



Day of Pentecost—May 28, 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.....Deb Horton
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....Patty Rimel and Roxanne Smith
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel
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 Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein
 Secretary—Jackie Waas

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

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***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.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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| <p>1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
and in our hearts your work begin,
and make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
around and in us brightly shine,
your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance
life from heaven
now is given
overflowing,
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.</p> | <p>3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
let your good Word in doubt and strife
be in us strongly burning,
that we be faithful unto death
and live in love and holy faith,
from you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy
on us shower;
by your power
Christ confessing,
we will cherish all your blessing.</p> |
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- 2 Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
oh, lead us on the narrow way,
with wisest counsel guide us;
and give us steadfastness, that we
may follow you forever free,
no matter who derides us.
Gently heal those
hearts now broken;
give some token
you are near us,
whom we trust to light and cheer us.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

***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:**

C: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem.....Holy Spirit, Hope and Healing(Beall/Carter).....Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth
is full of your creatures.**

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms
too many to number,

living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,

**and Leviathan, which you made for the sport
of it.**

²⁷All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

**you open your hand, and they are filled with
good things.**

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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 20:19-23**

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

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

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

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY**Spirit of Gentleness***.....ELW 396

Refrain

- Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your
wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the
sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a
land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open
their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole
world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient
schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives
dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Refrain

****THE APOSTLES' CREED***

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

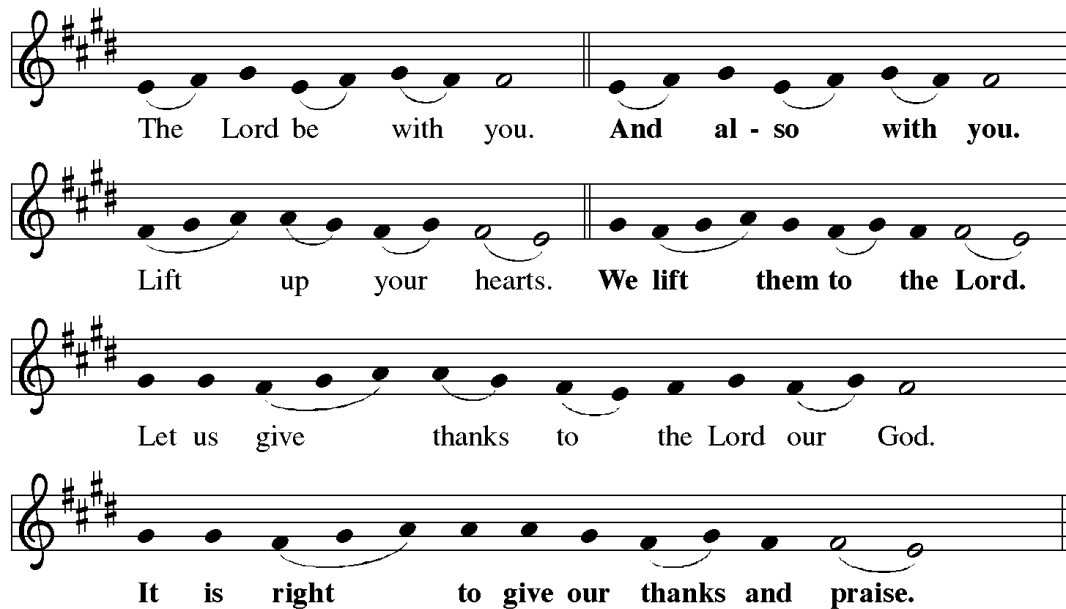
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****OFFERTORY PRAYER***

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 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses 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 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..... God of Tempest, God of WhirlwindELW 400**

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|---|---|
| 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross! | 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord! |
| 2 God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth! | 4 God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work! |

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***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*
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*
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*
Deanna Meyer, *Personal friend of Joann Valainis*
Joan Collins, *Aunt of Joann Valainis*
Craig Wachter, *Brother of Gary Wachter*
Artie Fauble, *member*
Marc Johnson, *Brother of Deb Horton*
Marie Purswell, *Member*

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

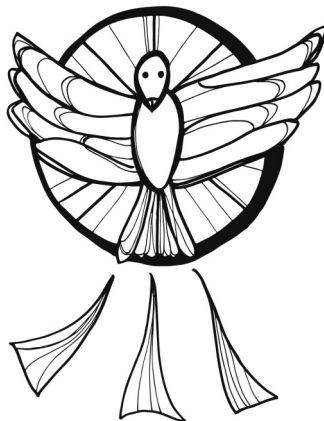
*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

