

21st Sunday After Pentecost—October 22, 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	Jackie Waas
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Ushers	Sam and Marie Purswell
Acolyte	Camden Plog

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

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*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.

- O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
- 2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.

- 3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204)



- God in heav-en; peace, good-will to 1 Glo-ry be all the earth. to
- 2 Glo-ry be Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love. to
- 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. the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for P: you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7 L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #96

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
- ³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- [10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

 The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,

for you come to judge the earth.

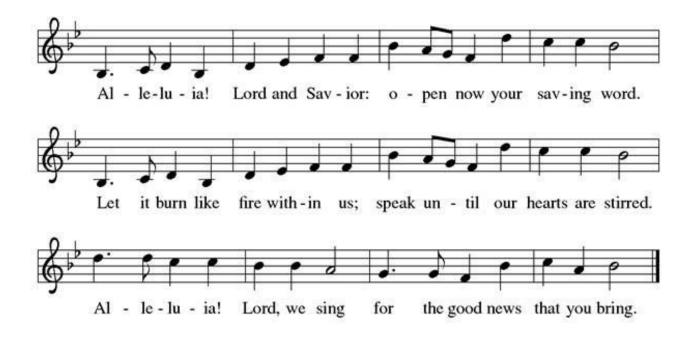
¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)



- L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter, **22:15-22**
- 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......ELW 841

- 1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, 3 ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
- Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,

true to our God, true to our native land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

*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.

*OFFERTORY HYMN Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW Pg. 186)

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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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.

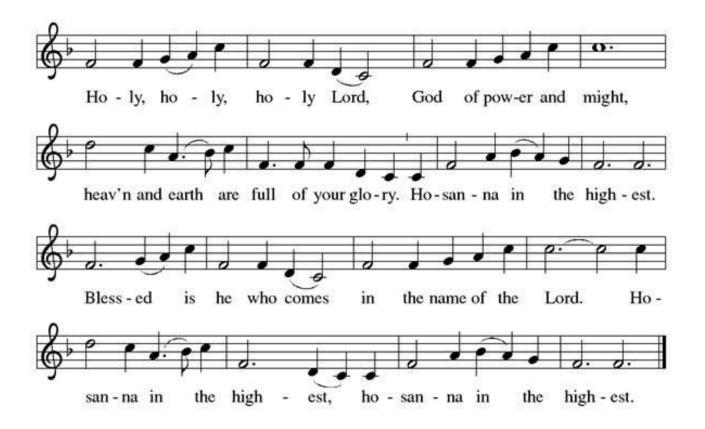
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P. 208)



- *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.

*SENDING HYMN.......Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise......ELW 834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, TRUST IN GOD, 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 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 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 The Family of Christi Donati, Sister in law to Hope Donati Bishop Gohl, Bishop Delaware/Maryland Synod Gil Eiker, Husband of Rebecca Eiker Family of Milton Denn, Member Ann Dangler, Sister of Jim Titmas Tom Coleman, friend of Betsy Galliher The Anderson Family, Members

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.

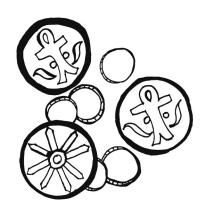
Please remember all the names on our prayer list, and especially those that are **bold.

They have a specific current need for Christian love and support.

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

We are accepted and affirmed by God and so do not need to prove ourselves to him. We have been set free, and our liberation is total and comprehensive—it includes being set free from political, social and economic structures that are oppressive and unjust, since these would enslave us and make us less than God intends us to be. There is little about "pie in the sky when you die" in the gospel of Jesus Christ, for Christianity is the most materialistic of the major religions. There is nowhere that the writ of God does not run, for everything belongs to him. Caesar must be accorded what is appropriate for him, and God must have all—including Caesar's domain; otherwise there would be a part of the universe, of life, that did not fall under God's control. —Desmond Tutu

[Desmond Mpilo Tutu, Hope and Suffering, ed. John Webster (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1984), 58-59.] [Sara Miles, Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion (NY: Ballantine Books, 2007), xiii-xiv.]



