



Transfiguration of Our Lord—February 19, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Robin Simpson-Litton
 Lector.....Betsy Galliher
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....Betsy Galliher & Patty Rimel
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel
 Vice-President—Patty Rimel
 Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein
 Secretary—Jackie Waas

****Please stand as you are able.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you..**

***GATHERING HYMN..... *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*.....ELW 316**

1 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair
of glory that the church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful song we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
the 'incarnate Lord holds converse high,
and from the cloud, the Holy One
says, "This is my beloved Son."

5 O Father, with the 'eternal Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever one,
we pray you, bring us by your grace
to see your glory face to face.

***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.**

***Canticle of Praise (Sung)**

- L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
C: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of Victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation; Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- P: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

Anthem.....Taste and See.....(Soloist, Mary Ann Ferguson).....ELW 493

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

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

PSALM: 2

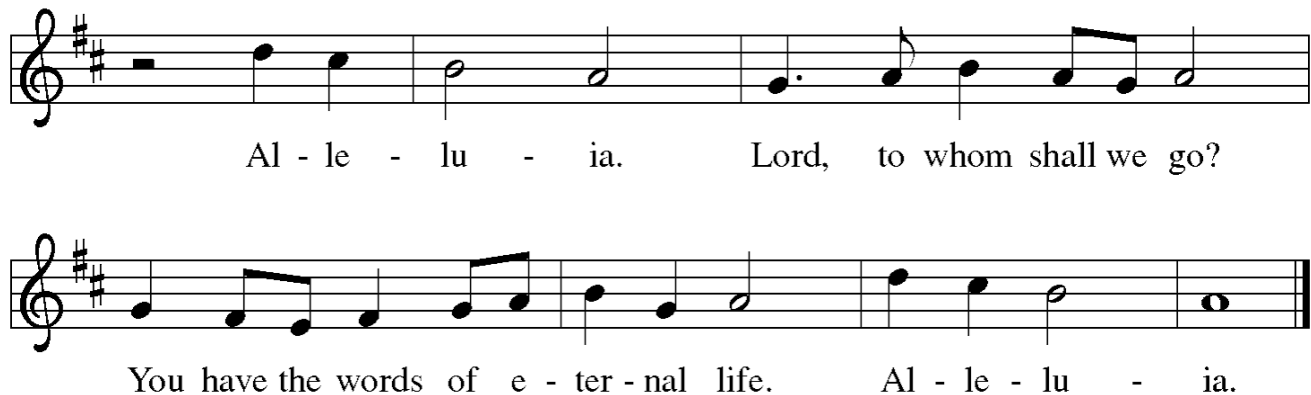
¹Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and
the princes plot together,
**against the Lord and against the Lord's
anointed?**
³"Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.
⁶"As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."
⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
**who said to me, "You are my son; this day
have I begotten you.**

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance
**and the ends of the earth for your
possession.**
⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;
¹²lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden
blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)**



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter, **17:1-9**

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

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

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

SERMONPastor Robin Simpson-Litton

Silence for Reflection

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| 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me: | 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our
faces display your likeness, ever changing
from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our
lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on
me. |
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Refrain

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Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word
Lord, and let there be light.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1959, Music Graham-Kendrick
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***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.**

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*, ELW 184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Liberating God,
C: **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in Thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p.152)**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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; who, sharing in our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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, 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. Alleluia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....Alleluia, Song of Gladness.....ELW 318**

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| 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally. | 3 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow. |
| 2 Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles still are we. | 4 In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully. |

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS,
THANKS BE TO GOD.

***POSTLUDE**

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.



PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Bruce Wertz, *Son in law of Betsy Galliher*
Candy Foucart, *Member*
Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
Michael Wachter, *Son of Gary and Kay Wachter*
The Wynne Family, *Friends of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
The Valcarcel Family, *Members*
Kim Currier, *Daughter of Sam Purswell*
Family of Tommy Sorge, *Nephew of the Purswells and Cousin to the Valcarcels*
Barb Callow, *friend of Marie Purswell*
Pat Poole, *Brother of Joann Valainis*
Jonathan Eshelman, *Nephew of Kay Wachter*
Susan and Paul Holloway, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Family of Robert Jack, *Father of Tony Jack, Member*
Charlie Knapp, *Friend of Pastor Phil*

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." **Matthew 18:20**

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

From The Rule of St. Benedict, for the establishment of monastic communities:

So, brethren, we have asked the Lord who is to dwell in his tent, and we have heard his commands to anyone who would dwell there; it remains for us fulfill those duties. Therefore we must prepare our hearts and our bodies to do battle under the holy obedience of his commands; and let us ask God that he be pleased to give us the help of his grace for anything which our nature finds hardly possible. And if we want to escape the pains of hell and attain life everlasting, then we must hasten to do now what will profit us for eternity. And so we are going to establish a school for the service of the Lord. In founding it we hope to introduce nothing harsh or burdensome. . . . As we advance in the religious life and in faith, our hearts expand and we run the way of God's commandments with unspeakable sweetness of love
—*Benedict of Nursia*

[The Rule of Saint Benedict, trans. Leonard Doyle (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2001).]



