



Third Sunday of Lent—March 12, 2023

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.....Susan Hayes
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Tom and Johanna Waters
Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Fountain of living water,

C: **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN.....O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts.....ELW 658**

1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

2 We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill.

3 For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

***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.**

****LENTEN CANTICLE (Sung)**

C: **Print thine image, pure and holy, On my heart, O Lord of Grace. So that nothing, high or lowly, Thy blest likeness can efface. Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, And the Lord of all creation, Be my refuge and salvation.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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.....Bread of the Word...(Elliot).....Choir

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 95

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

³For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

⁷For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of
God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸"Harden not your hearts,
**as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in
the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
**they put me to the test, though they had seen
my works.**

¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
**'The heart of this people goes astray; they do
not know my ways.'**

¹¹Inseed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND READING: **Romans 5:1-11**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW 151) (Sung)*

C: **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Gospel according to John the fourth chapter, *John 4:5-42*

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY..... *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*.....ELW 332

- 1

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
- 2

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
- 3

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***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: ... Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.*

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

***OFFERTORY HYMN: SUNG — Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 186)**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:*

- P:** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C:** **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

- P:** The Lord be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**
- P:** Lift up your hearts.
- C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C:** **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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

SUNG: (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:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached the good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

- 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: 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.
Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: (ELW, 545) (SUNG)*

C: Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

**COMMUNION PRAYER:*

P: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:*

P: God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

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| <p>1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.</p> <p>2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.</p> | <p>3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.</p> |
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Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated until Postlude has concluded.)

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*

Charlie Knapp, *Friend of Pastor Phil*

Robert Hoff, *Member, son of Betty Walker*

Lillian Foucart, *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

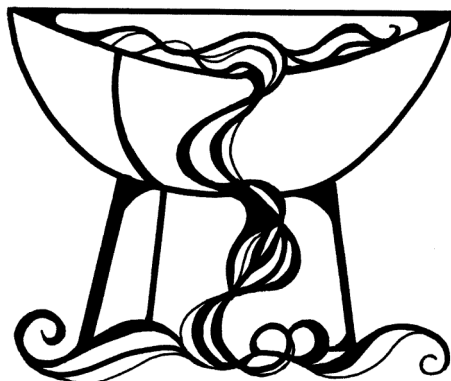
*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

*****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

John's gospel says the Samaritan woman was invited to take all the water she needed. The early centuries of the church, and now we again, have seen in the Samaritan woman an image of us all. We all search in the wrong place for refreshment, lugging home water which gives out or goes bad; we continuously need more water; we are always somewhat thirsty, dirty or raw. We thought to find water there, down at the stream, and were surprised to find it here, directly before us. Turning around—the word is conversion—we find a water source we had not even imagined. Baptism, says the church, is this water source, this fountain of God, this conversation with Christ, this gift of self-knowledge, this sense of mission, this true religious rite, this conversion of life. —*Gail Ramshaw*

[Gail Ramshaw, *Words Around the Font* (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1994), 56.]



PAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,390.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Electronic/Mail ins Income

February 19, 2023:

Weekly Contributions: \$ 999.41
Property Loan Fund: \$ 140.00
Total: \$1,139.41

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,620.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 200.00
Total: \$1,820.00

Electronic/Mail ins Income

February 26, 2023:

Weekly Contributions: \$ 427.30
Property Loan Fund: \$ 20.00
Total: \$ 447.30

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,495.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 200.00
Total: \$1,695.00

Mid Week In Worship Offerings March 1, 2023

Weekly Contributions: \$ 332.00
Property Loan Fund: \$
Total: \$ 332.00

Electronic/Mail ins Income

March 5, 2023:

Weekly Contributions: \$2,356.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 365.00
Total: \$2,720.00

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$2,300.00
Property Loan Fund: \$1,350.00
Total: \$3,650.00

ATTENDANCE:

March 5, 2023

In person: 55
Virtual: 20

Lent Mid Week March 8, 2023

In person: 31
Virtual: **

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/>

Please Note: We are not currently making a deposit each week due to the limited number of checks being sent into the office on a weekly basis. Typically we have been making a deposit mid-month and prior to the end of the month.

