



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—June 16, 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.....Jackie Waas
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Kate Stottlemeyer and Linda Yopp
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom."

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

- 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.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897,

***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. 138) (Sung)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Anthem....."Touch That Soothes and Heals" (All Creation Sings #939)

Soloist, Patricia Valcarcel

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 92

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
²to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;
³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.
⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of
your hands.

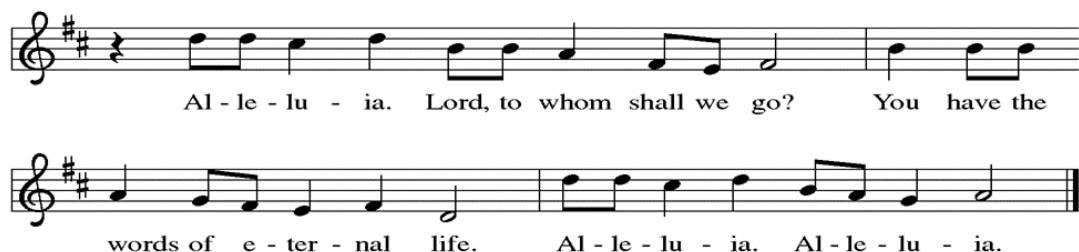
¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of
Lebanon.
¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 142)**



GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON.....PASTOR PHIL BECK

Silence for Reflection

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| <p>1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.</p> <p>2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.</p> | <p>3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.</p> |
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P: We affirm our faith in the Nicene Creed

***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.
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 always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



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OFFERTORY PRAYER (ELW p. 144)

P: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

MEAL



***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; 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. 144)



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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

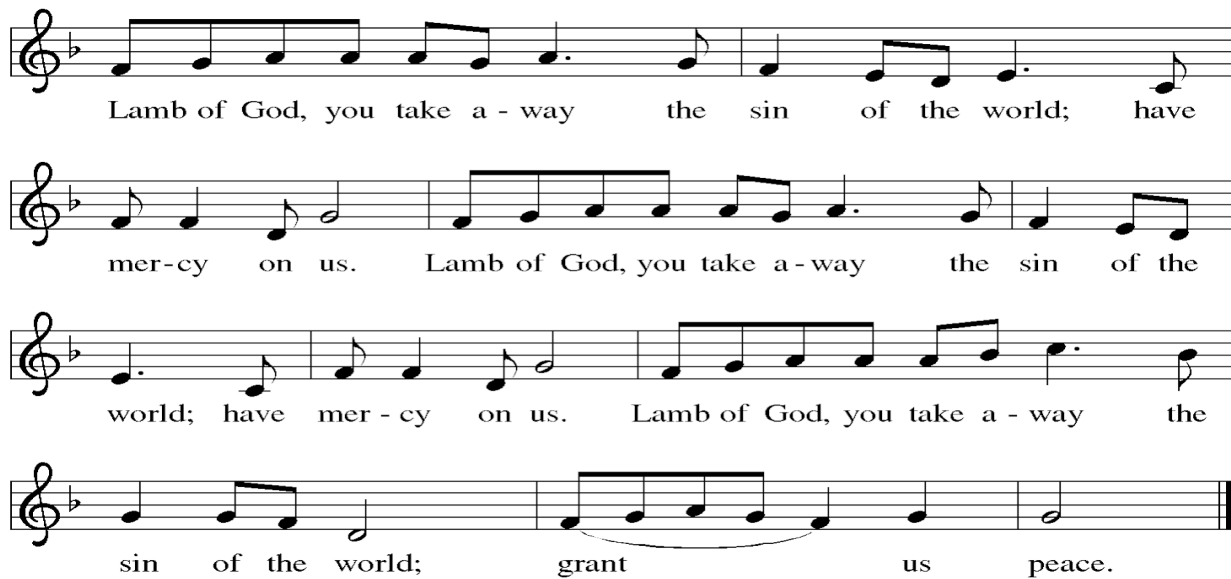
P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P.146)



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 (ELW P. 146)

P: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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| <p>1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.</p> | <p>2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.</p> |
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***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
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*
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*
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*
Donald Lupyan, *Extended family of Hope Donati*
Dick Murphy, *Friend of Ed Chaney*
Tony Maybush, *Neighbor of St. Paul's*
Harry Rovin, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Family of Ed Kraus, *Close family friends of Pastor Phil Beck*
Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*

