

# Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 21, 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   | Lauren McCloskey             |
| Organist | Jeff Gentry                  |
| Ushers   |                              |
| Acolyte  | Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush |

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President—Patty Rimel Vice-President—Sheila Kahler Treasurer—Bill Cartwright Secretary—Kate Stottlemyer \*Please stand as you are able.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

#### **CHURCH BELL RUNG**

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

#### \*GATHERING HYMN.......At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing .................ELW 362

- At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- Easter triumph, Easter joy,
   this alone can sin destroy!
   From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
   newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

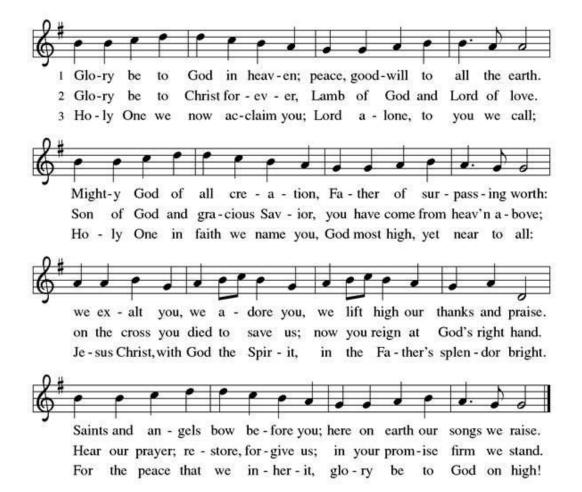
#### \*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

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

#### \*KYRIE (ELW, p. 203) (Sung)



#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204)**



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: "O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

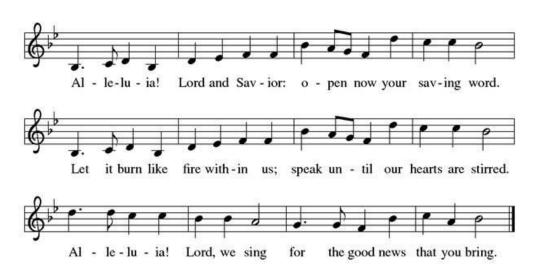
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

#### SECOND READING: 1 John3:16-24

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)



The Holy Gospel according to John the tenth Chapter, 10:11-18

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### \*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

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

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#### Silence for Reflection

| *HYMN OF THE DAY | o Fear, Little FlockELW 764 |
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- Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

- Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
- Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4, Text @ 1973 Concordia Publishing House

#### \*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

#### \*THE NICENE CREED cont'd

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: ... God of grace, C: Hear our prayer.

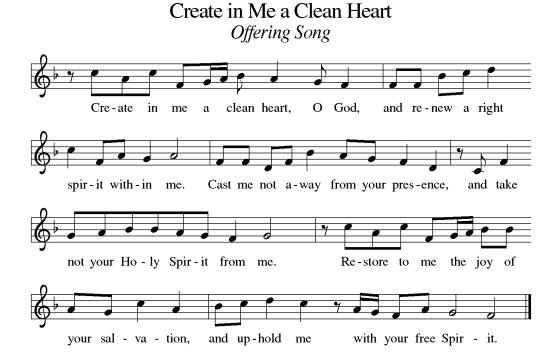
#### \*The Peace

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.

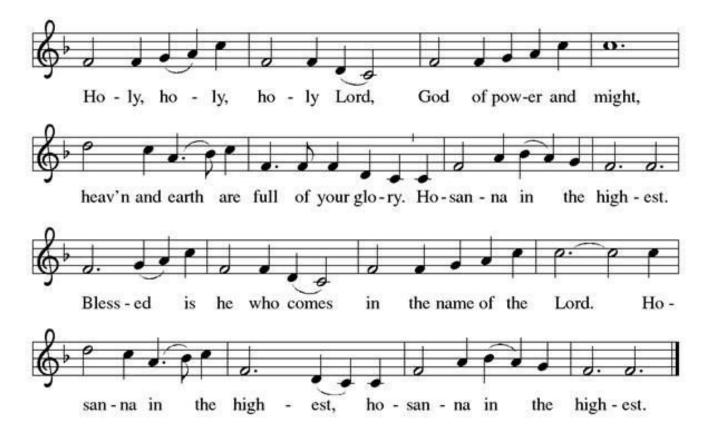
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim 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. 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......Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing......ELW 544

- Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing: glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this eucharist declaring yours the final victory.
- Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word; by your blood new life receiving, in your body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth alert and living in your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in ev'ry nation, may we faithful foll'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt., Text © Oxford University Press.

#### \*DISMISSAL

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

#### Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.



