



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## News & Notes

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### Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Thursday evening service 7:00PM each week

Adult Sunday School 9:45am with Dave Shank

### DEVOTIONS GROUP:

Join us the First Tuesday of the Month from 10 am - 11 am in the Parish Hall for a "Devotions" group. All are welcome, please come as often as you are able to attend. Our next gathering will be held **Tuesday, March 5th**. We will be looking at the scriptures in March.

### Youth Schedule—

March 3rd, 17th and 31st 6:30 PM Confirmation

March 5th 6 PM, Parish Hall Pancake Dinner 6 PM (free will offering)

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Shrove Tuesday**

**Lenten Supper**

*Please Join the St. Paul's Family for the following events:*

**Shrove Tuesday, March 5th 6pm Parish Hall**

**Ash Wednesday March 6th**

- Noon—spoken Worship in the Chapel
- 7 pm—Worship in the Sanctuary

**Mid-Week Services:**

March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd and 10th

**6:30 am & 7am Individual Prayer in the Chapel**

**6 pm—Soup & Salad, 6:30pm—Lenten Devotions**  
(“Lasting Hope”) in the Parish Hall

**7 pm—Holden (musical/singing) Evening Prayer**  
in the Sanctuary

**Ash Wednesday**

God's work, our hands.

Please sign up in the Narthex or on your “Welcome Sheet” (formerly “Yellow Sheet” found in your Sunday bulletin)

**Save the Date!- Mar. 23rd 6 PM Farm to Table Dinner**

*(Proceeds to benefit the Brotherhood Scholarship fund.)*

**9:45 AM April 21st, Sunday School Easter Egg hunt**

**9:45 AM till 10:45am Easter Breakfast (see page 11 for more details)**

**April 27, 8am till 2pm St. Paul's Annual Yard Sale**



Time to clean out those closets and donate your unwanted treasures for the annual St. Paul's yard sale scheduled for **April 27, 2019 from 8 AM to 2 PM**. This year Brotherhood voted to dedicate yard sale proceeds towards the Scholarship Fund.

We will have more details and be requesting assistance from volunteers as the date approaches, so stay tuned. We appreciate donations as soon as possible to stay ahead on pricing.

Just leave any items in the basement on the table outside the yard sale room. If you have questions or need help transporting items to the church, please call John Korslund or the church office 301-725-0241 and leave a message for John.

March 2019



### Upcoming Events:

- MAR 2 WOMEN'S GROUP 9AM-11AM
- MAR 4 EVANGELISM 7PM
- MAR 5 DEVOTIONS GROUP CHAPEL 10AM
- MAR 5 PANCAKE DINNER 6 PM
- MAR 6 ASH WEDNESDAY NOON & 7 PM
- MAR 9 MEN'S BROTHERHOOD 8 AM
- MAR 12 CHURCH COUNCIL 7 PM
- MAR 13- APR 10 LENTEN WEDNESDAYS (6:30 & 7 AM, 6:30PM & 7PM)
- MAR 19 SENIOR FELLOWSHIP 11:30AM
- MAR 23 FARM TO TABLE DINNER 6 PM

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## Pastor's Corner



“Rejoice always,  
pray continually,  
give thanks in all  
circumstances;  
for this is God’s  
will for you in  
Christ Jesus “

1 Thessalonians  
5:16-18 (NIV)

### March 2019 Welcome to Lent

As we enter into the month of March, we will soon be entering into the season of Lent. This year, our Lenten Devotional books are titled, *Lasting Hope* and the focus is the Psalms that are used this year throughout Lent.

The Psalms are an important part of our faith. We can see the Book of Psalms as a song book, as a prayer book or both. We can use the Psalms in our own devotional lives and we use them together in worship. Throughout our lives, our faith changes. There are seasons in our lives of faith where we are growing. There are also seasons where we struggle. Sometimes, we are easily able to pray and then there are the times when we struggle to find the words to say. In a season of growth in our faith, the Psalms can help us to grow deeper. In the times of struggle, the Psalms give us words when we can’t find them on our own. That is because each of the Psalms do different things.

There are Psalms of praise and thanksgiving. There are also Psalms of crying out for help. We can look to different Psalms when we are in a time of celebration, or in times of loss and lament. One thing all the Psalms have in common is that they help us to turn to God, and they help us to remember God’s promises. This includes God’s promises that have been kept already as well as those that are still unfolding that will one day be fulfilled.

