

Second Sunday of Lent—March 3, 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.....Linda Yopp
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....Sheila Kahler and Roxanne Smith
 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

***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..... *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*.....ELW 324**

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

***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: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem.....*Let Us Walk This Road Together* (Beall/Carter).....**Choir**
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FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their mes-
sage to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the
soul;

**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives
wisdom to the simple.**

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the
heart;

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and
gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
**the judgments of the LORD are true and right-
eous altogether.**

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than
much fine gold,
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the
comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous
sins; let them not get dominion over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent
of a great offense.**

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



L: The Holy Gospel according to John the second chapter, **2:13-22**

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

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the
past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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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.

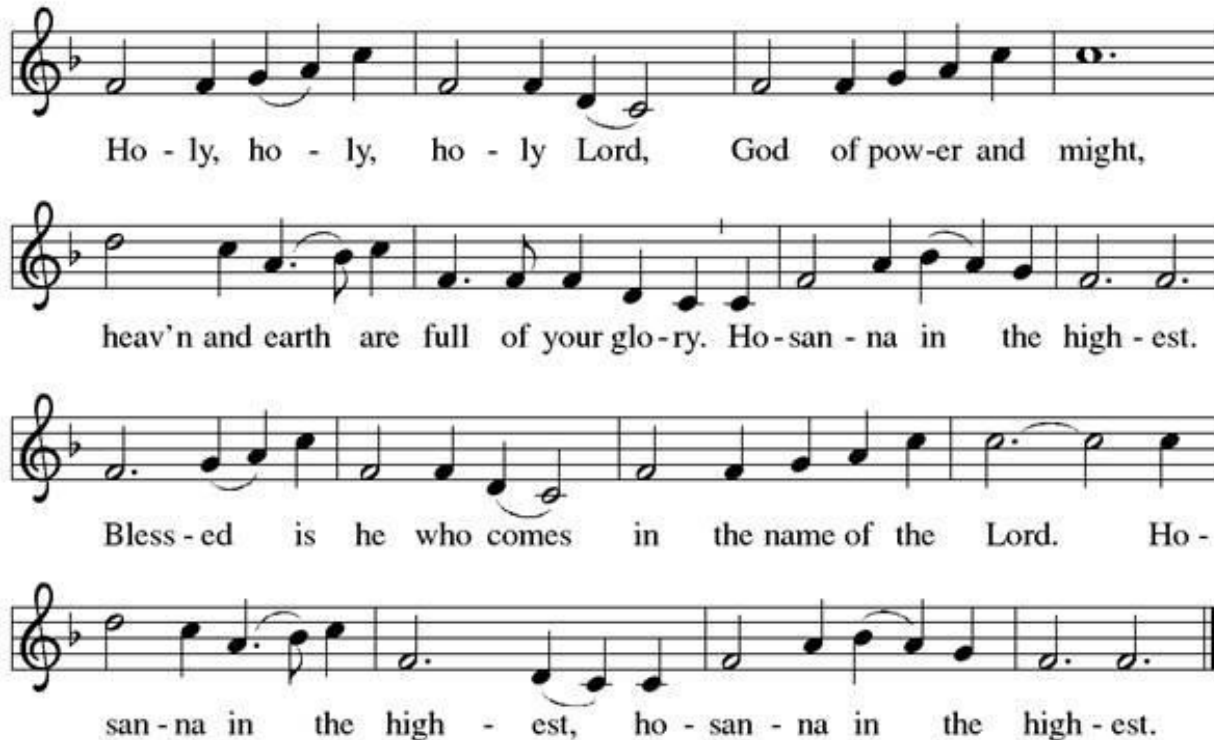
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.....God of Grace and God of Glory.....ELW 705*

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.</p> | <p>3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.</p> |
| <p>2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,</p> | <p>4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.</p> |

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

***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*
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*
The Family of Ursula Wandel, *Sister of Regina Baker*

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

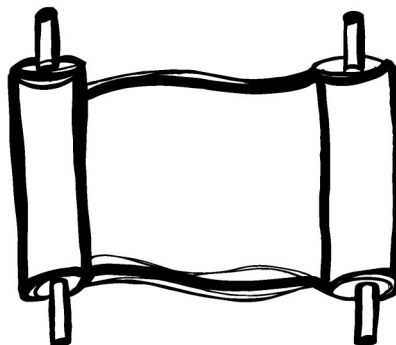
*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

***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

The soul, the conscience of the faithful, is also the temple and house of God. Should this soul bring forth wicked thoughts, towards the injuring of our neighbor, these will settle there like robbers in a cave, slaying one by one those who pass by. The faithful soul is now no longer a house of prayer, but a den of thieves; scorning the innocence and simplicity of holiness, it tries to injure its neighbor. But through the sacred pages, we are instructed without ceasing against all such perversities of conduct by the words of the Redeemer. For Truth teaches daily in the temple when it carefully instructs the mind of the faithful.
—*Gregory the Great*

[Gregory the Great, The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, III:351-352.] 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 25, 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

ATTENDANCE:

February 25, 2024

In person: 45

Virtual: 23

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 3rd

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Third Sunday of Lent

Ministry Sunday 10:00am

Monday, March 4th

FEC 8am-5pm

Cub Scouts 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 5th

FHC 8am-5pm

Calendar Meeting 6:00pm

Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 6th

FEC 8am-5pm

Soup and Sandwich 6:00pm

Mid Week Worship 7:00pm

Thursday, March 7th

FHS 9am-3pm

Cub Scouts 5:30pm

Friday, March 8th

Lager for Lent 5:00pm

Saturday, March 9th

Quilting Parish Hall 9:00am

Sunday, March 10th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

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*****IMPORTANT*****

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

<https://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

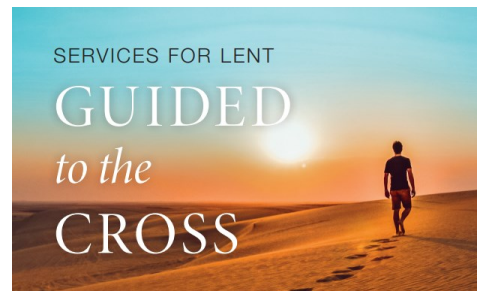
St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7-Q>



**Quilt Knotting in the Parish Hall
Saturday, March 9th, 9:00am
Drop in and stay as long as you'd like.
Many Hands Make Light Work!**



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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, March 17th, 2-4 pm

Please join us for an afternoon of games with the residents at Victoria Park! We will be serving a variety of Soups and need food donations as well as volunteers to attend. Please see the weekly email for link to sign up.

You can bring your favorite board or card game and be ready for some trivia too! We are blessed to continue this relationship with the residents and live our mission of "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind and spirit of all."

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!

A graphic for "Lager for Lent" featuring a large, frothy mug of beer in the foreground. The background shows a bar with shelves of bottles.

Lager for Lent

What questions are you afraid to ask in church?

Join us Fridays at 5PM during Lent for fellowship and conversation at Oscars Alehouse West
906 N. East Street
Frederick, MD 21701



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!*

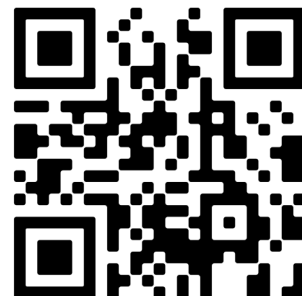


EASTER EGG HUNT

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 30th
3:00-5:00PM
14 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Walkersville, MD

Crafts · Games · Easter Egg Hunt · Story of Easter · Goats



SCAN ME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.

It's March! We need **Craft Kits and Small Dolls**. There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations. You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.



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!

Staff

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