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: \$3,390.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

February 12, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 773.65
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 170.00
Total:	\$ 943.65

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,150.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$1,350.00

ATTENDANCE:

February 12, 2023

In person: 58

Virtual: 21

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, February 19th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Faith Formation 10:45am

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday 7:00pm

Saturday, February 25th

Council Leadership Retreat

Sunday February 26th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

First Sunday of Lent

Faith Formation 10:30am

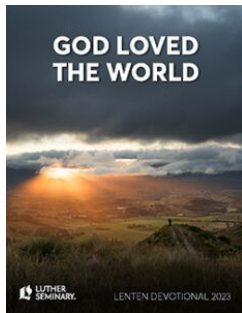
Treasurer's Report
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2023

CURRENT FUND		PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	
01/01 Offering	\$ 1,317.14	01/01 Offering	\$ 550.00
01/08 Offering	\$ 2,852.46	01/08 Offering	\$ 315.00
01/15 Offering	\$ 1,656.15	01/15 Offering	\$ 420.00
01/22 Offering	\$ 1,782.91	01/22 Offering	\$ 415.00
01/29 Offering	\$ 1,822.00	01/29 Offering	\$ 220.00
Total Offerings	\$ 9,430.66	Total Offerings	\$ 1,920.00
Expenses	\$ (16,921.91)	Loan Payment	\$ (1,522.71)
Subtotal	\$ (7,491.25)	Surplus for 1/31/23	\$ 397.29
Other Income:			
Rental Income	\$ 300.00	Interest on checking	\$ 0.14
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Deficit for 1/31/23	\$ (7,191.25)	Surplus for 1/31/23	\$ 397.43

Principle Balance owed on
Property Renov Loan as of 1/2023 \$ 149,520.40

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor and celebration of
Liam's 2nd birthday on March 12th!
Love, The McCloskey Family*

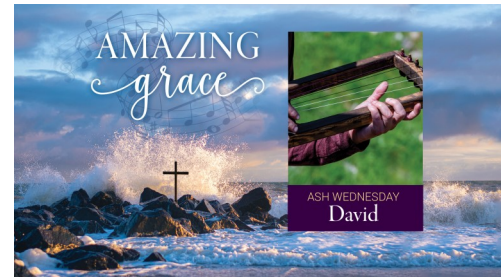


Join us this Lent for daily devotions on Facebook every morning from Luther Seminary. Download the full devotion here:
<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

**All are invited to join our Lenten Journey,
*Amazing Grace***

This Ash Wednesday **"David"**
February 22, 2023 at 7pm.

In person in the church and livestreaming on Facebook



Soup & Sandwich

Every Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 1, 2023, before our Lenten Journey of the week begins, come join us in the overflow area from 6:00pm-7:00pm for soup, sandwiches and fellowship.

Camperships Available!

It's still chilly but summer camp registration is open NOW! Did you know that St. Paul's offers camperships for children and youth who would like to attend a Christian-based summer camp, weeklong or day camp? If you are interested in applying please visit our website: www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/youth-ministry/ to print an application. Applications can be returned in person to Belinda or the Christian Education mailbox by March 5th for early consideration. You can also email completed forms back to: youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org.



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Lager for Lent



We will gather this Lent to share fellowship and discussion of a variety of moral dilemmas in a different setting than the church.

On February 24, 2023 we will gather at Cactus Flats at 5pm to share conversation, libations, and fellowship. Please join us and should you have any questions, please get a hold of Pastor Phil.



Would you like to sew quilts at home? No cutting or designing involved. See Kate Stottlemeyer for details.

Would you like to knot quilts? Kate will be knotting on random Saturdays (TBA) from 9am-3pm. Drop by the Parish Hall for any amount of time to lend a hand. Hope to see you there!

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



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Reminder: There will be no altar flowers during lent, but please feel free to sign up for Easter!

Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.

The sign up sheet is also hanging on the bulletin board at the side door!

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*******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=sCbQqVB6AXI>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q>

Thanks to the work of Mike Waas and Keith Horton, we have been able to compile an updated photo directory for St. Paul's. Should you like to get a copy, please email the church office: officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org and one will be emailed to you.



Should you prefer a hard copy, please email the office and one will be printed for you and given to you the following Sunday at worship.

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.)

Please see diagram on church bulletin boards.



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.

Staff

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