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 October 15, 2023:

Weekly Contributions: \$1,297.26 Property Loan Fund: \$280.00

Total: \$ 1,577.26

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,826.00
Property Loan Fund: \$200.00
Total: \$2,026.00

ATTENDANCE: October 15, 2023

In person: 50 Virtual: 14

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, October 22nd Worship (Livestream) 21st Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Pets	9:00am 1:00pm
Monday, October 23rd FEC Girl Scouts	8am-5pm 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 24th FHS	9am-3pm
Wednesday, October 25th FEC	8am-5pm
Thursday, October 26th FHS	9am-3pm
Saturday, October 28th Trunk or Treat	6:00
Sunday, October 29th Worship (Livestream) Reformation Sunday	9:00am

Treasurer's Report INCOME & EXPENSES FOR September 2023

CURRENT FUND				PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND		
09/03 Offering	\$	2,195.45		09/03 Offering	\$	655.00
09/10 Offering	\$	2,072.20		09/10 Offering	\$	470.00
09/17 Offering	Ş	2,120.91		09/17 Offering	S	380.00
09/24 Offering	S	1,285.80		09/24 Offering	S	220.00
Total Offerings	S	7,674.36		Total Offerings	S	1,725.00
Expenses	S	(16,481.15)		Loan Payment	S	(1,525.00)
Subtotal	\$	(8,806.79)		Surplus for 9/30/2023	\$	200.00
Other Income:						
Rental Income	\$	2,700.00	23	35		
Shared Ministry Income	\$	666.68				
Misc Income		8.25	¥.			
Deficit for 9/30/2023	\$	(5,431.86)	II.			

YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/23 TO 9/30/2023

CURRENT FUND			PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND		
Weekly Offerings Lent Easter	\$ \$	96,973.97 859.00 150.00	Offerings Loan Fee Interest	\$ \$	16,200.00 (400.00) 0.90
Shared Ministry Income Interest/Dividend Rental Strawberry Festival Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	2,000.00 1,751.75 13,287.50 2,069.01 1,616.53	Total Income Loan Payments	\$	15,800.90 (13,711.26)
Amazon Smile Program Misc	\$ \$	325.90 287.22		10-1-1	
Total Income	\$	119,320.88	Property Renov Loan Fund		
Less Operating Expenses	\$	(153,778.62)	Surplus thru 9/30/2023	\$	2,089.64
			Balances owed on:		
Current Fund			Mortgage as of 9/30/2023	\$	137,970.20
Deficit thru 9/30/2023	\$	(34,457,74)			

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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=0r6a5GwQESg

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 are given to the glory of God and in celebration of

Gary Wachter's birthday by Kay Wachter.



TODAY! October 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm (14 W. Pennsylvania Avenue). Everyone is invited to bring pets (or pictures of pets) for the blessing.



It's Almost Time! Next Weekend!

Saturday, October 28th at 6:00pm, St. Paul's youth will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat night.

We could STILL 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!



Friday, November 3, 2023 There's still time to sign up!

The need for donors is critical. If you are able to donate, please consider signing up for your appointment with the link below, call the Parish Office and/or share this post to spread the word. *Thank You!!*

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=St%20Pauls%20Lutheran%20Walkersville

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

Transform a life, leave a legacy! Fun fact: 64% of people become Christians before the age of 18! Please consider becoming a partner in this important mission to spread God's love to our children.

Please contact Lauren McCloskey for more information. lefoucart@gmail.com

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From Your Attic to the North Pole!

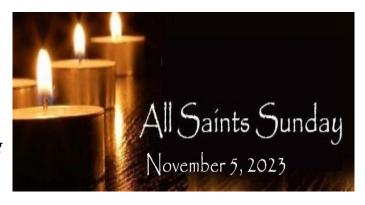
Mrs. Claus searched her attic for gently used items for her Christkindl Market booth, but her attic is empty!

She needs your help. Venture into your attic, basement, garage, closets, etc. in search of indoor/outdoor decorations, re-giftable items, white elephant gifts, items not matching your décor, Christmas or otherwise--in good repair. Bring them (boxed, please) to the Library area of St. Paul's on Sundays between now and Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Claus will do the rest. Thank you.

All Saints Sunday resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

At St. Paul's we follow a tradition of honoring all the saints who have passed away since last All Saints Day. We will light a candle and ring the bell for each person named.



Please call the Parish Office or email @ <u>Officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org</u> to name the person you would like to remember in this way throughout the month of October. Please give the name, relationship to you and date of death.

We will need these names by 10/30/2023.

Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee. Betsy Galliher

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The Turkey Tree is up in the Library! Please fill an envelope with a generous donation, and put it in the offering plate to help families have a blessed meal on Thanksgiving.

Thank You.





SAVE THE DATE CHRISTKINDLMARKET 2023

We are beginning preparations for the 6th annual Christkindlmarket. 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.

Vendors wanted. The Christkindlmarket committee is taking applications for vendors at this year's festivities. If you are interested go to the committee website for all the information and application process. https://www.walkersvillechristkindlmarket.com/

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 kid's 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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