This season, our devotions books will walk us through the Psalms that are used in worship during this Lenten season. These include Psalm 51, 91, 27, 63, 32, 126, 31, 116, 22, 98. The order they are listed is the order in which we will study them.

Please be sure to pick up a copy of the devotions book. We have the pocket size version, a limited number of large print copies, and if you prefer an e-book it can be found on [augsburgfortress.org](http://augsburgfortress.org).

Throughout this Lenten season, you are invited to join in study and discussion based on these devotions in various contexts including the mid-week Lenten study time at 6:20pm.

As we pray and study the Psalms this Lent, may they open our hearts to a deeper relationship with our Lord.

Peace,

*Pastor Carolyn*

## Associate Pastor

February 22, 2019

### “An Invitation to a Meaningful Lenten Journey”

Each year when this time of year rolls around my thoughts turn from the long winter months to the season of Lent. It may seem strange, but each year I passionately look forward to this season. It is a time to pause, to reflect, and to think about how I can renew myself spiritually. As Christians, **we are called to do more than simply “give up” something during these 40 days** and say we have done enough for the season. Sure, there is no problem letting go of that bit of chocolate, the Big Mac, or the occasional glass of wine. There is no problem with putting down our phones, turning off the TV, or going off of social media for a time of sabbath. However, the question becomes, **are the things we choose to give up truly sacrificial? Are the things that we are “giving up” truly separating us from our relationship with God? Or are the things that we are giving up helping us build relationship with God?** For that is the true meaning of Lent - a sacrificial journey to the cross along side of Christ. How do we take each day as a step towards the shadow of the cross? How during each of these 40 Days do we take time to shed off a little more of our sin and live in a little more of God’s grace? How do we internally find meaning during this season, and how do we then share the experience of our journey with others?

During these 40 Days of Lent there are many opportunities to aid you in your sacrificial journey here at St. Paul’s. First, I heartily invite and encourage you to take in the practice of Ash Wednesday. From that point, I invite you to **make a commitment to attend all of your choice of Sunday worship services leading up to Holy Week.** And in between I invite you to be a part of our early morning Wednesday Lent prayer services, our Wednesday evening soup and study times, and I invite you to join our adult Christian education group on Sunday mornings where we will be studying the ancient practices of Lent together along with sharing in weekly Lenten Devotions.

In closing, I leave you with this blessing, and invitation:

***“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer. Amen.”***

~ The Book of Common Prayer

May this enhance your Lenten journey, and blessings on your way to the cross,

**Best and Blessings,**

*Pastor Dave*



**“We are called to do more than give up something during these 40 days.”**

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“With God all things are possible!”

**Matthew 19:26**

**KJV**

### Council President

#### **President's Message    February 23, 2019    Many Hands Needed**

Greetings and best wishes to you all. I hope and pray that these words find you well, and that our Pastors and leaders are working to provide each of you the “church experience” and spiritual leadership you seek and expect from being a member of St. Paul’s. The church staff and our Pastors should be available to each of you. In this age of instant communications, there will always be a challenge that your needs are communicated effectively to those who need to hear them. I encourage each of you to speak to leaders to convey your messages, needs, and concerns in a timely and effective manner.

By the time you read this message, many of you will have participated in the forum meetings that Council deemed necessary to get a pulse on the thoughts of the members. There is a structural imbalance in our finances. I hope that the meetings were fruitful and will help the Council decide the best way to move St. Paul’s into the future. These are not easy decisions, because they may impact staffing and the way St. Paul’s conducts business in the near future. If we learn nothing else from this exercise, we must remember that our ministry depends heavily on volunteers. And we need more of you to be involved.

As Lent begins, this would be a good time to prayerfully consider your ability to participate in activities and ministries that St. Paul’s has supported and will support. Your church council will support ministries and activities that receive support from all of you. I have written in this space many times that if you volunteer, you will be welcomed. I believe this is true about any activity we do—whether it is internally or externally focused. Our labors should be done out of wanting to help and participate. Each of us is all stretched for time, but I can say that whenever I have spent time at St. Paul’s as part of hands-on work, it has been very rewarding. I encourage each of you to discover working with each other in furthering the ministry of St. Paul’s. Get involved—your hands are needed.

**See you on Sunday!**

***Erik***

## Stewardship

ELCA

2019 Envelopes are available in the parish hall. If anyone would like an envelope please contact Bob Peters bob.peters31@gmail.com or email Donna Frederick at Frederickdonna@verizon.net.

2018 Giving Statements are available in the Parish Hall. If you have not already done so please pick them up as soon as possible to save the church postage. Questions please contact Donna Frederick.

