



**14th Sunday after Pentecost—August 25, 2024**  
**Holy Baptism of Journey Gardner**  
**First Communion of Annabelle Bush and Clary Walker**

**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.....Jim Titmas  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
Ushers.....Kate Stottlemeyer and Linda Yopp  
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**

*“In today’s gospel many people take offense at Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus’ disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John’s gospel for Peter’s confession of faith. “To whom can we go?” asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. “You have the words of eternal life.” In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel. “*

## **CHURCH BELL RUNG**

## **CANDLES LIT**

## **GATHERING**

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

## **Presentation of Bibles to the third graders**

## **Holy Baptism of Journey Gardner**

## **PRESENTATION**

**P:** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**Sponsors: We present Journey for baptism**

**P:** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents: We do.**

**P:** As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: To live with him among God’s faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord’s prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Parents, do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

**P:** Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Journey in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: We do.**

**P:** People of God, do you promise to support Journey and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

## *PROFESSION OF FAITH*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**We do.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**We do.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**We do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting**

## *THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT*

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and was anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## *BAPTISM OF Journey Gardner*

P: Journey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Journey with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

P: Journey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**WELCOME**

P: Let us welcome the newest member of God's family.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all  
the world.**

**GATHERING HYMN.....When Morning Gilds the Skies .....ELW 853**

v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

**\*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:** Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**Anthem**.....(Soloist, Elena Lazo)

**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 34**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up on the righteous,  
**and God’s ears are open to their cry.**  
<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
**to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**  
<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
**and delivers them from all their troubles.**  
<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
**and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers them from everyone.**  
<sup>20</sup>God will keep safe all their bones;  
**not one of them shall be broken.**  
<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
**and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**  
<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
**and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

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

**GOSPEL: John 6:56-69**

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.....**Blessed Assurance** .....ELW 638

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

**\*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  
Music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

**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 Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*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)***

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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.

**C: 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.

Today this community of faith rejoices with Annabelle and Clary who join in sharing the meal of holy communion.

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to holy communion.

**C: Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

**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.....**You Are the Way**.....ELW 758*  
Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**GO IN PEACE, REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM!  
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*  
Vaughn Zimmerman, *Member*  
The family of Ronald Chesnik, *Member*  
**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*

## **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

I ask you, brothers and sisters, tell me: which to you seems the greater, the word of God, or the body of Christ? If you wish to say what is true, you will have to answer that the word of God is not less than the body of Christ. Therefore, just as when the body of Christ is administered to us, we use great care so that nothing of it falls from our hands to the ground, so should we with equal care see that the word of God that is being imparted to us shall not be lost to our soul, while we speak or think of something else. For they who listen carelessly to the word of God are not less guilty than they who through their own inattention suffer the body of Christ to fall to the ground. —Caesarius

[Caesarius, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II, 458.]



## 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 18, 2024:

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

#### In Worship Offerings

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

#### ATTENDANCE:

**August 18, 2024**

In person: 60  
Virtual: 8 (Sermon)

### This Week at St Paul's

#### Sunday, August 25th

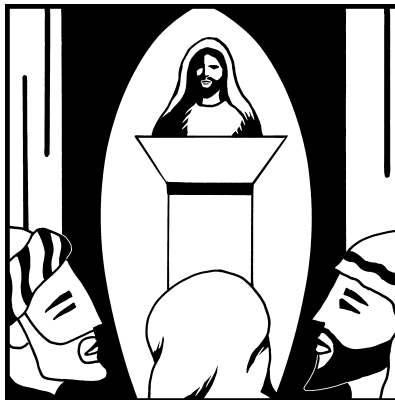
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
First Communion	
Baptism	

#### Tuesday, August 27th

"What does it mean to be Lutheran in a crucial election year"	7::00pm
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#### Sunday, September 1st

Worship (Live Stream)	9:00am
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## \*\*\*\*\*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=NL0FINyAzCQ>, August 11, 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>

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
 and in and in honor of our grandsons  
 James, Jack, Will and Travis  
 by Bill & Barb Cartwright.*  
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### **Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!** **As fast as Summer came, it's almost over!** **The Christmas season will be upon us** **before we know it!**

Children in our community are counting on us! Your continued generosity has allowed this labor of love, this Saint Paul's Christmas tradition, to stay alive!

