

Reformation Sunday—October 29, 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	Pat Fellows
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Sam and Marie Purswell
Acolyte	Camden Plog

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*Please stand as you are able.

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.

*GATHERING HYMN......ELW 504

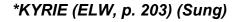
- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

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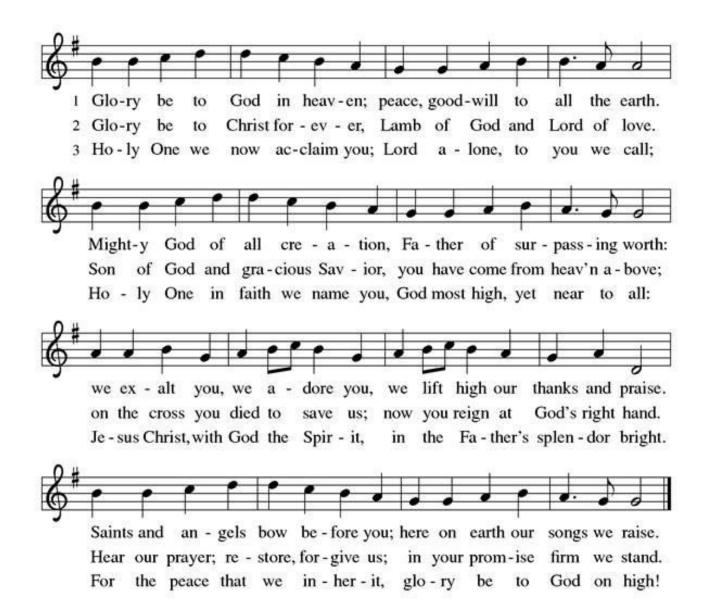
*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- God's Word forever shall abide, 4 no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with vou all.
- **C**: And also with you.







*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #46

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our stronghold.** ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

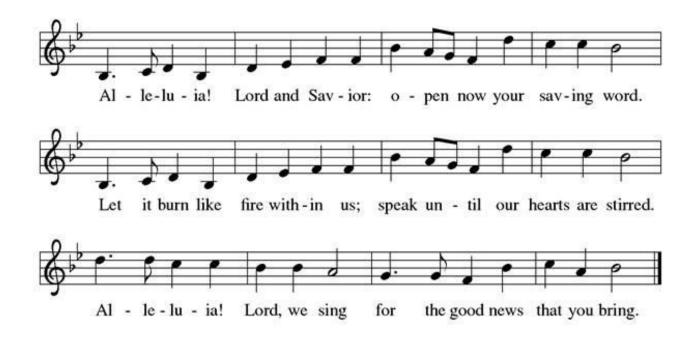
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

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- L: The Holy Gospel according to John the eighth chapter, 8:31-36
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAYELW 654

- The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

***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

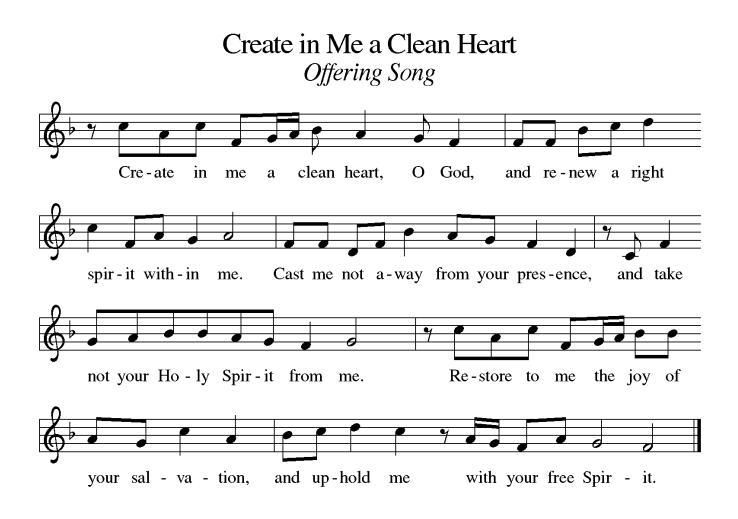
P: ... God, in your mercy, **C:** Hear our prayer.

*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)



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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.

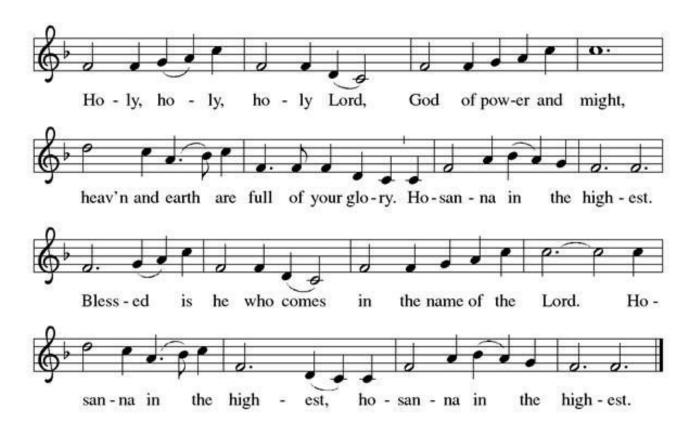
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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)