### A reminder:

If you have not made your pledges for 2019 and for the Capital Campaign you can still mail them in or put them in the offering plate! There are extra cards available in the Narthex!



“Verily I say **unto you**, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of **the least of these**, ye did it not to me..”

**MATTHEW 22:37b-39**



### From the LEAD Listening Team (pictures page 11)

The Living Every Day As Disciples aka LEAD team attended our fourth retreat, this one held at Salem Lutheran Church in Catonsville. We were introduced to the next phase of our work called Wake Up, which is a centering process that focuses on our purpose and values, aligns our practices and articulates our congregation's identity with attention on growing leaders. While we are not yet ready to begin, the activity we did on values is something that we can do with the various ministries that are the body of St. Paul's. We had a sacred dinner, which incorporated the sacrament of communion in the setting of a meal, "again, after supper, he took the cup." There was more emphasis

at this retreat on networking with other churches, and we found some good tools that we can borrow! We continue the Tune In process of listening to the community around us and have heard that others are struggling with the rapid growth in Fulton. Please keep the LEAD team, St. Paul's and our community in your prayers!

### From the Evangelism Committee:



We meet the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm in the Chapel.

Last month the committee did a service project for the church (writing to our “shut-ins”), devotions, a time of “checking-in with each other” and discussed ways to work with other committees and the Youth with events for the coming year 2019 and with a special eye towards 2020, which will be St. Paul's 150th Anniversary.

**Activities that are in the works:** Lenten Wednesdays March 3rd through April 10th 6:30am & 7am Individual Prayer Sanctuary, 6 PM Soup & Salad followed by Bible Study, 7 PM Holden Evening Prayer.  
Community Garden Ribbon Cutting – **March**

*Get*  
**INVOLVED**

Our next meeting has been planned for **Monday March 4th at 7:00 pm** in the Chapel and we cordially invite you to join us with your ideas and thoughts that will energize OUR congregation.

### Mission Trip to Haiti (Russ & Sammi Werner) more details on page 13

I had the extreme privilege of traveling to Haiti with my daughter and a group of people that support “Helping Haitian Angels”. We were down there for a week in early January and it was, for me, a very humbling, exciting, educational, and moving experience. So much so that I plan to return next year. But this story is not about us, it's about the wonderful people in Haiti. Please see the details on page 13 and visit our church's website. This is an organization that I would love to have St. Paul's Lutheran Church support, both financially and perhaps even some individuals joining for one the missions trips.



### St. Paul's Senior Fellowship



Our next Senior Fellowship luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 19th beginning with lunch at 11:30am. Our speaker will be Ms. Katie Dishman, a corporate archivist for Marriott International who comes to us through *Montgomery History*. Her presentation is entitled **Marriott's & Motor Cars: Made for Each Other** which discusses the beginnings of Marriott as an A & W root beer stand in Washington, D. C. We will also celebrate all things green and Irish!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP on the Welcome sheets in the bulletin or to Joe and Cathy Dymek ([jcdymek@verizon.net](mailto:jcdymek@verizon.net) or 410-531-1057).

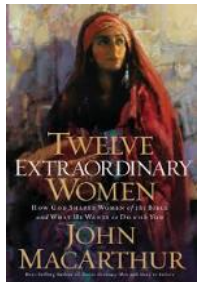
An inclement weather reminder: if the Howard County Public Schools are closed we **will not** have our luncheon. If schools, are 2 hours late, we **will** have the luncheon.



### Men's Brotherhood

The Men of St. Paul's gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month for breakfast, a brief business meeting and devotions. All males in the congregation are welcome and invited to attend! Next meeting is March 9th

Officers: Ken Keefer, President; Mike Heyser, Vice President; Randy Baldini Treasurer; Randy Arndt, Secretary



### Women's Group

The Women of St. Paul's will resume their studies of "*Twelve Extraordinary Women*" by John MacArthur, starting with Chapter 8 "*The Smartian Women*" on March 2nd (the first Saturday of the month) from 9 to 11am. Please join us for study, food, fun and fellowship. We also usually have a service project.

**All Women are welcome to join.**

### Music— Notable Events



#### Youth Choir-

Tuesdays from 7 to 7:45pm.

#### Bell Choir-

Meets in the Bells Room, Tuesdays at 7pm

#### Chancel Choir- meets

Thursdays from 7 to 8:30pm

### Audio Recordings

Check out the website for St Paul's service's recordings. All services from the last 2 months can be found under Gallery/Audio. Just click <http://stpaulslutheran.info/messages/sermon-audio>

Hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher.



