

Second Sunday of Lent—February 25, 2024

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.....Susan Hayes
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Tom and Johanna Waters
Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Annabelle Bush

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel
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**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, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN..... O Word of God Incarnate.....ELW 514**

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

***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)**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Generosity Speaks with Sara Leflin from Mar Lu Ridge

Anthem.....Come to the Table (James Koerts).....Choir
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FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

PSALM: #22

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel

before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the eighth chapter, **8:31-38**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

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|---|--|
| 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me? | 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?" |
| 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me? | 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me. |

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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.

***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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 207)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 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: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.
- C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN..... Let Us Ever Walk With JesusELW 802*

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| 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide. | 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high. |
| 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know. | 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me. |

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*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED.
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.



PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Jones Family, *Close family friends of Joann Valainis*
Gil Eiker, *Husband of Rebecca Eiker*
Doug Ashbrook, *Family Friend of Pastor Phil*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Family of Sharon Kahler, *mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members*
Jeff Gentry, *Organist*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder*
Shannon Smith, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Bob Schmidt, *brother of Dottie Titmas*
Marea Palmer, *Niece of Marcia Gupta*
Parker Bazarewski, *extended family of Ed Chaney*
Joseph Matthew Moschella, *dear friends of the Plowman Family*
Michael Wachter, *Son of Gary and Kay Wachter*
Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Jan and Sam Urick, *Cousins of Candy Foucart*
Betsy Galliher, *Member*
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
Cindi Lucas, *Cousin of Robb and Dianne Port*
Cathryn Blackwell, *extended family of Robb and Dianne Port*
Kristi Jack, *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
- +Jaiden Pastick, U.S. Airforce, Guam,
close friend and former Girl
Scout of Kay Wachter's

*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.*

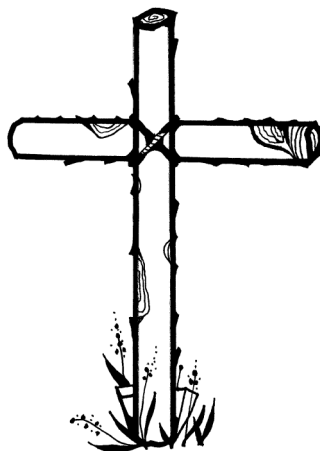
*****Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.***

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

All that matters is the cross and dying on that cross: there is no other way to life and real inward peace except the way of the holy cross, and of daily dying to self. Go where you like, look for what you like, you will not find a higher way above or a safer way below than the way of the holy cross. The cross is always close by and waits for you everywhere. You cannot escape it, wherever you may run. If you carry your cross with gladness, it will carry you and lead you to that longed-for goal where there will be no more suffering. If you carry it grudgingly, you will make it a burden and weigh yourself down, but all the same you will have to bear it. If you throw one cross aside, you will certainly find another, and possibly one that is heavier to bear. —*Thomas á Kempis*

[Thomas á Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, ed. Betty I. Knott (London: Collins, 1973), 103-104.]

[John Chrysostom, in *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, II, 54-55]



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: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

February 11, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 702.20
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 170.00
Total:	\$ 872.20

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,303.03
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$1,554.03

In Worship Offerings

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 110.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$
Total:	\$ 110.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

February 18, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,342.66
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 130.00
Total:	\$1,472.66

ATTENDANCE:

February 11, 2024

In person: 54
Virtual: 24

February 14, 2024

In person: 28
Virtual: 6

February 18, 2024 (Bethel)

In person: 36
Virtual: *

February 21, 2024

In person: *
Virtual: *

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, February 25th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Generosity Speaks Mar Lu Ridge	

Monday, February 26th

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

Tuesday, February 27th

FHC	8am-5pm
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Wednesday, February 28th

FEC	8am-5pm
Soup and Sandwich	6:00pm
Mid Week Worship	7:00pm

Thursday, February 29th

FHS	9am-3pm
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****PARISH HALL
PARKING LOT CLOSED**

Friday, March 1st

Lager for Lent	5:00pm
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Sunday, March 3rd