Let's end this summer season in a big way! For the months of August and 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?**

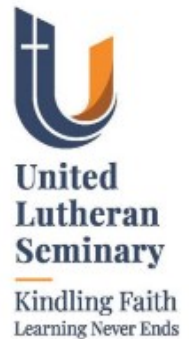
We will be airing the seminars on the big screen in the overflow area in the church from 7-8:30pm on the appointed evenings. There will also be a link available if you are not able to make it and would like to watch it from home. This will be like a follow up of our Gathered at the Table Series. Please 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 August 27th.***

***\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\****

### **ELCA Social Statement Webinar Date Change**

*“Our presentation on the ELCA's social statement on abortion with Dr. Caryn Riswold is currently slated for Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm EST. It has been **rescheduled to Sunday, September 8th at the same time.** For those of you who are unable to attend on Sunday, there will be a link to our YouTube page where you will be able to access the recording of the webinar at a later date. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. “*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

It's that time again to update your contact information for the church directory. If there's been any name changes, address changes, phone number or email changes within the last two years please let us know so we can update the directory. You can email the Parish Office by clicking below or you can call directly at 301-845-4460.

CHURCH  
DIRECTORY  
UPDATE



*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-3pm. 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***

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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



  
Friday,  
September 6th  
5:00pm – 9:00pm  
Parish Hall  
FOOD | FUN | PRIZES  
Call or email the Parish Office  
to RSVP by Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and let us know what you're  
bringing to share!  
301-845-4600  
officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org



COMMUNITY DINNER

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](mailto:roxiesmith@verizon.net)

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!*

The end of Summer is quickly approaching and we are blasting our **AUGUST CALL FOR STEPHEN MINISTERS** one last time.

## Why Be a Stephen Minister?

"Sometimes life presents us with bumps to work through. Talking with a caring person can help bring thoughts and feelings up that may be of help. A Stephen Minister is trained to be someone who is ready to listen.

Being a Stephen Minister is a calling that may allow you to be that person during a time of need. I feel very blessed to have this training and Experience being a caring ear." —**Connie Chesnik**

Contact the church office to receive more information.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



*As many of you already know, our long time Music Coordinator, Nancy Cochran, has decided to retire from her role. She has guided our choir and congregation in connecting with God through music at Saint Paul's for over 20 years. Thank you, Nancy, for always creating a welcoming and spiritually uplifting atmosphere to our congregation. We hope this next chapter in your life will be full of amazing blessings. Although we will miss you directing music, we are so glad we will continue to see you at worship and everything Saint Paul's.*

*We are happy to say that a familiar face will be stepping into the role of Director of Music, and that is Jeff Gentry. We look forward to Jeff's continued passion for music in God's house and allowing us to connect with God through music here at St. Paul's. The official date Jeff will be taking over is September 1, 2024.*

**Treasurer's Report**  
**INCOME & EXPENSES FOR JULY 2024**

CURRENT FUND	PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND
Total Offerings	Total Offerings
\$ 7,085.71	\$ 1,885.00
Expenses	Loan Payment
\$ (11,371.98)	\$ (1,525.00)
Subtotal	<b>Surplus for 7/31/24</b>
\$ (4,286.27)	<b>\$ 360.00</b>
Other Income:	
Misc	
\$ 1,408.67	
Rental Income	
\$ -	
<b>Deficit for 7/31/24</b>	
<b>\$ (2,877.60)</b>	

**YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/24 TO 07/31/24**

CURRENT FUND	PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND
Weekly Offerings	Offerings
\$ 69,833.19	\$ 14,995.00
Lent	Principle Reduction
\$ 362.00	\$ -
Easter	Interest
\$ 115.00	\$ 0.75
Interest/Dividend	Total Income
\$ 1,193.50	\$ 14,995.75
Rental	
\$ 13,520.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	Loan Payments
\$ 933.45	\$ (10,675.00)
Strawberry Festival	
\$ 1,700.07	
Shared Ministry	
\$ 666.66	
Misc	
\$ 4,939.61	
Total Income	
\$ 93,263.48	
Less Operating Expenses	<b>Property Renov Loan Fund</b>
\$ (99,938.76)	<b>Surplus thru 7/31/24</b>
	<b>\$ 4,320.75</b>
<b>Current Fund</b>	
<b>Deficit thru 7/31/24</b>	Balances owed on:
<b>\$ (6,675.28)</b>	Mortgage as of 7/2024
	\$ 125,081.39

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