

**17th Sunday after Pentecost—September 15, 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.....Marie Purswell  
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.*

## **DEDICATION OF HYMNALS AND CANDLE LIGHTERS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*“Three weeks ago we heard Peter’s confession of faith as told in John’s gospel. This week we hear Mark’s version, when Peter says, “You are the Messiah.” In John, the stumbling block is Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus’ words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus’ words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross. “*

### **CHURCH BELL RUNG**

### **CANDLES LIT**

### **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.

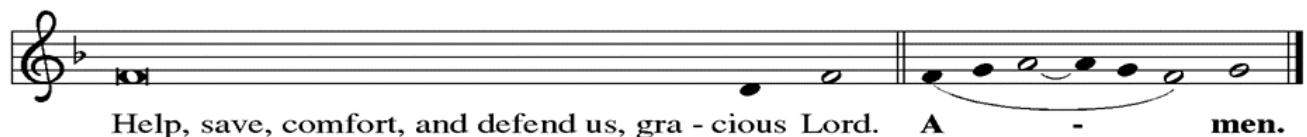
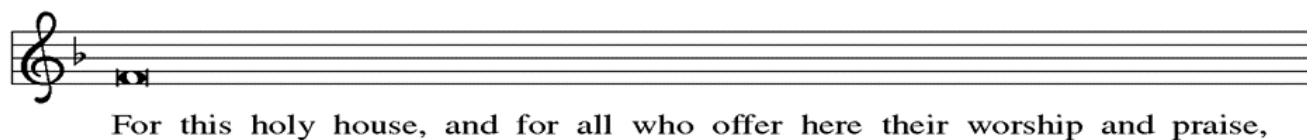
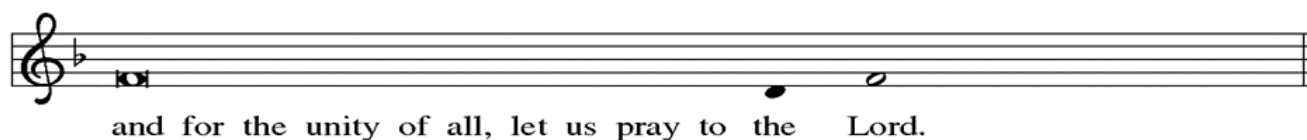
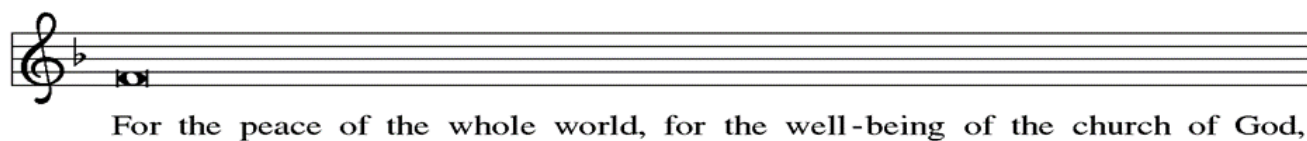
C: **Amen.**

**\*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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**Anthem.....God, We Gather as Your People .....Choir ACS 1038**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 116**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
**and listened to my supplication,**

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
**whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the  
grave came upon me;  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
**"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
**our God is full of compassion.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent;  
**I was brought low, and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
**for the LORD has dealt well with you.**

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,  
**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stum-**  
**bling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
**in the land of the living.**

**SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Silence for Reflection*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Christ Is the Life* .....ACS 927

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

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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)**