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Ministry Sunday	

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

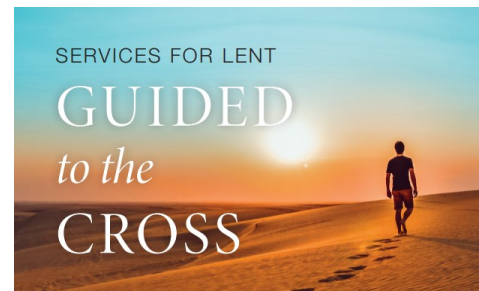
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYfdZYIwiJY>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L74SqvILGCA>

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>



Every Wednesday during Lent, before our Lenten Journey of the week begins, come join us in the **Parish Hall** at 6:00pm for soup, sandwiches and fellowship. Worship will begin at 7:00pm.



This year our Lenten Services will be from
"Guided to the Cross"

"Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior."

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— WELCOMING WITH OPEN ARMS »

We welcome Sara Lefler today from Mar Lu Ridge. This beautiful place is in need of some serious repairs in order to uphold their mission statement, ***“all are welcome in this place”***. Please take the time to read the flyers on the bulletin boards and to watch the video included in the weekly email.

The board of directors has authorized the ***With Open Arms*** campaign to provide funding necessary for repairs needed at Mar Lu Ridge. Please accept the challenge to give and to spread the word.

Do you have a college student or loved one in the military who would get great joy from getting an Easter Basket?

Please see Lauren McCloskey or the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information!



Lager for Lent

What questions are you afraid to ask in church?

Join us Fridays at 5PM during Lent for fellowship and conversation at Buffalo Wild Wings

210 Shorebird St Frederick, MD



THE TIME TO
GIVE BLOOD
IS NOW

The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive into our community. Our first drive for the year is ***March 22nd***, please consider making your appointment today, your donation is needed!

See the weekly email for the link to sign up or call the Parish Office for assistance.

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 LUTHER SEMINARY



Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2024 Lenten devotional, "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" throughout the Lenten season. Click the link to download the Daily Lenten Devotional.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

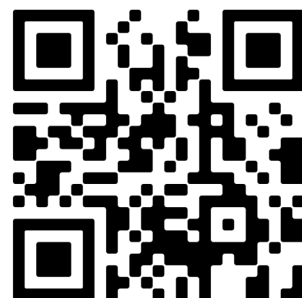
****Items of need are:****

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.



*Don't forget to sign up for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
Use the QR code below and join the fun!*



SCAN ME

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For years St. Paul's has taken on the stocking stuffer project benefitting The Glade Valley Toy Shoppe at Christmas time. Every year the list grows and the number of stockings needed gets higher.

Kay Wachter has devised a plan to help St. Paul's be ready this Christmas! ***The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.*** Each Month the items of need will be announced and published in the Weekly bulletins and emails. There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations each month. You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.

Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project



FEBRUARY

Playing cards for the older kids and theme cards for the younger ones (i.e. Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.)



Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$12.00 each. Sign up using the signup sheet on the side bulletin board or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

***Please don't forget to designate your dedication.**

Remember, you don't have to throw these beautiful lilies away; they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!

March 24th is the final date to order!

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Treasurer's Report
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2024

CURRENT FUND		PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	
01/07 Offering	\$ 2,884.29	01/07 Offering	\$ 655.00
01/14 Offering	\$ 1,907.15	01/14 Offering	\$ 420.00
01/21 Offering	\$ 1,784.91	01/21 Offering	\$ 480.00
01/28 Offering	\$ 2,302.80	01/28 Offering	\$ 270.00
Total Offerings	\$ 8,879.15	Total Offerings	\$ 1,825.00
Expenses	\$ (13,707.38)	Loan Payment	\$ (1,525.00)
Subtotal	\$ (4,828.23)	Surplus for 1/31/24	\$ 300.00
Other Income:			
Rental Income	\$ 3,450.00	Interest on checking	\$ 0.13
Shared Ministry - Bethel	\$ 666.66		
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 162.00		
Deficit for 1/31/24	\$ (549.57)	Surplus for 1/31/24	\$ 300.13

Principle Balance owed on

Property Renov Loan as of 1/2024 \$ 134,761.58

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