18th Sunday after Pentecost—September 22, 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 Terri Bishop
Lector……Trish Valcarcel
Organist……Jeff Gentry
Ushers……Sheila Kahler and Patty Rimel
Acolyte……Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel
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Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh -and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly."

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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.

*GATHERING HYMN…… **God is Here!**……ELW 526*

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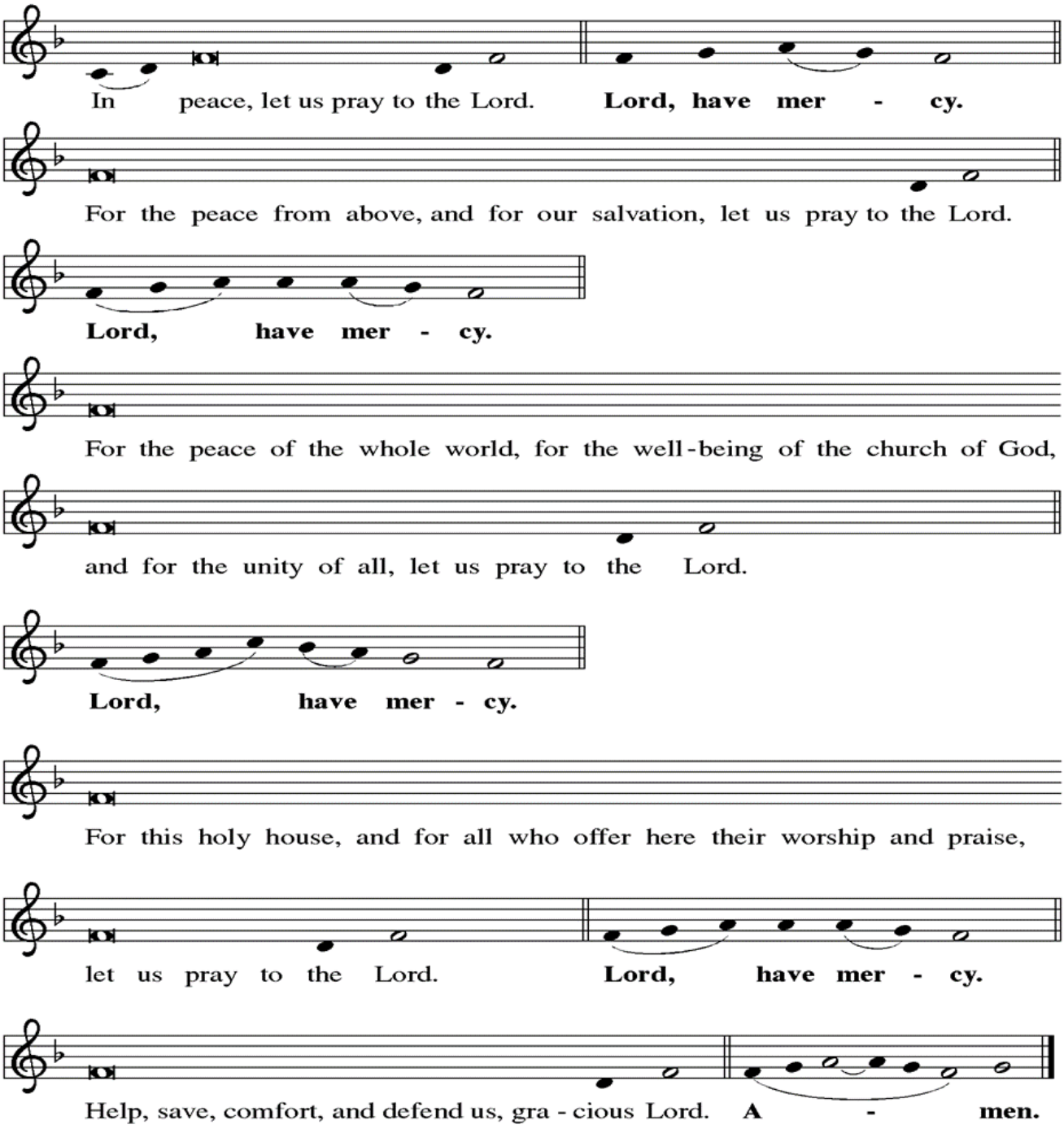
GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

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 teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem……*Solo, James Earles*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 54

[1]Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.
[2]Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
[3]For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
[4]Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
[5]Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
[6]I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.
[7]For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3,7-8a