Joe Collins, Cousin of Joann Valainis
Mark Holloway, Husband of Kate Stottlemyer

Hank Holiday, Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemyer

Marion Lawrence, Cousin of Kate Stottlemyer

The Jones Family, Close family friends of Joann Valainis

Gil Eiker, Husband of Rebecca Eiker

Doug Ashbrook, Family Friend of Pastor Phil

Roger Stottlemyer, Uncle of Kate Stottlemyer

Family of Sharon Kahler, mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members

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

Lillian Foucart, Member

Jan and Sam Urick, Cousins of Candy Foucart

Betsy Galliher, Member

Eileen Trihoulis, Sister of Merle Anderson

Gary Wachter, Member

The Family of Ursula Wandel, Sister of Regina Baker

Doug Burkholder, Friend of Betsy Galliher

Heather Anderson, Member

Bert Fiske, Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Dottie Titmas, Member

Florence Schell, Member

Jim Decker, Friend of Pastor Phil

Camden Plog, Member

The Family of Michael Wachter, son of Gary and Kay Wachter

Charlotte Jones, 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

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

Describing a vision she had while in prison and awaiting martyrdom in 213:] I saw a brazen ladder of wondrous length reaching up to heaven, and on the sides of the ladder were fastened all kinds of iron weapons. Just beneath the ladder was a dragon couching of wondrous size who lay in wait and sought to frighten those from going up. And I said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, the dragon will not hurt me." And the dragon put out his head gently, as if afraid of me, just at the foot of the ladder; and as though I were treading on the first step, I trod on his head. And I went up the ladder, and I saw a vast expanse of garden, and in the midst a man sitting with white hair, in the dress of a shepherd, a tall man, milking sheep; and round about were many thousands clad in white. And he looked at me and said, "You have well come, my child." And he gave me a morsel of the milk which he was milking, and I received it in my joined hands, and ate, and all they that stood around said, "Amen." And at the sound of the word I woke, still eating something sweet. —Perpetua

[Perpetua, "The Passion of St. Perpetua and Felcitas," trans. H.R. Musurillo, in Medieval Women's Visionary Literature, ed. Elizabeth Alvilda Patroff (New York: Oxford, 1986), 71.]



## **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 April 14, 2024:

Weekly Contributions: \$\*\*
Property Loan Fund: \$\*\*

Total: \$\*\*

#### **In Worship Offerings**

Weekly Contributions: \$\*\*
Property Loan Fund: \$\*\*

Total: \$\*\*

#### ATTENDANCE: April 14, 2024

In person: 50 Virtual: 18

### This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, April 21st

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Monday, April 22nd FEC 8am-5pm

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 23rd

FHS 9am-3pm

Wednesday, April 24th

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, April 25th

FHS 9am-3pm

Sunday, April 28th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Blessing of the Quilts

Celebration of Lay Ministry 3:00pm

## \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*

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

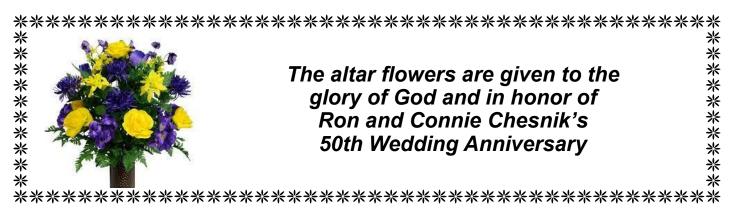
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efFtSOrUppE April 14, 2024 Part One https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkoS1P14K0w April 14, 2024 Part Two

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

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#### \*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\*\*

"The choir, in conjunction with the Pastor and the Worship & Arts committee, requests that henceforth no applause should be made following any anthem or solo, as these are not performances but rather are gifts to God; silence is our appreciation to God for these gifts so provided."







# Strawberry Festival May 18, 2024 is quickly approaching!

We need your help to make this year's Festival a success. Please consider donating your time and talents. There's something for everyone, from setting up, to clean up and everything in between!

Please see Marcia Gupta to sign up and keep an eye out in the bulletin and weekly emails for more details!

# Consider signing up for one of the options below:

Welcome Tent, Roasted Nuts Quilt Tent, Set Up Food Tent, Take Down Bake Table, Runners, Plant Sale Strawberry Shortcake Tent, DUNK TANK!

Bakers be ready to fire up those ovens! We will need shortcakes and goodies for the bake sale table!



**₩ELCA Key Bridge Relief Fund** 

#### From Bishop Gohl:

In the week of the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024, I am asking all of our congregations and ministries to consider receiving a special offering for Key Bridge Relief — funds that will be divided to support families of those who dies and our ministry at the Port of Baltimore among the seafarers. Those funds may be remitted to the Delaware-Maryland Synod, and they will be sent — without any administrative or overhead fees — for those causes. 100% of your gift will go to direct aid and assistance.