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

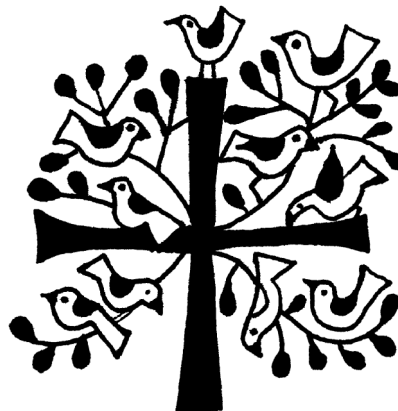
*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

*****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

The mustard seed is indeed very plain, and of little value: but if bruised or crushed, it shows forth its power. So faith first seems a simple thing; but if it is bruised by its enemies, it gives forth proof of its power, so as to fill others who hear or read of it with the odor of its sweetness. The Lord himself is the grain of mustard seed. He chose to be bruised, he chose to be crushed; he chose to be planted in the earth as a seed. For it was in a garden that Christ was taken prisoner, and likewise buried: he spring up in a garden, where he also rose from the dead, and became a tree. You also then are to sow Christ in your garden. Plant the Lord Jesus. He is a seed when we take hold of him: he is a tree that gives shade to the word; he is a seed when he is buried in the earth; he is a tree when raised to heaven. —Ambrose

[Ambrose, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, I, 349-51.]



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

June 9, 2024:

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

June 9, 2024

In person: 48
Virtual: 14

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, June 16th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Sunday, June 23rd

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

*******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=dKZTJlemAYU>, June 9, 2024

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>

Treasurer's Report
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR APRIL 2023

CURRENT FUND			PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND		
04/02 Offering	\$	5,899.52	04/02 Offering	\$	765.00
04/09 Offering	\$	2,299.47	04/09 Offering	\$	270.00
04/16 Offering	\$	3,036.41	04/16 Offering	\$	490.00
04/23 Offering	\$	1,287.30	04/23 Offering	\$	220.00
04/30 Offering	\$	1,843.91	04/30 Offering	\$	365.00
 Total Offerings	\$	14,366.61	 Total Offerings	\$	2,110.00
 Expenses	\$	(19,800.07)	 Loan Payment	\$	(1,522.71)
Subtotal	\$	(5,433.46)	Surplus for 4/30/23	\$	587.29
 Other Income:					
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$	194.00			
Misc	\$	-			
Rental Income	\$	3,800.00			
Lent	\$	120.00			
Easter	\$	150.00			
 Deficit for 4/30/23	\$	(1,169.46)			

YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/23 TO 04/30/23

CURRENT FUND			PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND		
Weekly Offerings	\$	46,217.35	Offerings	\$	7,495.00
Lent	\$	859.00	Principle Reduction	\$	-
Easter	\$	150.00	Interest	\$	0.42
Interest/Dividend	\$	577.50	Total Income	\$	7,495.42
Rental	\$	8,450.00			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$	834.00			
Amazon Smile Program	\$	134.76			
Misc	\$	0.42	Loan Payments	\$	(6,090.84)
Total Income	\$	57,223.03			
 Less Operating Expenses	\$	(70,651.67)			
 Current Fund			Property Renov Loan Fund		
Deficit thru 4/30/23	\$	(13,428.64)	Surplus thru 4/30/23	\$	1,404.58
			Balances owed on:		
			Mortgage as of 4/2023	\$	142,408.08

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God
and in memory of our father,
Mark L. Foucart on his birthday
by the McCloskey and Walker
families.*



The lazy days of Summer
come along with the month of June.
But.....for the year round stocking
stuffer project, June means 3 in one
body wash, along with shampoo
and conditioner for infants to
12 year olds. You always have to the
option for a financial donation as
well. Please see Kay Wachter for
more details!

*We need you to make this
project a success!*



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!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walkersville Carnival *Can you Help?*

The Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Carnival will be held this year from Monday, July 1st to Saturday, July 6th. Help is needed in the Food Building and various other places on the grounds. If you can help, just show up any night and help for whatever time fits in your schedule. The hours of the Carnival are roughly from 5:00pm until 10:00pm.



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, August 18, 2024



**It's almost time to
get in Gear!**



Through the month of July Saint Paul's will support the Back-to-School Project sponsored by Glade Valley Community Services. Please keep an eye

in the bulletins, weekly emails and Epistle for supplies needed and watch for summer sales!

**Let's get ready to gear these kids up
for a great School Year!**



**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.**

Staff

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