

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Linda Yopp
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Ushers.....Patty Rimel & Marcia Gupta
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush



‘Calling all the helpers!’

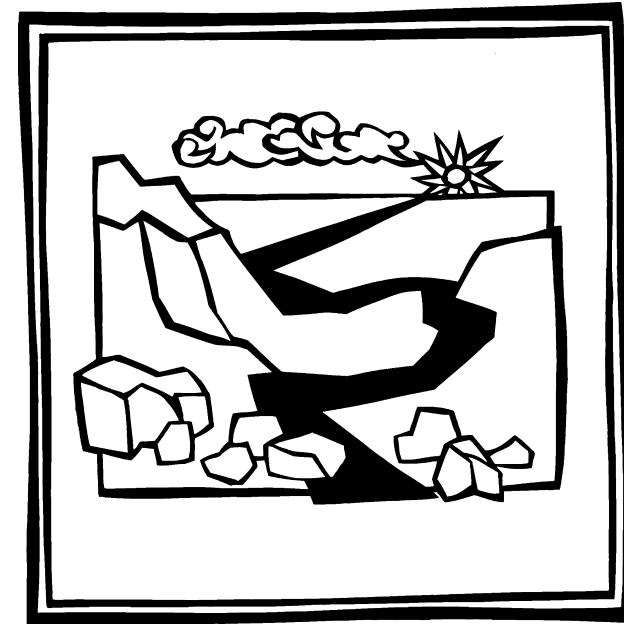
We are at that time of year when the outgoing council members are seeking new hands to continue our work as the leadership of St Paul’s. If you have ever felt a calling or curiosity about council leadership and what we do, please seek out Pastor, Patty, Sheila or any council member for answers!

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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. From sundaysandseasons.com | Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved | License # SAS103410, Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #736745-A. All rights reserved. CCLI Copyright © 2024 License 21412874, Streaming 21412867 All rights reserved



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

Church Phone: 301-845-4600 E-mail: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

**Stand as you are able*

This is the time we QUIET our HEARTS for WORSHIP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer’s voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi’s prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the “salvation of God.” “

CHURCH BELL RUNG

CANDLES LIT

GATHERING

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Advent Devotionals

We will be using the devotional published by Luther Seminary this Advent season. You can access it several ways:

1. Go to this link: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/> and download the regular or large print to print at home.
2. Click Subscribe to God Pause to receive the devotion through your email each day in advent (put in your name and email, and check the "God Pause Daily Devotions" box.)



We are again blessed that an anonymous donor has offered a matching challenge of \$2,000 to assist where most needed by the end of the year. If members of the congregation can contribute \$2,000 over and above their normal giving the anonymous member will match the contribution.

*If you are writing a check, please include “Challenge” on the memo line. If you prefer to give on-line, please use the “GIVE NOW” button and choose the undesignated selection in the Fund dropdown and add “Challenge” in the “Note” section. The deadline for the challenge is **Sunday, December 29th.***



HAT AND MITTEN TREE
Give the gift of warmth!!



Now through December 15th you can hang hats and mittens on the tree in the front of the overflow area or drop them off at the Parish Office Monday through Friday between 9am and 1pm. All donations will go to Glade Valley for families in need.

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.



The Christmas Season is here. 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!



FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised
of old to save us from
our enemies,

⁷¹ **from the hands of all who hate us,**
⁷² to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father
Abraham:
⁷⁴ **to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151)**

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....**PEACE**.....Pastor Phil Beck

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/>

This Week at St Paul's

December 8th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation 10:00am

December 9th

FEC 8am-5pm

W&A 10:00am

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

December 10th

FHS 10am-3pm

December 11th

FEC 8am-5pm

December 12th

FHS 10am-3pm

Cub Scouts 5:30pm

Choir Practice

December 15th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Third Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation 10:00am

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

December 1, 2024

Weekly Contributions: \$

Property Loan Fund: \$

Total: \$

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$

Property Loan Fund: \$

Total: \$

ATTENDANCE:

December 1, 2024

In person: 50

Virtual: 12

Prayer List

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband 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*
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 M. Moschella, *friends of the Plowman Family*
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
Heather Anderson, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Dottie Titmas, *Member*
Florence Schell, *Member*
Merle Anderson, *Member*
Bonnie Kay Cartwright, *Daughter of Bill & Barbara Cartwright*
Dixie Lynch, *Sister of Connie Chesnik*
Mark Spaseff, *Son in law of Nancy & Graham McIntyre*
Dakota Monn, *friend of Joann Valainis*
Jack Lotwick, *friend of Dianne and Robb Port*
Ken Martz, *Member*
Betsy Galliher, *Member*
Joanne and Dudley Cate, *Friends of Ed Chaney*
Sara Reitz, *Sister of Patty Rimel*
Charlie Knapp, *Friend of Pastor Phil*
Joi Decker, *Friend of Pastor Phil*
Heather Holsinger, *friend of Heather Anderson*
Tom Waters, *Member*
Family of Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Cliff Kilmon, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*
Family of Bruce Wertz, *Family of Betsy Galliher*
Debbie O'Brien & Matt Lukos,
family of Dennis & Regina Cavell
Dorothy and Benjamin Cavell
family of Dennis & Regina Cavell

**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 or someone you know
have need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer
team at St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact Merle Anderson at
301-845-2317.
All requests are confidential.

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

*HYMN OF THE DAY..... *Prepare the Royal Highway*.....ELW 264

V. 1-4

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*,
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P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. 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 LET THE VINYARDS BE FRUITFUL (ELW 184)**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923, Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING, MEAL (sung, p. 152)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 (p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught...
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 (p.154)

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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

P: Let us pray,
God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand.....ELW 437**

V. 1-4

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795

***DISMISSAL**

**GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS WITH YOU.
THANKS BE TO GOD.**