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: ***Mark 9:30-37***

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth 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……***Children of the Heavenly Father**……ELW 781
Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958
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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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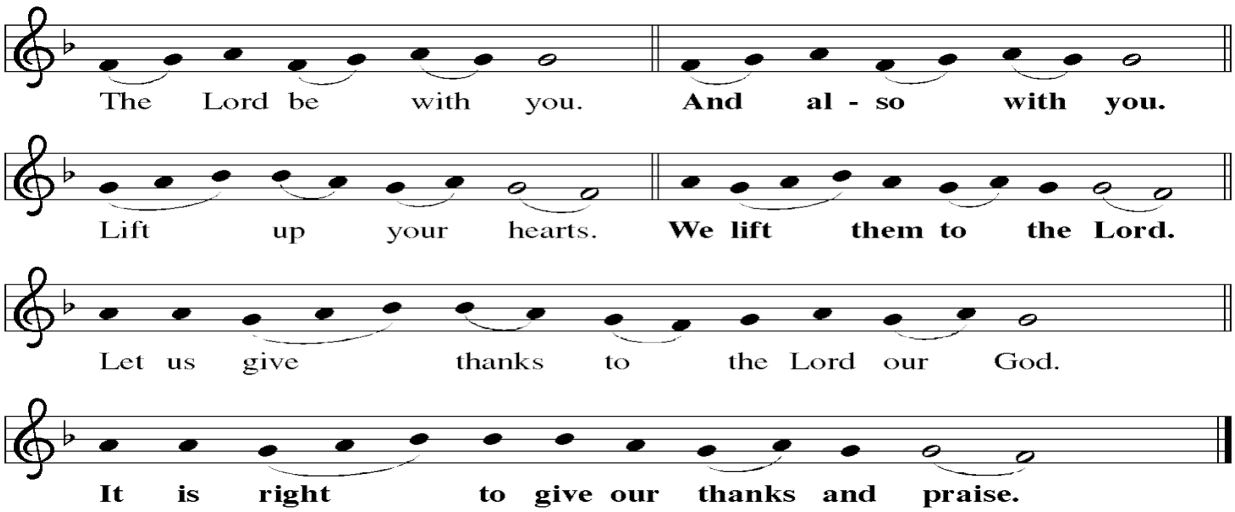
OFFERTORY PRAYER (ELW P. 144)
P: Let us pray.
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
C: Amen.

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 of Hopefulness*……..ELW 765**

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
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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.

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PRAYER LIST

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*
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*
Family of Doris Blank, *Member*
Family of Khoran Pope*, Former Member*
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). 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

Who was this child? From where had she come? The text moves swiftly from passion prediction through teachings about servanthood to receiving a child in Jesus' name. It is a movement from death through confronted ambition to a new insight into what it means to be a follower of Christ. Jesus speaks of servanthood, of becoming last and servant of all. The disciples may be blind with guilt, but we observe the teaching clearly, reinforced by our memory of Jesus' basin and towel on the night before his death. In taking the child, Jesus incarnates his teaching. Jesus lays aside his own status in reaching out to a child, a symbol of the marginalized within any community. In his reception of the child Jesus models the openness, vulnerability and humility to which we are invited. —*Stephen M. Larson*

[Stephen M. Larson, in Homilies for the Christian People, 338.]

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 15, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	$1,206.91
Property Loan Fund:	$ 280.00
Total:	$1,486.91

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	$1,163.00
Property Loan Fund:	$ 300.00
Total:	$1,463.00

ATTENDANCE:
September 15, 2024
In person: 43
Virtual: 15

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 22nd
Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Combined with Bethel
Faith Formation 10:00am

Monday, September 23rd
FEC 8am-5pm
Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 24th
FHS 10am-3pm
Lutheran in a Crucial Election 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 25th
FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, September 26th
Frederick Children's Choir 9:30am-12pm
FHS 10am-3pm
Cub Scouts 5:30pm

Sunday, September 29th
Worship @ Bethel 11:15am
(No Live Stream)
Pastor Dahl Drenning
Faith Formation 10am

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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/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1l7_-Q

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Dottie's birthday by Jim Titmus.

Reminder: Worship at Bethel next week September 29th at 11:15am. (No streaming)

HELP!

Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!!

The children in our Community are depending on us!

WE NEED COTTON CHRISTMAS FABRIC FOR CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS!

MUST BE IN 2 YARD PIECES!

You may also donate to this ministry by contacting Kay Wachter directly.

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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 24, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 MARKET

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

Glade Valley Community Services

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons will be upon us before we know it. Food Bank shelves tend to get bare and the need for help grows

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!

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!

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp & Retreat Center

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 Stottlemyer 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.

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