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## “Like” us on Facebook!

For a while now we have had a St. Paul's Facebook group, we also have a public page! Find us and click “like” and watch us for announcements! Tell your friends too!

[www.facebook.com/StPaulsFulton](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsFulton) (New to St. Paul's Social Media)

“Follow” us on Twitter! <https://twitter.com/stpaulsfulton>

“Tag” us on Instagram! <https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsfulton/>

## Women's Daily Grace— Supporting Others!



1/19/2019

“And [Deborah] said, ‘I will surely go with you.’ Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.” (Judges 4:9)

Deborah, the woman called by God to judge the children of Israel, had the weight of a nation on her shoulders. Yet, she did not hesitate to go with Barak when he needed her. We often find ourselves, like Deborah, balancing many roles and responsibilities. We serve as leaders in our homes, at our jobs, and in our churches. It is not always easy to balance our own leadership with the need to support others in their

leadership. When others have problems or concerns, do we willingly come to their aid, or do we stop and think about how full our plates are? Deborah's life and leadership style remind us of the need to be available both to God and to others.

*This message is adapted from a stewardship devotion written by Deborah Calvert for Women's Daily Grace*

## Lectionary Readings for the Month

### March 3 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 (9) 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2  
Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

### March 10 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (11);  
Romans 10:8b-13 ; Luke 4:1-13

### March 17 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27 (5); Philippians 3:17--4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

### March 24 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8 (1); 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### March 31– 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 (11) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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By: Kerry Griffin

St. Paul's Archivist

February 22, 2019

Tales from the Archives is a presentation from the Archives at St. Paul's.

Contributions of items of significance to the Church History or contributions of stories are welcome and encouraged. Please submit by the 20th of the month.

It is the goal of the Archive to preserve the Church History and make selected portions of it known to the congregation from time to time.

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### What's happening in the Archive?

- ◆ Focusing on the count down through Lent to Easter
- ◆ Looking forward to St. Paul's 150th Anniversary in 2020

### Focusing on Our Time in Lent

Sunday, February 24th (The Transfiguration of Our Lord) will be the last Sunday of Epiphany. The season officially comes to a close Shrove Tuesday, March 5th. (an event which the youth will be sponsoring at 6 PM in the Parish Hall) and Lent will officially begin on Wednesday, March 6th with Ash Wednesday. Communications and Social Media will be conducting a "Count Down to Easter." So please check in on St. Paul's website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

As a preview here is a run down of the season:

#### Feb 24th—"The Beatitudes

(Continued— Luke 6:27-38) "Do un to other as you would have them do unto you." "Love your enemies and do good, lend hoping for nothing in return." "Be merciful with other as your Father in heaven is merciful to you." "Judge not and ye shall not be judged: condemn not and ye shall not be condemned."

#### March 3rd- "The Transfiguration of our Lord" (Luke 9:28-

36) Peter, James and John's mountain top experience with Jesus. Jesus appearance is changed and Moses and Elias appear. Peter wishes to remain on the mountain but they must return to the plain and tell no one until the Son of Man is lifted up.

#### March 5th—"Shrove Tuesday" (Last day of Epiphany

*Psalm of David 35:11-26*) "False witnesses did rise up; the laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good..."

#### March 6th- "Ash Wednesday" (Psalm 51:1-2)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my

sins.

#### March 10th—"First Sunday in Lent" (Matt. 4:4)

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus tempted in the wilderness.

#### March 13th—"Job is beset by all manners of evil" (Job 1:22)

All manner of bad things happen to Job, but in the end "in all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly".

#### March 17th- "Second Sunday of Lent" (Luke 13:31-35)

"The same day there came certain Pharisees, saying unto him, "Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee"

#### March 20th- Lenten Devotion (Psalm 27:7-8)

Here my voice, O Lord, when I call and have mercy on me. My heart speaks your message "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord I will seek.

#### March 24th—"Third Sunday of Lent" (Luke 13:1-9)

Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree given one more year to bear fruit or be cut down.

