY

Minister	Pastor Phil Beck
Lector	Ed Chaney
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Kay Wachter & Marcia Gupta

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Russ Mildenstein Vice-President—Trisha Valcarcel Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein Secretary—Jackie Waas *Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

CHURCH BELL RUNG

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*The Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

- On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

*KYRIE (ELW, p. 147) (Sung)

- **L:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.
- C: Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The **First** candle represents Hope. . It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The **Second** candle represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel......ELW 257

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

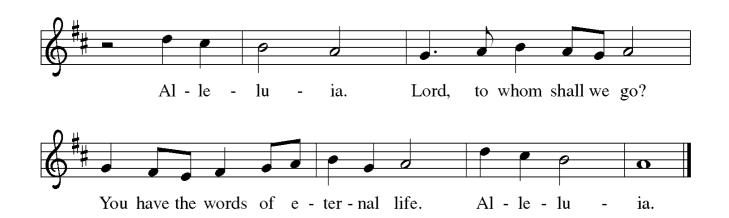
¹⁸Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter, 3:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

SERMONPastor Phil Beck & Betsy Galliher

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY......Prepare the Royal HighwayELW 264

1 Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: Refrain
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
 His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
 So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: ... God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*OFFERTORY HYMN



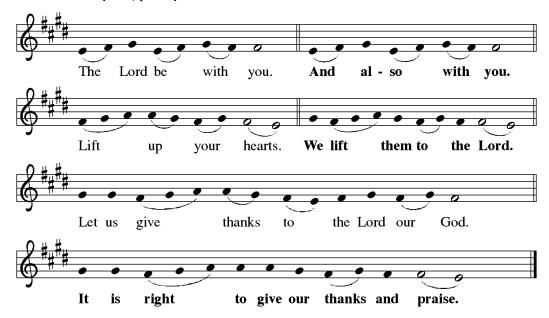
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

- P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p.152)



*THE PREFACE:

- P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C: *(ELW, p. 153) Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER:

- P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- *C: (ELW, p.194)

 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,

 grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION:

- P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.
- *P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: (ELW, 204)

C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

- P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION:

- P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN......ELW 266

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
 Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
 this, the labor of people who struggle to see
 how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
- People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel"; she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared. Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS NEAR! THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.

Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.

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Ellen Hatgi, member

Tommy Sorge, Nephew of Marie Purswell

Milton Denn, Member

Erica Hoff, Daughter of Betty Walker

Sharyl Mildenstein, Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein

Robb Port, Member

Joe Collins, Cousin of Joann Valainis

Dr. Heather DeVincentis, Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder

Libbianna LeDuff, Family of Hope Donati

Ronald Zeimen, Father of Amy Mildenstein

Thelma Powell, Member

Robert Hoff, III, Member

Family of Barbara Miller, Relative of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Joe Evens, Father of Patty Rimel

Dennis and Regina Cavell, Members

Eric, Anna and Lyla Cavell, Son, Daughter-in-law and grand daughter of Dennis and Regina Cavell

Debbie O'Brien & children, Matthew Lokos, Benjamin & Dorothy Cavell, Family of Dennis & Regina Cavell

Barb Callow, Close friend of Marie Purswell

Peggy E., Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Kathryn Evens, Mother of Patty Rimel

Lin Snider, member

Bob Schmidt, Brother of Dottie Titmas

Julia Campbell, Concerned Friends

The Wynne Family

Bob Waas, Father of Mike Waas

Bruce Bierer, Brother of Connie Chesnik

Sue Snyder, Member

Betty Walker, Member

Shirley Merando, Member

Maggie Purtee, Sister of Sam Purswell

Jason Connors, Nephew of Robb and Dianne Port

April Pratt, Member

Audrey McDougall, Member

Darren, Sharon and Samuel Kelly, Friends of Autumn Lake

Victoria Garcia, Friend of the Congregation

Michael Wachter, Son of Gary and Kay Wachter

Mark Holloway, Husband of Kate Stottlemyer

Family of Marlene Megee, Aunt of Kate Stottlemyer

Bruce Wertz, Son in law of Betsy Galliher

Jim Decker, Friend of Pastor Phil

Family of Dolores Denn, Member

Lillian Foucart, Member

Joey Valcarcel, Member

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, niece to Linwood Snider
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
+Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj Gupta
+Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of Mary Ann Ferguson
+Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in

law

Do you have need for prayer?

Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?

If so, please know that we have a prayer team at

St. Paul's that is ready to help.

Simply contact the Church Office.

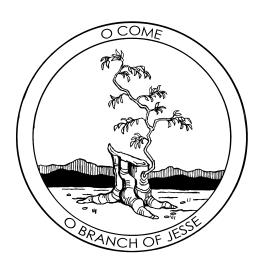
All requests are confidential.

**Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

In the fourth century, encouraging those who were preparing for baptism, Cyril of Jerusalem said, "Great indeed is the baptism that is offered you. It is the remission of offenses; the death of sin; the luxury of paradise; a procuring of the kingdom. Prepare your heart to receive this doctrine, to have fellowship in these holy mysteries. Should you find any shameful, any base imagination rising, reflect upon God's judgment, to remind you of salvation. Give your mind to sacred studies, that you may forget wicked things."

[Cyril of Jerusalem, Lectures on the Christian Sacraments, trans. F.L. Cross (Crestwood, N.Y.: St. Vladimir's, 1977), 50-51.]



OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income November 27, 2022:

Weekly Contributions: \$1,079.31 Property Loan Fund: \$120.00 Total: \$1,199.31

In Worship Offerings

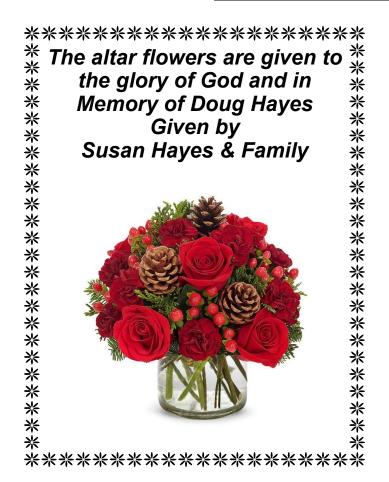
Weekly Contributions: \$1,370.00
Property Loan Fund: \$200.00
Total: \$1,570.00

ATTENDANCE: November 27, 2022

In person: 48 Virtual: 20

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, December 4th Worship (Livestream) Second Sunday of Advent	9:25am
Ministry Sunday	10:30am
Monday, December 5th FEC	8am-5pm
Tuesday, December 6th Frederick Homeschool Executive Council	10:30-3pm 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 7th	
FEC	8am-5pm
Thursday, December 8th Frederick Home School	8am-5pm 10:30-3pm
Thursday, December 8th Frederick Home School Sunday, December 11th Worship (Livestream)	·
Thursday, December 8th Frederick Home School Sunday, December 11th	10:30-3pm







Today, Sunday, December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

We will be using the devotional published by Luther Seminary this Advent season.

You can access it several ways:

- 1. Go to this link (https://www.luthersem.edu/advent) and download the regular or large print to print at home.
- Sign up here to receive the devotion through your email each day in advent (put in your name and email, and check the "God Pause Daily Devotions" box)
- 3. Pick up a regular or large print version from the side table at church this Sunday! (limited copies available)

Be sure to get your copy!

The Season is upon us!
Soon it will be time to decorate the
nave for Christmas!
Help us adorn our worship space in
honor of our Savior's birth by
purchasing a Poinsettia!

Red are available for \$10.00 each. Please see the weekly email or website to order online, or in person at the Parish Office with a check or cash.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 11th.

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End of the Year
Giving Challenge

We are again blessed that an anonymous donor has offered a matching challenge of \$1,500 to assist where most needed by the end of the year. If members of the congregation can contribute \$1,500 over and above their normal giving the anonymous member will match the contribution.

If you are writing a check, please include "Challenge" on the memo line. If you prefer to give on-line, please use the "GIVE NOW" button and choose the undesignated selection in the Fund dropdown and add "Challenge" in the "Note" section. **The deadline for the challenge is Sunday, December 25th.**

Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers? Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.