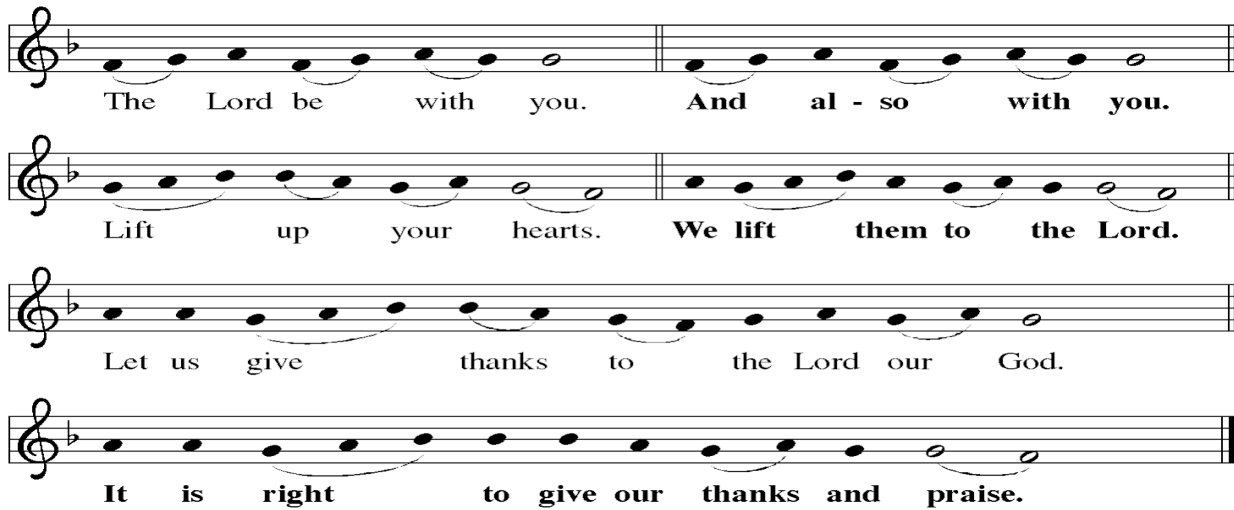
P: Let us pray.

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..... Guide My Feet.....ACS 987**  
V. 1,2,4,5 Text: African American spiritual

**\*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*  
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*  
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*  
**Dee Dee Kopp**, *Member*

## **How our Prayer List Works:**

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator ([officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto: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

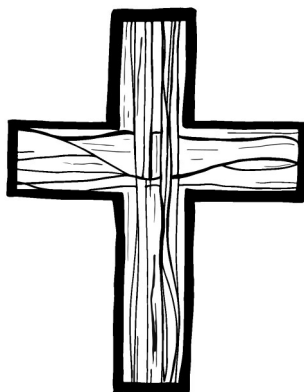
*Do you have need for prayer?  
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?  
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at  
St. Paul's that is ready to help.  
Simply contact the Church Office.  
All requests are confidential.*

***\*\*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

Christ speaks the truth when he makes a connection between the work of the cross and the denial of self. Peter speaks for all of us when he expresses his horror of the cross. We flee from the unspeakable gospel, we hide from the cross, and we escape to our many words about it, to our preachings of concern, liberation, and inclusivity. We run to the enhancement of ourselves in the weary world of verbal religion, upon which the Christ invokes an injunction of silence. The unspeakable word flows out of silence. And it is out of silence that the unspeakable gospel flows. We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. The silent cross-word is anchored in our baptism. In baptism it is etched unto us as God leads us through death to life. —*Franklin A. Wilson*

*[Franklin A. Wilson, in Homilies for the Christian People, 336.]*



## **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** **September 1, 2024:**

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,049.85
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 355.00
Total:	\$1,404.85

#### **In Worship Offerings**

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,822.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 560.00
Total:	\$2,382.00

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**September 1, 2024**

In person: 32  
Virtual: 14

### **This Week at St Paul's**

#### **Sunday, September 15th**

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Dedication of Hymnals	
Chat	10:00am
Faith Formation	10:00am

#### **Monday, September 16th**

FEC	8am-5pm
Cub Scouts	715pm

#### **Tuesday, September 17th**

FHS	10am-3pm
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#### **Wednesday, September 18th**

FEC	8am-5pm
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#### **Thursday, September 19th**

Frederick Children's Choir	9:30am-12pm
FHS	10am-3pm
Cub Scouts	5pm

#### **Sunday, September 22nd**

Worship (Live Stream)	9:00am
Combined with Bethel/Pastor	
Bishop presiding	
Faith Formation	10am

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

[https://youtu.be/-b3\\_ZV8O9sQ](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/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7\\_-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7_-Q)

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Lillian McCloskey's birthday  
by the McCloskey family.*



**Chat after Worship Today!**  
Come join us for fellowship, coffee and refreshments.

### Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!