*****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 for the Cloud of Witnesses

The Christian story of Pentecost is a story of wind and fire, our images for talking about God as spirit. Fire we can usually contain and put into our service, but fire can be an overzealous or unwelcome servant which consumes much more than we wish. No wonder that one of the oldest names for God in the Hebrew Scriptures translates to English as Consuming Fire. This Consuming Fire of the Spirit of God blew rushing and mightily upon the disciples and drove them out of Jerusalem, scattering them like seeds all over the earth, filling them with words which changed many lives but which eventually, if we can believe all the legends, got almost every last one of them killed. We often pray in words like those of J.S. Bach's Pentecost cantata, "O eternal fire, kindle, ignite our hearts. Let the heavenly flames flare up and penetrate them, for we wish to be thy temple." Do we who dwell in tents dare pray for wind and fire? . . . The Spirit will hold us, and with sighs too deep for words she will breathe us back to life. The Spirit is ready, too, one day, when the tents which we are become burnt and ashes, to hold us in peace forever. Come, O eternal fire! —*Frederick A. Niedner, Jr.*

[Frederick A. Niedner, Jr., in *Homilies for the Christian People*, 283-286.]



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 May 14, 2023

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,132.26
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 265.00
Total:	\$1,397.26

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,230.34
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 360.00
Total:	\$2,590.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, May 21, 2023

In person: 40
Virtual: 18

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, May 28th

Worship (Livestream)
Day of Pentecost

9:25am

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30th

Calendar Meeting

6:00pm

Saturday, June 3rd

Margaret Amundson Funeral

10:00am

Sunday, June 4th

Worship (Livestream)
Holy Trinity

9:25am

Ministry Sunday

10:30am

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**



*******IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL*******

There will be a Town Hall Meeting (in person only) on **June 4, 2023** directly after worship to discuss the Covenant with Bethel, repairs to the Parsonage, the potential use of the Parsonage and the Parsonage garage to be replaced due to asbestos (bids till be provided).

There will be a Special Congregational Vote **June 18, 2023** on these issues only. Please see upcoming weekly emails and bulletins for more details. You may also see any Council Member or the Pastor with questions or concerns.

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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=u91CjjQTcwU>

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

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6l9JEpgsBUXlow1l7_-Q



***The flowers today are given to
the Glory of God and
in celebration of
Cody & Beth Plog's
Wedding Anniversary.***

Today is the final day for this special collection!

Your generous gifts have enabled us to reach our goal to repair the altar window, however we are still shy of the goal to repair and restore the others.

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

*****IMPORTANT*****

An anonymous donor has come forward and has offered to match up to \$1,000 in donations made by the deadline of May 28, 2023

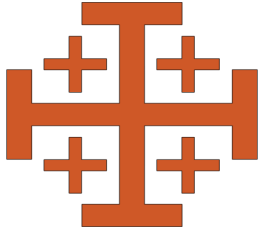
*If you feel called, please consider donating
to this special cause, either online or in the offering plate.*

Stained Glass Window Fund



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Journey to the Holy Land



Journey to the Holy Land with the Delaware-Maryland Synod January 29-February 8, 2024. As we continue to walk through the Easter season, imagine yourself visiting the places where so many stories from the Bible have traditionally been remembered. Travel with your siblings from our synod and share the experience of reflection, prayer and adventure. This tour price includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation and three meals a day. For more information, talk to Pastor Kati Kluckman-Ault at our synod assembly, contact Pastor Kati [by email](#), or view the [trip webpage](#).

***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 for a dedication.***



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.***



**Vintage Quilt Raffle Update:
The winner of the vintage quilt raffled
at the Strawberry Festival is...**

Andrea Horine.

**Ms. Horine gave a donation for 12
tickets and is absolutely delighted
with the quilt!**



ARE YOU READY
TO SHINE
JESUS' LIGHT?

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!



Monday, June 26th - Thursday, June 29th!

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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WALKERSVILLE, MD 21793



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Caring for the Body of Christ...May 2023

Hello friends at St. Paul's! As a retired healthcare professional, I hope to share some interesting and informative facts about activities in our community that support our caring for each other. I will be asking for your input as to interests, questions and concerns so I may assist with our mission of Caring for the Body of Christ in a monthly note. Please let me know what kinds of things you might be interested in. Contact me through the Parish Office. **Deb Horton**

I look forward to brining you some new information and possible Activities of Interest for June!

Please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know if there is something you would like to know about!

Strawberry Festival 2023 was another SUCCESS!

Please keep an eye out for the article in the June Epistle.

We are asking everyone involved or those that just came by to eat shortcake, to let us know what they thought went well, and what might have made it a better event.

Thank you again. Only together in Christ's faith and love can we continue to host the famous St. Paul's ELCA Walkersville Strawberry Festival.



Please fill out the form in this bulletin and put it in the collection

Plate or drop it off at the Parish Office!

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2023 Strawberry Festival Feedback

We need your honest feedback

1. What did you enjoy about the event?

2. What went well?

3. What didn't go so well and why?

4. What would you recommend for improvement for next year's event?

5. What wouldn't you change?

6. What might you do differently?

7. Will you be willing to help out again next year? Why or Why not?

Name (Optional): _____