Winter Love Bags



Now through December 5th – Submit names of loved ones to receive a Winter Love bag to Marcia Gupta at 26mbgup2405@gmail.com or 301-662-8044.

Congregational Life Committee is asking for your support by donating monies for last minute fresh food or by purchasing the following items to help us fill the comfort bags: packaged hard candy bags, cough drops, Chapstick (brand), playing cards, word search books, puzzle books, Kleenex small square boxes, any prepackaged snacks, or anything that will bring care and love to shut-ins.

Now through December 8th - Donations can be dropped off during office hours (in the designated bin) or on Sundays (church).

December 10th – Everyone is invited to help with packing the Love bags in the Parish Hall. Afterwards, we will carpool and deliver the Love bags!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We will be offering several services this year. First, Blue Christmas will be held on December 21st at 7:00pm. Second, we will be holding our traditional service on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm and lastly, we will also have service Christmas Day at 9:30am. Please consider joining us in person to celebrate the birth of our Lord. You may join in the Livestream services via our Facebook page <u>@saintpaulslutheranofwalkersville</u>. You can also watch live by going directly to our Website, <u>www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org</u>. The videos will be available on our page after the live recording for you to view whenever and wherever you may be this Christmas.

We pray during the Advent and Christmas Seasons, that we all can keep our mission statement in mind and at the forefront of our actions, "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all".

Victoria Park



Christmas at Victoria Park is Sunday, December 18th from 1-4pm. Mark your calendars and join us as we spread holiday cheer! We will be having a Chili Cook-off, singing carols, playing bingo and sampling cookies from a cookie buffet. If you are interested in attending or helping to provide food or bingo prizes please contact Belinda at 240-315-5030

or youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org.

There will be a sign up for specifics available through the weekly email beginning the first week in December

MOVIE NIGHT

At Saint Paul's Friday, Dec. 16th 6:30-8:30pm in the church.

Join us for a fun evening viewing the movie "The Star" along with some "Friendly Beast" activities.

Preschool age kids and older may attend without parent upon early registration. We ask younger kids attend with a parent/guardian.

To register, visit our website at www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org and click on the Children and Youth Ministry tab.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Belinda. Text or call 240-315-5030 or email: youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org





Hats & Mitten Tree

Give the gift of warmth!! Now through December 16th you can hang hats and mittens on the tree in the front of the overflow area or drop them off at the Parish Office Monday through Friday between

9am and 1pm. All donations will go to Glade Valley for families in need.



We greatly appreciate your donations of supplies and monies with which to purchase them. At this time, we especially need cash donations to buy quilt batting (stuffing). To contribute from the pew, place cash or check ("quilts" on the memo line) in an envelope labeled "quilts" in the offering plate.

If you prefer to give on-line, please use the "GIVE NOW" button and choose the undesignated selection in the Fund dropdown and add "Quilting" in the "Note" section. Your continued generosity enables Quilt Ministry to warm the bodies and spirits of those in need. Thank you.

*****IMPORTANT****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUGuqzgbLNI

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow117 -Q

After a recent inspection of our sanctuary's stained-glass windows, the report has shown that many are in need of repair. 19 of the 30 total windows are in need of some kind of repair/protection. The estimate for this work is \$60,470. (About 10 yrs ago we did have some of the windows along the alley repaired/protected.)

Of these 19, the one over the altar is in the worst shape. This window is in need of a complete restoration at an estimated cost of \$21,742. There are holes in the glass, which among other things is a definite safety risk and insulation leak. The restoration would require the window to be removed and fixed off-site. While the work is being done a glass copy of the window would be temporarily installed to keep the look the same. At a minimum, we feel that this window should be repaired.

In order to complete this, we would like to hold a special offering in order to add to our Stained-glass window fund. If you feel called, please consider donating to this special cause. We will hold this special collection until May 14th.





GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted! **Items of need are** soup, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, shampoo/conditioner and toilet paper.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall

<u>Staff</u>

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