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 12th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Third Sunday of Lent

Faith Formation 10:30am

Monday, March 13th

FEC 8am-4pm

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 14th

FHS 10am-3pm

Wednesday, March 15th

FEC 8am-4pm

Soup and Sandwich 6:00pm

Lenten Service 7:00pm

Thursday, March 16th

FHS 10am-3pm

Friday, March 17th

Saint Patrick's Day

Sunday March 19th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Faith Formation 10:30am

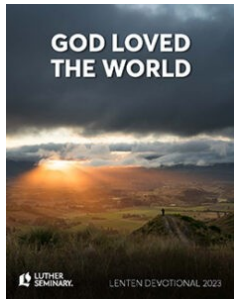
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Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$10.00 each. Sign up on line through the link below, on our website or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash. Please don't forget to designate your dedication.

Remember, you don't have to throw these beautiful lilies away; they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!

April 2nd is the final date to order!

<https://forms.gle/3YspwDoRRC2qK6dC7>



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 Wednesday ***"The Blind Man"***

March 15, 2023 at 7pm.

person in the church and livestreaming on Facebook

Every Wednesday during Lent, 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.



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

Come join us this Friday, we will gather to share conversation, libations, and fellowship. at ***Glory Days*** on 7th Street at 5:00pm.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact of Pastor Phil.

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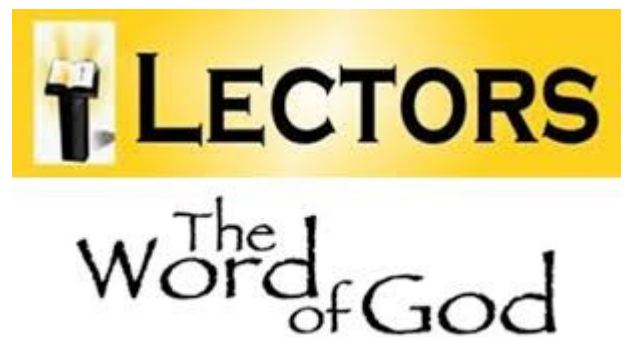


See what's coming up...

MountainTopics: Join Rev. Annabelle Markey as she shares her experience walking the 500-mile Camino de Santiago. We'll gather on March 21 in the Potomac Lodge from 9:00 am. - 1:00pm. Registration costs \$25 and includes lunch. Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/220455890396060>

Would you like to bring voice to
God's word in our weekly worship while
preparing people to hear the gospel
and the sermon?

If you are called to share the word and would
like to be a lector, please see
Ellen Bucheimer after Worship or feel free to
give her a call at 301-514-9871.



*We invite you to **study, pray, reflect and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.*

Will you join us?

Resources:

1. **40 Days of Giving Lent Calendar** - Find inspirational ideas for daily reflection and action, as well as prayers, relevant Bible passages, hymn ideas and more.
2. **Lenten Study Guide** - Deepen your engagement throughout this season of Lent with the **weekly study guide**, where you can find impactful, motivational stories and information about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.

Please go to: <https://www.elca.org/40days> and download

Hard copies of these 2 resources have been ordered and are available. If you would like a hard copy, please contact officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

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BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



The Red Cross and St. Paul's are teaming up for the first blood drive of 2023 on Friday, March 24th.

Donors can sign up for an appointment by using the Link below or call the Parish Office.

Please help spread the word by sharing our recruiting posts on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?>

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. You can also email completed forms back to: youthandfamily@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org.



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 Saturday, March 18th from 9am-3pm. Drop by the Parish Hall for any amount of time to lend a hand. Hope to see you there!

NEW DATE

Thursday, May 18, 2023

\$160 per person

Reservations and payments due April 15th

Please see flyer on both bulletin boards,
the weekly email or

See Kay Wachter for more details.

Come Join us for some fun and fellowship!



*****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=g3tjLPi3wk>

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>



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

After a recent inspection of our sanctuary's stained-glass windows, the report has shown that many are in need of repair.

Please see diagram on church bulletin boards.

The estimate for this work is \$60,470.



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.

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.

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