



15th Sunday after Pentecost—September 1, 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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Saint Paul's Official YouTube Channel:

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Betsy Galliher
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Sheila Kahler and Patty Rimel
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
Treasurer—Bill Cartwright
Secretary—Kate Stottlemeyer

****Please stand as you are able.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God’s law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us “the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life” (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.”

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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.**

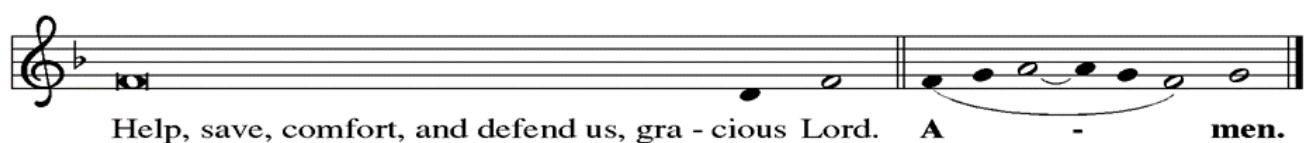
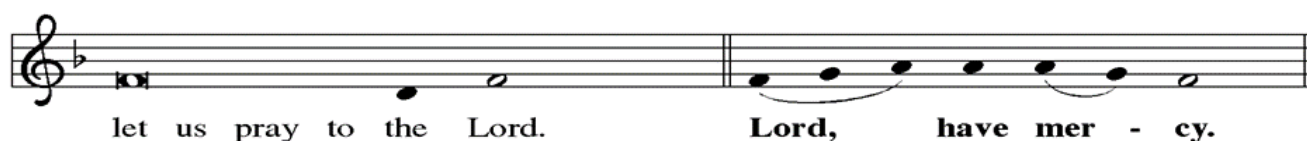
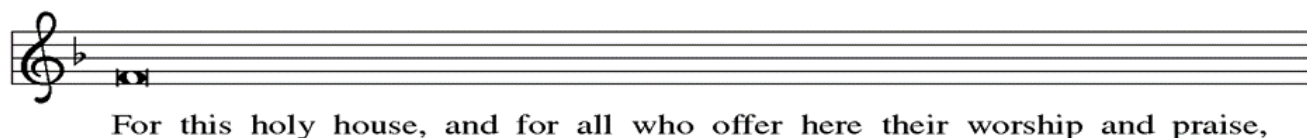
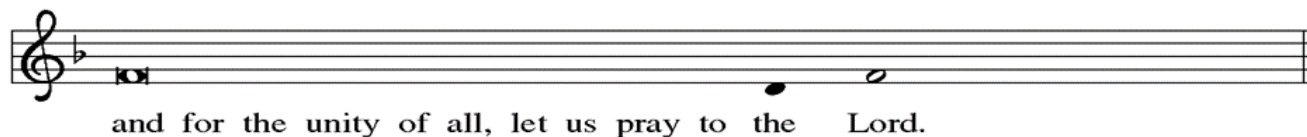
Text: Thomas Moore, 1779-1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872, st. 3

***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)**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Anthem.....Spirit, Open My Heart.....(Soloist, Kate Stottlemeyer)
All Creation Sings Hymn #1043

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

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| ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? | ⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. |
| ² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; | They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. |
| ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. | ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. |

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY.....I am the Bread of LifeELW 485**
Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
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P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: *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)**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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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 over came 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)

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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)

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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.

**SENDING HYMN..... Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak.....ELW 676*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879,

alt.

***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.

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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*
Heather Anderson, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Dottie Titmas, *Member*
Florence Schell, *Member*
Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Merle Anderson, *Member*
Patti Pinciotti, *Cousin of the Foucart Family*
Bonnie Kay Cartwright, *Daughter of Bill and Barbara Cartwright*
Dixie Lynch, *Sister of Connie Chesnik*
Mark Spaseff, *Son in law of Nancy and Graham McIntyre*
Jack Lotwick, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*

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.*

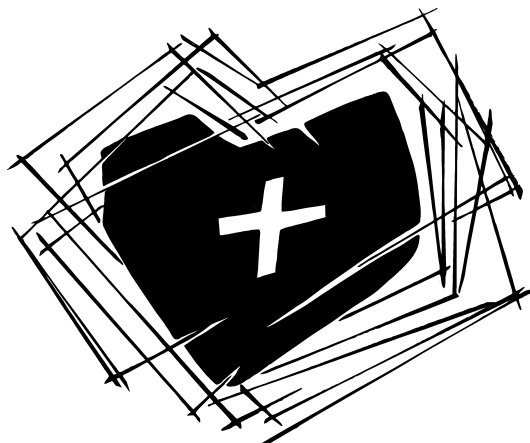
*****Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.***

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

As our souls prosper, we shall be more and more sensible, not only of the outside, but of the inside. We first battle with the outward man, but as we advance in the divine life, we have nearer views of the chambers of imagery that are in our hearts. And one day after another we shall find more and more abomination there, and consequently we shall see more of the glory of Jesus Christ, the wonders of that Immanuel who daily delivers us from this body of sin and death. If we grow in the divine life, our heads will grow as well as our hearts, and the Spirit of God leads us out of abominable self, and causes us to flee more and more to that glorious and complete righteousness that Jesus Christ wrought out. The more your souls prosper, the more you will see of the freeness and distinguishing nature of God's grace, that all is of grace. I mention this, because we ought not to make persons offenders for a word; we should bear with young Christians, and not knock a young child's brains out because he cannot speak in blank verse.

