

17th Sunday After Pentecost—September 24, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:00 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	Jim Titmas
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Tom and Johanna Waters
Acolyte	Camden Plog

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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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

1 Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace; use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field, by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed, by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: Refrain

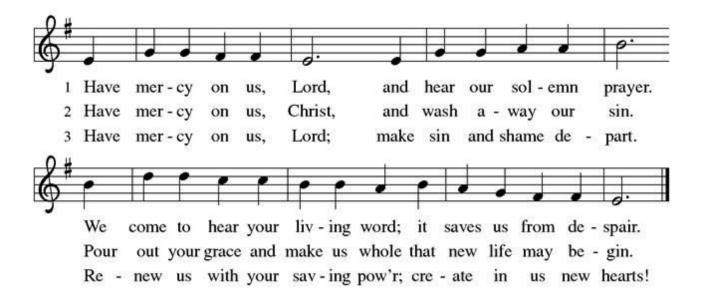
- 3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal; lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*
- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night; by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light; by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain*

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*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. 203) (Sung)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204)



- I Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10--4:11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #145

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,

and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

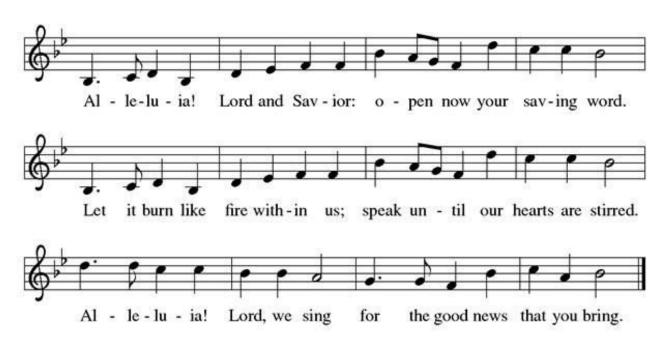
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)



L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter, **20:1-16**

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

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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*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: ... God, in your mercy, **C:** Hear our prayer.

*The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

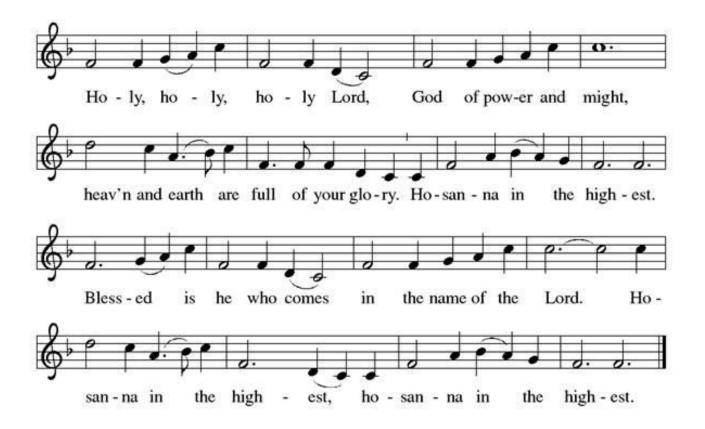
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 207)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

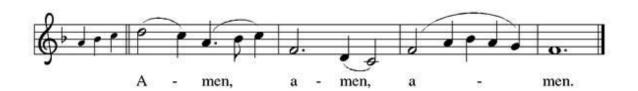
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen (ELW Pg. 207)



*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.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW Pg. 208)



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C: Amen.

- Rise up, O saints of God!
 From vain ambitions turn;
 Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

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- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD.

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.



Joe Collins. Cousin of Joann Valainis Mark Holloway, Husband of Kate Stottlemyer 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 Barb Callow. friend of Marie Purswell Susan and Paul Holloway, Family of Kate Stottlemyer Robert Hoff, Member, son of Betty Walker Lillian Foucart. Member Hank Holiday, Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemyer Chris Muesing, Family of Jacki Waas Parker Bazarewski, member of Ed Chaney's extended family John Baker, Member. Nancy McIntyre, Friend of St. Paul's The Family of Betty Walker, Member Elyse Acosta, friend of Dianne and Robb Port Shannon Smith. Friend of the Mildenstein Family The Family of Audrey MacDougall, *Member* Caroline Dunning, Daughter of John and Regina Baker The Jones Family, Close family friends of Joann Valainis Greg, Dani and Dax Sorge, Family of Trish Valcarcel Family of Jonathan Eshelman, Nephew of Kay Wachter Jeanne Rodgers, Friend of Dianne and Robb Port Christi Donati, Family of Hope Donati

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

Let all the pious and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord. Let those who have toiled since the first hour now receive their due reward. Let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join the feast. Those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late, for the Lord is gracious, and he receives the last even as the first. He has pity on the last, and he serves the first; he rewards the one, and is generous to the other; he repays the deed, and praises the effort. Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. —An Easter homily by John Chrysostom

[John Chrysostom, in A Triduum Sourcebook, ed. Gabe Huck and Mary Ann Simcoe (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1983), 11-12.]



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 September 17, 2023:

Weekly Contributions: \$1,565.91 Property Loan Fund: \$180.00 Total: \$1,745.91

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$ 565.00 Property Loan Fund: \$ 200.00 Total: \$ 765.00

ATTENDANCE: September 17, 2023

In person: 50 Virtual: 15

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 24th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

RALLY DAY!