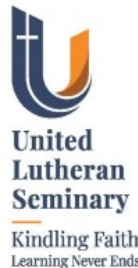


#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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!*

### 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 tonight,  
September 8th***

### All are welcome!

St. Paul's and Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Churches will be sponsoring monthly dinners in September. **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](mailto:roxiesmith@verizon.net)



COMMUNITY DINNER

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship Service on September 22nd will be at St. Paul's with Pastor Terri Bishop, and on September 29th Worship will be at Bethel, 11:15am with Pastor Dahl Drenning.

**\*\*NO WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S ON SEPT. 29TH**

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

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

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

### **CURRENT HIGHEST NEEDS:**

Men's Clothing\*\*  
Youth 3T-Size 12 Clothing\*\*  
Kids toothpaste  
Can Openers\*\*  
Baby Shampoo/Wash  
Nail Clippers  
Infant Car Seats\*\*  
Booster Car Seats

***Items marked with \*\* may be used but MUST be in like-new condition and cleaned prior to donation. Clothing MUST be free of stains or tears!***



***christkindl***  
— M A R K E T —

September is here and preparations have begun 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***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>



## ***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*

**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:\*\***

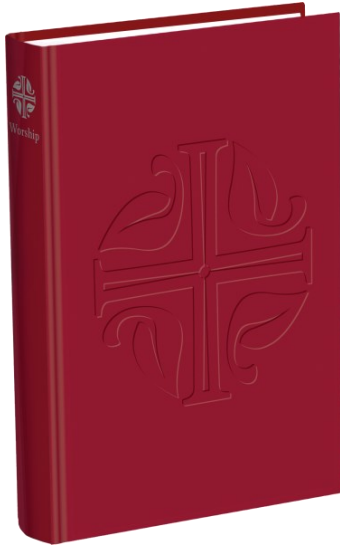
***Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, boxed crackers, Peanut butter and cereal***

*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**

Minister-202-497-0584 (pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....	Pastor Phil Beck
Office Administrator- 301-845-4600(officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....	Joann Valainis
Music Coordinator .....	Jeff Gentry
Flower Coordinator.....	Patty Rimel
Administration/Purchasing .....	Ed Chaney
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Stephen Ministry.....	Linda Yopp
Property Coordinator.....	Tom Waters
Financial Secretary.....	Troy Keeney





## Hymnal Dedication— **Thelma Powell**

*“Congregational songbooks are friends and companions on the Christian journey. They accompany believers through the church year, amidst significant events like baptisms and funerals, and in times of great faith and doubt.”* We have new hymnals in our pews. With remembrance and great thanks we are dedicating them to God’s glory and to our own song bird, Thelma Powell.

With these hymnals we will remember Thelma through music, her passion and her gift. She was a member of our Choir since 1947, just two weeks after she began attending St. Paul’s. Her love of music guided her to direct the Junior Choir for many years. She sang in our Senior Choir from 1947 until she was no longer able and went to reside in assisted living in 2016. That is 69 years that she blessed us with her beautiful natural alto voice.

Not only was she a member of St. Paul’s Choir, she was also a long time dedicated member of the Women of the ECLA. Their purpose statement is *“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”* Thelma absolutely affirmed her gift of song in our music ministry here at St. Paul’s as well as throughout the Walkersville/Lewistown areas.

If you were blessed to know Thelma in our Choir, you will know there is truly such a thing as the “Thelma Note”. This was the second note of every song and it was Thelma’s, the alto note. Thelma’s love of all music and singing, along with her kind heart were not only an inspiration to her children but to everyone.

These hymnals and candle lighters are her gifts to us. Her gift of song and her love of music made her the musical light of our congregation. From now on, every time we open these hymnals and light the candles, her light will continue to shine and her music ministry will live on.