—George Whitefield

[George Whitefield, in *20 Centuries of Great Preaching*, ed. Clyde E. Fant, Jr., and William M. Pinson, Jr. (Waco, TX: Word, 1970), III, 165.]



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

August 25, 2024:

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

August 25 2024

In person: 74

Virtual: 15

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 1st

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| Worship (Livestream) | 9:00am |
| Ministry Sunday | 10:00am |
| Cub Scout Committee Mtg. | 7:00pm |

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day, Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

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| FHS | 10am-3pm |
| Community Dinner | 5:00pm |

Wednesday, September 4th

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| FEC | 8am-5pm |
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Thursday, September 5th

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| FHS | 10am-3pm |
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Friday, September 6th

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| Bingo | 5pm-9pm |
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Sunday, September 8th

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| Worship (Live Stream) | 9:00am |
| God's Work Our Hands | |
| What does it mean to be Lutheran during a crucial Election Year | 7:00pm |

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*****IMPORTANT*****

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

https://youtu.be/-b3_ZV8O9sQ, July 14, 2024

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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of my son, Brandon, on his birthday
By Connie Chesnik*



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

In the spirit of joy for engaging in "God's Work Our Hands" project this year, we will be supporting and collaborating with the Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area in collecting and donating various items to build Home Arrival Kits for incoming refugees and for those in our communities who are facing hardship or relocating in the tri-state area.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards or weekly emails for a detailed list of items needed and prayerfully help us to provide any of these needs you feel called to. You may bring the items until September 29th to Church on Sundays, drop off items at the Parish Hall between 9am and 1pm, Monday through Friday, or make a monetary donation to purchase items needed.

This will be a month long initiative for God's Work Our Hands 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact
Marcia Gupta or Marie Purswell.

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Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For the month of September,
***we need Hot Wheels, markers, pens,
pencils, colored pencils and 24 count
crayons!*** Let's load 'em up! You can bring
your donations to church or you may also
give a financial donation! Please See Kay
Wachter for more details!



**United
Lutheran
Seminary**
Kindling Faith
Learning Never Ends

Come Join us!

**What does it mean to be
Lutheran in a crucial
election year?**

We will be airing these on the
big screen in the overflow
area in the church from
7-8:30pm on the appointed
evenings. There will also be a
link available if you are not
able to make it and would like to watch it from
home. This will be like a follow up of our
Gathered at the Table Series. Please contact
the office to let us know you will be attending
and feel free to bring snacks and drinks. Please
see the flyer on the bulletin boards or check the
weekly email for the dates and more details

The next session is September 8th

All are welcome!

St. Paul's and Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Churches will be
sponsoring monthly dinners in September. **Tuesday, September
3rd and Saturday, September 21st from 5pm-7pm @**
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please contact Roxanne
Smith if you would like to volunteer your time or desserts.
roxiesmith@verizon.net



COMMUNITY DINNER

GriefShare®

Griefshare is a 13 session Christ centered grief support group.
Each session you will meet for about two hours with a group of
people who are grieving the loss of someone close to them. The
1st Hour is a video of personal stories of persons in their grief
and healing process, who have found healing after a loved ones
death. Grief counselors, pastors, teachers also share. The next
hour is a small group sharing from insights from the video and
challenges you face ahead. A Griefshare group is being offered
starting Sept. 12 at 10 am at Keysville Lutheran Church. Carol
Baldwin and Pastor Cathy Feil are the group facilitators. ***It is
Free and all are welcome.*** Register by calling Ellie Slayback at
410-259-9816.

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christkindl — M A R K E T —

Even though it is August we are beginning preparations for the 7th annual Christkindl Market. It will happen on **Saturday, December 7th** from 10am-2pm. Once again, the Walkersville Historical Society will be the event host. St. Paul's will have vendors, food and host the Wreath contest similar to last year. Look for more information on those items as we get closer to the date.

We will be looking for donations of gently used Christmas items for "Mrs. Claus' attic." These are items that are affordable for children or individuals without a lot of funds to buy as gifts or decoration. So, keep on the lookout if you hit up the local yard sales. If anyone has a good idea for a craft to do as a small group that we can add to the sale let us know. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the different areas so make sure you mark it on your calendars.

Co-chairs are Amy Mildenstein and Trish Valcarcel with an assist from Russ Mildenstein



Friday,
September 6th
5:00pm – 9:00pm
Parish Hall

FOOD | FUN | PRIZES

Call or email the Parish Office
to RSVP by Monday September 2nd
and let us know what you're
bringing to share!

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officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp & Retreat Center

Our annual Walkathon is on **September 29th**. Everyone is invited to an afternoon of walking (or running) and reconnecting with friends. No registration needed for this event. A free community dinner and worship will wrap up the afternoon. All monies raised by walking the camp road (5 miles or whatever you can do) will directly support the year-round ministry of Mar-Lu-Ridge!

Schedule of Events:

1 pm – Registration,
1:30 pm – Walk begins
3 pm – Community Meal
3:45 pm – Closing Worship



Are you called to serve with a smile?

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 Stottlemeyer through the Parish Office.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:"

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

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*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.*



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

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

Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, boxed crackers, Peanut butter and cereal

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!

Staff

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| Minister-202-497-0584 (pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org)..... | Pastor Phil Beck |
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| Stephen Ministry..... | Linda Yopp |
| Property Coordinator..... | Tom Waters |
| Financial Secretary..... | Troy Keeney |