

The Christmas Season is here. Food Bank shelves tend to get bare and the need for help grows. Glade Valley numbers are through the roof right now.

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

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

Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and Peanut butter

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!



SERVING TODAY

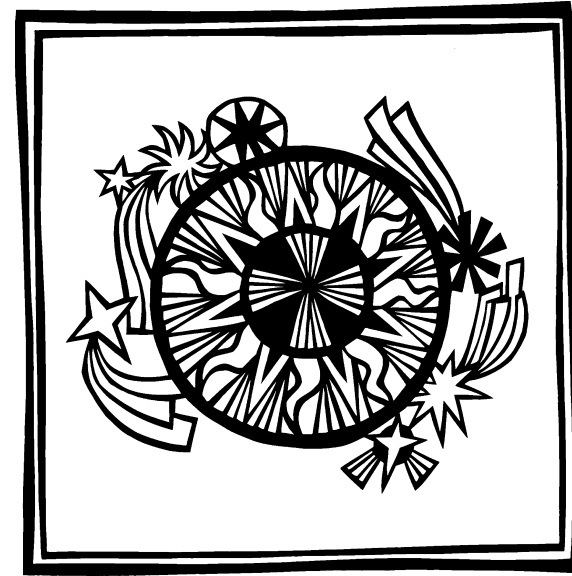
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Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

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 Christmas
 January 5, 2025**

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

Web Site: <http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org>



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

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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project

Kay Wachter's plan to help St. Paul's be ready for Christmas 2025 is now in effect!

Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project



The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project is back and needs your help!

Each month the items of need will be announced and published in the weekly bulletins and emails.

There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations each month. You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.

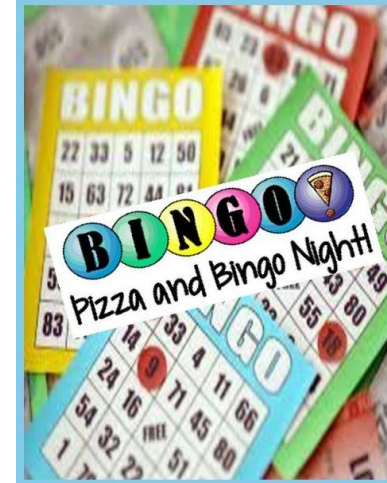
JANUARY

Playing Cards
(Regular)

Game Cards
(Go Fish, Old Maid, hearts, etc.)

Craft Kits
(Dollar Tree has some)

Fellowship, food and Fun!



Friday, January 10th
5:30pm-8:00pm
Parish hall

PIZZA | FUN | PRIZES

Please contact Kay Wachter or call or email the Parish office to RSVP by Monday, January 6th

301-845-4600

officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

(Starting in February 2025 we will have Bingo night every third Friday of the month! Keep an eye out in the weekly emails and bulletins for details!)

***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.***



SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

The Holy Gospel according to John, the first 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.....**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**.....ELW 275

V. 1-4

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4

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.**

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

Sunday, January 5th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Second Sunday of Christmas

Faith Formation 10:00am

Ministry Sunday 10:00am

Cub Scout Committee Mtg 7:00pm

Monday, January 6th

FEC 8am-5pm

Cub Scouts Parish Hall 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 7th

Christmas decor removed 9:00am

FHS 10am-3pm

Community Dinner 5:00pm

Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 8th

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, January 9th

FHS 10am-3pm

Cub Scouts Parish Hall 5:30pm

Friday, January 10th

Bingo 5:30-8pm

Sunday, January 12th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Baptism of Our Lord

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 29, 2024

Weekly Contributions: \$ 506.20

Property Loan Fund: \$ 20.00

Total: \$ 526.20

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$12,308.00

Property Loan Fund: \$ 250.00

Total: \$12,558.00

ATTENDANCE:
December 29, 2024

In person: 44

Virtual: 16

PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Florence Schell, *Member*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Dakota Monn, *friend of Joann Valainis*
Ken Martz, *Member*
Tom Waters, *Member*
Billy Welty, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*
Sandy Eyler, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*

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.*

*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)**

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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:

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.

C:

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.....The First NoelELW 300
V. 1,2,4,5* Text: English traditional

***DISMISSAL**

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