



## Second Sunday of Easter—April 16, 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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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6l9JEpgsBUXlow1l7-Q>



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

#### SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck  
Lector.....Linda Yopp  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
Ushers.....Sam and Marie Purswell  
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**

**CHURCH BELL RUNG**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C:** **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**P:** Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

***\*The Peace***

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you all.

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

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| <p>1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain<br/>of triumphant gladness!<br/><i>God has brought forth Israel</i><br/>into joy from sadness,<br/>loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke<br/>Jacob's sons and daughters;<br/>led them with unmoistened foot<br/>through the Red Sea waters.</p> | <p>4 Neither could the gates of death,<br/>nor the tomb's dark portal,<br/>nor the watchers, nor the seal<br/>hold you as a mortal:<br/>but today, among your own,<br/>you appear, bestowing<br/>your deep peace, which evermore<br/>passes human knowing.</p> |
| <p>2 'Tis the spring of souls today:<br/>Christ has burst his prison,<br/>and from three days' sleep in death<br/>as a sun has risen.<br/>All the winter of our sins,<br/>long and dark, is flying<br/>from the Light to whom we give<br/>laud and praise undying.</p>                | <p>5 Alleluia! now we cry<br/>to our Lord immortal,<br/>who triumphant burst the bars<br/>of the tomb's dark portal;<br/>Alleluia! with the Son<br/>God the Father praising;<br/>Alleluia! yet again<br/>to the Spirit raising.</p>                            |

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, 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.**
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- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
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- 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.**
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- 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.**
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- L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

***\*Canticle of Praise (Sung)***

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:***

P: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Anthem.....*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*..... (Soloist—Kate Stottlemeyer)**

***FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32***

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***PSALM: Psalm 40***

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods

**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

**never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;

**it is you who uphold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

**indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**my heart teaches me night after night.**

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;

**because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

**my body also shall rest in hope.**

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,

**nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

***SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9***

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter, *John 20:19-31*

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

**\*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

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

**SERMON** .....Pastor Phil Beck

*Silence for Reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** .....*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*.....ELW 386

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	8 How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been, for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
1 O sons and daughters, let us sing with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king: today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!	9 On this most holy day of days, be laud and jubilee and praise: to God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!
2 That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## **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: ... Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

**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.

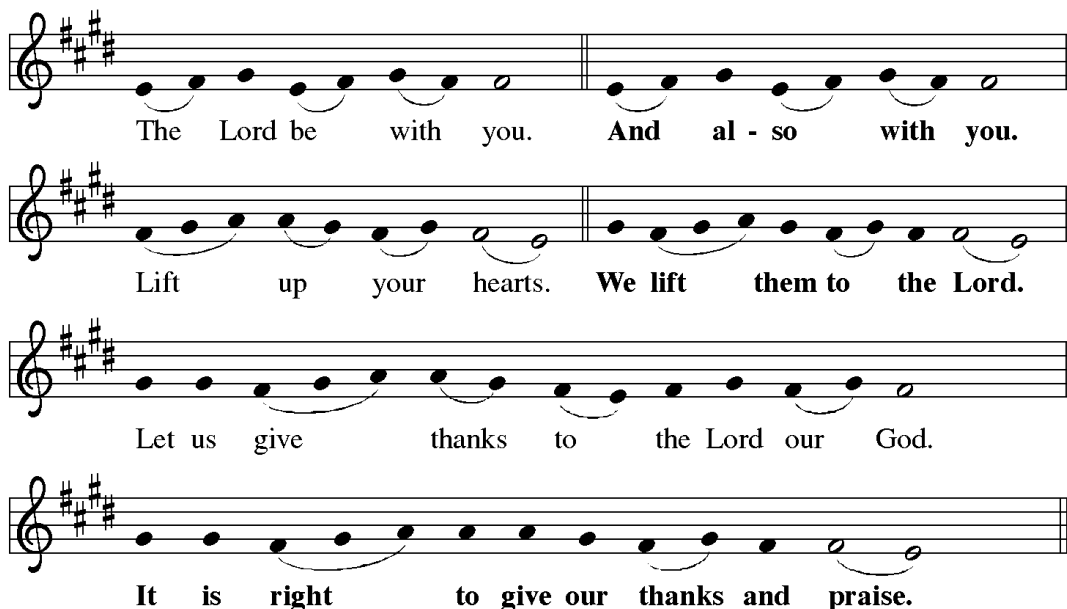
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witness of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in 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:** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C:** Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**P:** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C:** Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN.....Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!.....ELW 369**

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| 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!<br>Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!<br>offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!<br>at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!   | 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!<br>God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!<br>when contending death and life, Alleluia!<br>met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia! |
| 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!<br>sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia! |   |

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE RISEN ONE!  
THANKS BE TO GOD.