Monday, September 25th

FEC 8am-5pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 26th

FHS 9am-3pm

Wednesday, September 27th

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, September 28th

FHS 9am-3pm

Sunday, October 1st

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ministry Sunday

Treasurer's Report INCOME & EXPENSES FOR August 2023

CURRENT FUND			PROPERTY RENOVATION	PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND		
08/06 Offering	S	3,551.00	08/06 Offering	\$	855.00	
08/13 Offering	S	2,393.32	08/13 Offering	\$	370.00	
08/20 Offering	S	3,285.91	08/20 Offering	\$	330.00	
08/27 Offering	S	2,121.96	08/27 Offering	\$	320.00	
Total Offerings	\$	11,352.19	Total Offerings	\$	1,875.00	
Expenses	\$	(15,680.78)	Loan Payment	\$	(1,525.00)	
Subtotal	\$	(4,328.59)	Surplus for 8/31/2023	\$	350.00	
Other Income;						
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$	100.00	āl.			
Dividends	\$	596.75				
Rental Income	\$	1,025.00				
Shared Ministry Income	\$	666.66				
Misc Income	\$	206.00				
Deficit for 8/31/2023	\$	(1,734.18)				

YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/23 TO 8/31/2023

CURRENT FUND			PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND		
Weekly Offerings	\$	89,299.61	Offerings	\$	14,475.00
Lent	\$	859.00	Loan Fee	\$	(400.00)
Easter	\$	150.00	Interest	\$	0.79
Shared Ministry Income	\$	1,333.32	Total Income	\$	14,075.79
Interest/Dividend	\$	1,751.75			2002011 - 40000 10000 1000 1000 1000
Rental	\$	10,587.50			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$	1,616.53			
Amazon Smile Program	\$	325.90	Loan Payments	\$	(12,186.26)
Misc	\$	279.81			
Total Income	\$	106,203.42			
			Property Renov Loan Fund		
Less Operating Expenses	\$	(121,616.69)	Surplus thru 8/31/2023	\$	1,889.53
Current Fund			Balances owed on:		
Deficit thru 8/31/2023	\$	(15,413.27)	Mortgage as of 8/31/2023	\$	138,750.20

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*****IMPORTANT****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. https://youtu.be/9VKwyWVbkpQ

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Dottie's birthday, given by her Family.





Summer is coming to an end! Help us climb out of the Summer Giving Slump. **Your giving each week really matters.**

Please continue to give electronically through our website or mail directly to the Parish Office.

PARTNERS NEEDED!



Are you looking to spread God's word to the future of our church?

We are looking for volunteers to help out our Children's Faith Formation classes! This volunteer position does not have to be for every Sunday. We will work up a schedule to see what days benefit for everyone. Lessons and activities will be created and pre-made by the Christian Education Committee so there is **no prep work needed!** The future of Saint Paul's depends on our youth and spreading the good word of Christ to the next generation.

Please consider becoming a partner in this important mission to spread God's love to our children. Please contact Lauren McCloskey for more information. left-ucart@gmail.com

Can you smile and say "Good Morning", maybe even a "How are you today?" Then you are a perfect candidate to be a greeter at Saint Paul's. We need people like you to share in this ministry. To sign up, please contact Kate Stottlemyer after Worship or by calling the Parish Office.



"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." <u>Hebrews 13:1-2</u>

REMINDER: October Epistle Deadline is Monday, September 25, 2023

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HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

An annual tradition in our congregation is to celebrate the harvest by returning a portion of God's gifts to be distributed to others in need.

Sunday October 8th, please bring non-perishable food items to the church. We will be collecting those items at the communion rail. After service they will be counted and taken to the Glade Valley Food Bank. Check the Wednesday email and bulletins for current Food Bank needs.





It's also pumpkin Sunday!
Please pick up a pumpkin to enjoy
at home, on your way out after
worship.

Are you called to serve with a smile?

If you would like to serve St. Paul's congregation by creating a welcoming environment and setting the tone for their worship experience, please consider joining our Usher team. We would love to have you share in this ministry. To sign up, contact Kate Stottlemyer through the Parish Office.



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:" 1 Peter 4:10

It's Almost Time!

And that means it's time for another fun evening of Trunk-or-Treat!

Saturday, October 28th at 6:00pm St. Paul's youth will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat night. We could use some more volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. See the sign up sheet!

If you have never done it before, it's easy and fun and we'd love to help you get started!
Please contact Lauren McCloskey to reserve a spot and help St. Paul's reach out to our neighbors and community with a little fun!

It's Spooly Season!

and that means time for St. Paul's Annual Trunk or Treat hosted by our Youth! Come Join us!





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Caring for the Body of Christ, September 2023

September! The kick-off for fall, with back-to-school activities, fall sports like football and also the beginning of the season of preparation for the winter!

Please see the bulletin board, weekly email or September Epistle for more information on "Falling into Health and Wellness".

— Deb Horton

Even though it is September we are beginning preparations for the 6th annual Christkindl Market. It will happen on **Saturday, December 2nd** from 10am-3pm. Once again, the Walkersville Historical Society will be the event host. St. Paul's will have vendors, food and host the Wreath contest similar to last year. Look for more information on those items as we get closer to the date.



We will be looking for donations of gently used Christmas items for "Mrs. Claus' attic."

These are items that are affordable for children or individuals without a lot of funds to buy as gifts or decoration. So, keep on the lookout if you hit up the local yard sales. If anyone has a good idea for a craft to do as a small group that we can add to the sale let us know. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the different areas so make sure you mark it on your calendars.

Co-chairs are Amy Mildenstein and Trish Valcarcel with an assist from Russ Mildenstein



Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Updated Items of need are:

Soup, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, canned pasta, peanut butter, canned green beans and corn, baked beans, bar soap and kids juice boxes.

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.

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