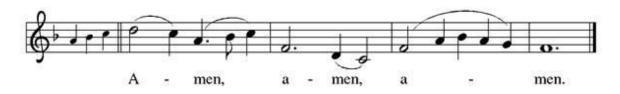
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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)

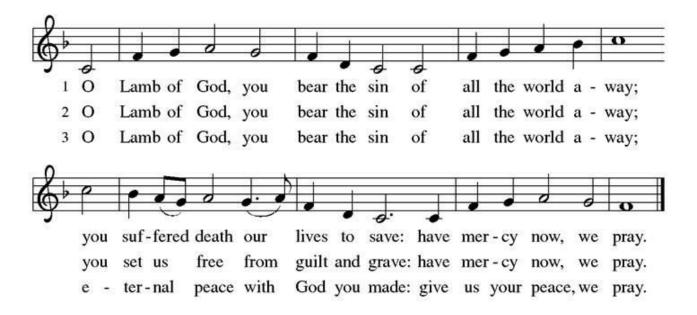


*THE LORD'S PRAYER:

- 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.



*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	. Thy Strong WordEL	W 511
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- Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death, broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-breathing breath. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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- Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

*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.

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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 Dee Dee Kopp, member Sue Jones, friend of Pastor Phil

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator

(<u>officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org</u>). 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

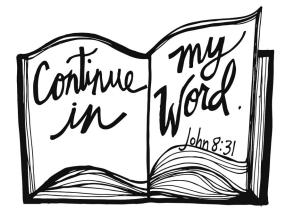
+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, niece to Linwood Snider
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
+Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj 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

Every renewal of the church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling. Undoubtedly this explains the dynamism of the movement toward unity. Christ summons the church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that continual reformation of which she always has need, insofar as she is a human institution here on earth. Consequently, if, in various times and circumstances, there have been deficiencies in moral conduct or in church discipline, or even in the way that church teaching has been formulated—to be carefully distinguished from the deposit of faith itself—these should be set right at the opportune moment and in the proper way. *—Decree on Ecumenism, Second Vatican Council*

[Vatican Council II, The Basic Sixteen Documents, Revised Translation in Inclusive Language, ed. Austin Flannery, OP (Northport, NY: Costello Publishing Company, 1996), 507-508.]





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:	\$ 340.80
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 360.80

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,147.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$1,347.00

ATTENDANCE:

October 22, 2023 In person: 42 Virtual: 10

This Week at St Paul's

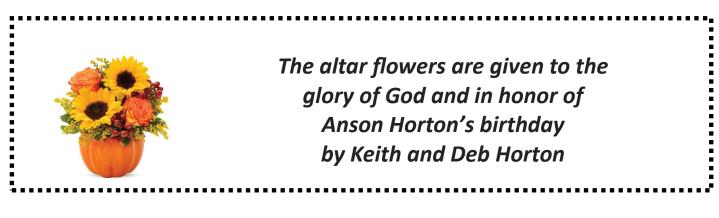
<u>Sunday, October 29th</u> Worship (Livestream) Reformation Sunday	9:00am
<u>Monday, October 30th</u> FEC	8am-5pm
<u>Tuesday, October 31st</u>	
Halloween FHS	9am-3pm
<u>Wednesday, November 1st</u> FEC	8am-5pm
<u>Thursday, November 2nd</u> FHS	9am-3pm
Friday November 3rd Blood Drive	10am-4pm
<u>Sunday, November 5th</u> Worship (Livestream) All Saint's Sunday	9:00am
Ministry Sunday	10:00am

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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/beSxOtIGPro

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow117 -Q



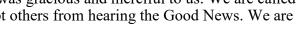
"Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better.

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better.

We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith - the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for for our faith and for this community that we call "church."

Happy Reformation Sunday!"



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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 (a) <u>Officeadministrator(a) 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 tomorrow, 10/30/2023.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, November 3, 2023

American Red Cross

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

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

****Updated Items of need are**:**

Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, boxed crackers, baked beans, canned pasta, canned tuna and mac n cheese

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.





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.



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.*

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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. <u>https://www.walkersvillechristkindlmarket.com/</u>

Ushers/Greeters Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Ushers and Greeters at Services.

Ushers smile, sign in members and take names of visitors; report names of visitors to Pastor before Service; pass the plate during Offertory; direct people and serve wine during Communion; and, in the absence of Greeters, offer bulletins and a cheerful greeting.

Greeters offer bulletins and an enthusiastic greeting (hugs optional) to all, especially visitors.

Ideally, we want two of each for each Service. To serve, please contact Kate Stottlemyer or the Church Office.





Free COVID-19 Rapid Test Reminder

As of Monday, September 25, every U.S. household can again <u>place an order</u> to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests, which are delivered directly to your home. COVID rapid tests can help you know if you have COVID-19 when you have symptoms, have been exposed, or are going to meet up with others. <u>https://www.covid.gov/tests</u>

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