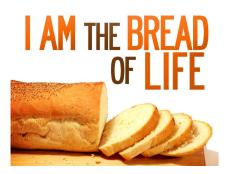


The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project

# **April is almost over!**

We need individual toothbrushes, from toddler size to adult size, and toothpaste!

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.



I hope you all have been enjoying the return of bread to communion. So far the communion preparers have been graciously providing it, but we could use a couple of bakers (or buyers) as an alternative some weeks. If you'd be willing to help in this way, please give me your name so I can create a list for when it is needed.

Also, if anyone is moved to help with communion preparation, please let me know so that we can get you trained and on the rotation. With communion happening weekly we could use some new willing helpers!

Candy Foucart, Communion Coordinator



Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers?

Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if
you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.



To Our Saint Paul's Family,

Thank you to our Saint Paul's Family for all the love and support you showed us after the loss of our son, Michael. Your love and support made our loss much more bearable. To all who shared words of kindness, thank you. To all who shared Michael's funeral with us, thank you. To all who made the meal in the Parish Hall after the funeral possible and to all who shared the meal with us, thank you.

To all who prayed for us and for Michael, thank you.

With love to all.

Kay & Gary Wachter

## Are you called to serve?

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





The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive into our community. This will be our first drive of the year! *May 31st!* Please consider making your appointment today, your donation is very much needed!

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

Donations for *Glade Valley Food Bank* are always accepted!

\*\*UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:\*\*

cereal, boxed crackers, tuna, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter.

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!



**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church** 



St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville

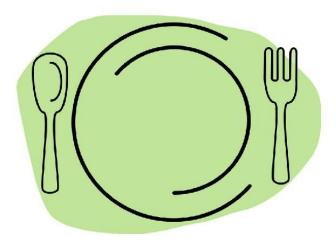
Are Proudly Sponsoring a "Free Community Dinner"

ALL ARE WELCOME, Bring Family and Friends

Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>

5:00PM to 7:00PM

Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church 101 S Main Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798



Please contact Roxanne Smith if you would like to volunteer your time or deserts.

301-630-0900

Email: roxiesmith@verizon.net

# Treasurer's Report INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FEBUARY 2024

| CURRENT FUND            |    |             | PROPERTY RENOVATION | ON LOA | N FUND     |
|-------------------------|----|-------------|---------------------|--------|------------|
|                         |    |             |                     |        |            |
| Total Offerings         | S  | 9,646.40    | Total Offerings     | \$     | 1,435.00   |
| Expenses                | \$ | (17,182.12) | Loan Payment        | \$     | (1,525.00) |
| Subtotal                | \$ | (7,535.72)  | Deficit for 2/29/24 | \$     | (90.00)    |
| Other Income:           |    |             |                     |        |            |
| PNC Dividend Income     | \$ | 596.75      | 4                   |        |            |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars | \$ | 69.00       |                     |        |            |
| Misc                    | \$ | 47.00       |                     |        |            |
| Rental Income           | \$ | 2,100.00    |                     |        |            |
| Deficit for 2/29/24     | \$ | (4,722.97)  |                     |        |            |

## YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/24 TO 02/29/24

| CURRENT FUND                               |           |                     | PROPERTY RENOVATIO              | N LO     | AN FUND           |
|--|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Weekly Offerings<br>Lent                   | \$<br>\$  | 18,525.55           | Offerings                       | \$       | 3,260.00          |
| Easter                                     | \$        | 110.00              | Principle Reduction<br>Interest | \$<br>\$ | -<br>0.1 <b>3</b> |
| Interest/Dividend<br>Rental                | \$<br>\$  | 596.75<br>5,550.00  | Total Income                    | \$       | 3,260.13          |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars<br>Shared Ministry | S<br>S    | 231.00<br>666.66    |                                 |          |                   |
| Misc<br>Total Income                       | <u>\$</u> | 197.00<br>25,876.96 | Loan Payments                   | \$       | (3,050.00)        |
| Less Operating Expenses                    | \$        | (30,889.50)         | Property Renov Loan F           | und      | •                 |
| Current Fund                               |           | ,                   | Surplus thru 2/29/24            | \$       | 210.13            |
| Deficit thru 2/29/24                       | \$        | (5,012.54)          | Balances owed on:               |          |                   |
|  |           |                     | Mortgage as of 2/2024           | \$       | 133,960.47        |

| <u>Staff</u>  |
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| Minister—202-497-0584 (pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org) |
|   |