**\*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*  
Charlie Knapp, *Friend of Pastor Phil*  
**Robert Hoff**, *Member, son of Betty Walker*  
Lillian Foucart, *Member*  
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*  
For the Family of Ginny Rousculp, *Former choir Director and Member*  
Anne Bartel, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*  
**Jeanne Rutz**, *friend of Pastor Phil*  
**Hank Holiday**, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
**Gail Roehm Costa**, *Cousin of Dianne and Robb Port*

## How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator ([officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto: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

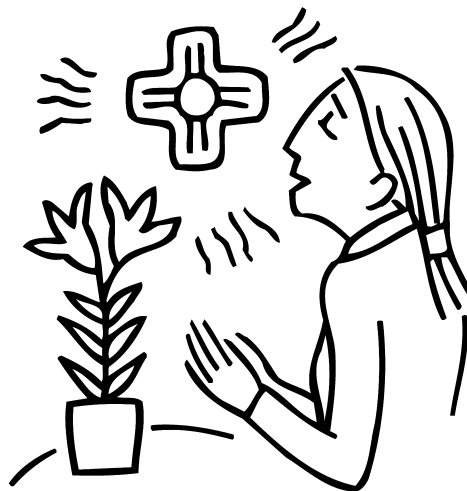
*Do you have need for prayer?  
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?  
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at  
St. Paul's that is ready to help.  
Simply contact the Church Office.  
All requests are confidential.*

***\*\*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

O Lord, I acknowledge and give thanks that you created in me your image so that I may remember, contemplate, and love you. But this image has been so effaced by the abrasion of transgressions, so hidden from sight by the dark billows of sin, that unless you renew and refashion it, it cannot do what it was created to do. Lord, I do not attempt to comprehend your sublimity, because my intellect is not at all equal to such a task. But I yearn to understand some measure of your truth, which my heart believes and loves. For I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand. For I believe even this: that I shall not understand unless I believe. —*Anselm*

*[Anselm, Anselm of Canterbury, ed. Jasper Hopkins and Herbert Richardson (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen, 1974), 93.]*



## **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** ***April 2, 2023***

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,226.95
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 365.00
Total:	\$1,591.95

#### **In Worship Offerings**

Weekly Contributions:	\$4,812.57
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 400.00
Total:	\$5,212.57

#### **Electronic/Mail ins Income** ***April 9, 2023***

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 489.30
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 509.30

#### **In Worship Offerings**

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,380.17
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$2,630.17

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### ***Holy Wednesday, April 5, 2023***

In person: 25  
Virtual: \*\*

#### ***Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023***

In person: 22  
Virtual: 10

#### ***Good Friday, April 7, 2023***

In person: 23  
Virtual: \*\*

#### ***Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023***

In person: 105  
Virtual: 20

### **This Week at St Paul's**

#### **Sunday, April 16th**

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

#### ***Second Sunday of Easter***

Faith Formation 10:30am  
Cover Bethel 11:00am

#### **Monday, April 17th**

FEC 8am-5pm

#### **Tuesday, April 18th**

FHS 10am-3pm

#### **Wednesday, April 19th**

FEC 8am-5pm

#### **Thursday, April 20th**

Frederick Homeschoolers 10am-3pm

#### **Sunday April 23rd**

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

#### ***Third Sunday of Easter***

Blessing of the Quilts  
Faith Formation 10:30am

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*\*\*\*\*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=xycjeciOIZU>

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>



*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of my husband,  
the most wonderful man in the world.  
Given by Erica Wendt*



**Quilt Blessing**—During the Service on Sunday, April 23rd, there will be a Blessing of at least 30 twin size quilts. Six of these, women's quilts, will answer a request from Faith House, a Frederick facility for women with children. The remainder, quilts for children and teens, will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (a.k.a. "No kid sleeps on the floor"), a volunteer organization that builds beds for needy children. We have donated to both organizations in the past.

**Would you like to help?**—In addition to your prayers, there are more ways to assist Quilt Ministry. Please contact Kate Stottlemeyer for details.

**Lap Quilts Available**—Do you know someone with chilly knees? Perhaps a housebound neighbor or an elderly friend? Lap quilts are available upon request at no charge. (Donations welcomed, but not expected.) See Kate to choose a quilt.

Donations for **Glade Valley Food Bank** are always accepted!

**Updated Items of need are:**

Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce,  
Baked Beans, Canned Fruit,  
and toilet paper.

***Please bring them to the donation bin  
on the side of Town Hall, or you can put  
them in the basket by the side door and  
we will get them to the food bank for you.***



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.***



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*It's time again! 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.*



## **Strawberry Festival is quickly approaching!**



We will be meeting after Worship,  
**Today, Sunday, April 16th,**  
in the overflow area to brainstorm  
and continue preparations!

We encourage anyone and everyone who  
feels called to help in any way to  
make our 2023 Strawberry Festival  
amazing and successful to join us!

*Hope to see you there!*

*Consider signing up for one of the options below:*

**Welcome Tent (Roxanne Smith), Roasted Nuts  
Quilt Tent (Kate Stottlemeyer), Set Up  
Food Tent, Take Down  
Bake Table, Runners  
Strawberry Shortcake Tent (Betsy Galliher)  
Plant Sale**

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.

*The  
Word  
of God*

### Staff

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