#### March 27th-Lenten Devotion (Psalm 63:4)

So I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

#### March 31st—"Fourth Sunday of Lent" (Luke 15:1-3)

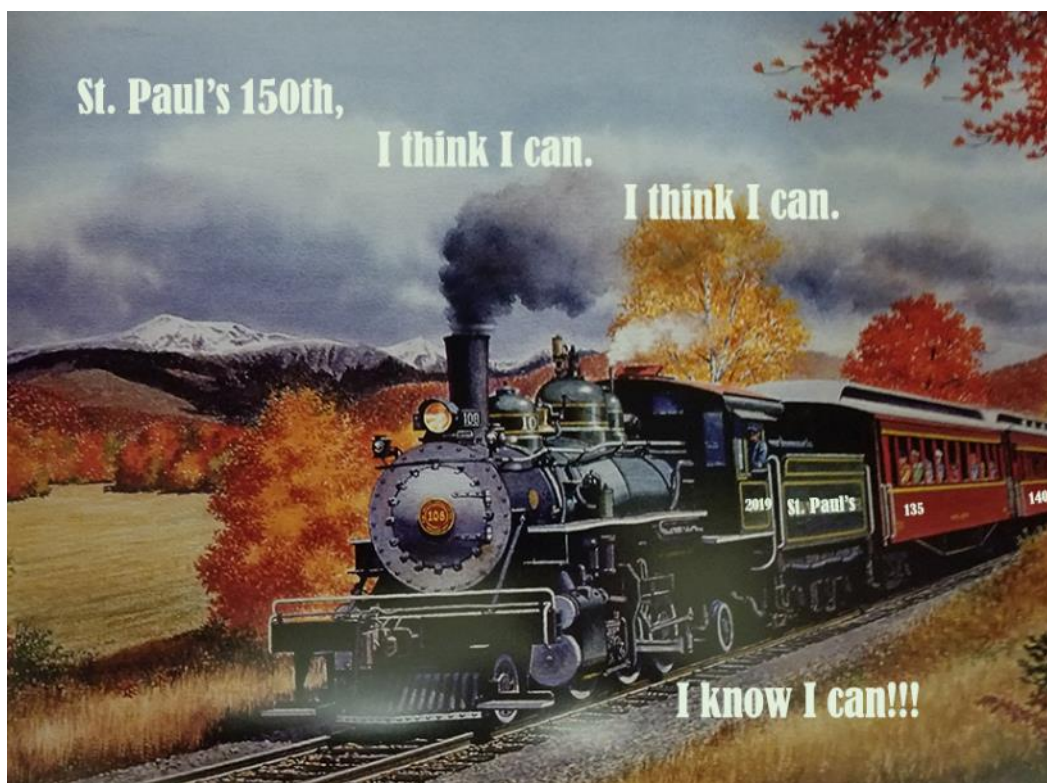
Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners, and eats with them."

#### April 3rd-Lenten Devotion (Psalm 32:6)

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in the time of trouble; when the great waters overflow they shall not reach them."

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### Conway Scenic Railroad

Painting by Howard Fogg  
Watercolor 15 by 20 inches.

The railroad is based on Engine 108 in Conway NH which was a tourist railroad.

*Together I know we can reach this goal.*

*The Anniversary has typically been celebrated around Reformation Sunday in October.*

*2020 Reformation is on Saturday, Oct. 31st*

*Sundays are 4, 11, 18 and 25th*

### April 7th- "Fifth Sunday in Lent" (John; 12:1-8)

Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany where Lazarus was raised from the dead. There they made him a supper, and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair.

**April 10th- "Lenten Devotion" (Psalm 126:3)** The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

**April 14th- "Palm Sunday" (Luke 24:14-23:56)** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem .

### April 18th- "Maundy Thursday"

The Last Supper

### April 19th- "Good Friday"

Jesus dies for our sins on the cross.

### April 20th- "Holy Saturday"

The disciples are in hiding.

### April 21st- "Easter Sunday"

**He is risen!!!**

### StPaulsFulton

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**Twitter:** [@stpaulsfulton](https://twitter.com/stpaulsfulton)

Expanding on Pastor Dave's message, I agree giving up something for Lent is not enough, perhaps one daily act of kindness would be a good thing to add to one's observance. Let someone go ahead of you. Pay for the person behind you and other things to make someone's day.

### St. Paul's 150th Anniversary.

Fall of 2020 is not that far away and St. Paul's will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary. You can be part of the planning. The Evangelism Committee will be discussing this in the coming meetings. They meet the first Monday of the month. Part of the meeting is devoted to a service project, part business meeting and part we check-in with each other and see how the group is doing. March we will be doing a "care package" for students.

You can follow along on the following links:

**Website:** [stpaulslutheran.info](http://stpaulslutheran.info)

**Member Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/438901092851824/>

**Public Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Kerry Griffen*

Archivist

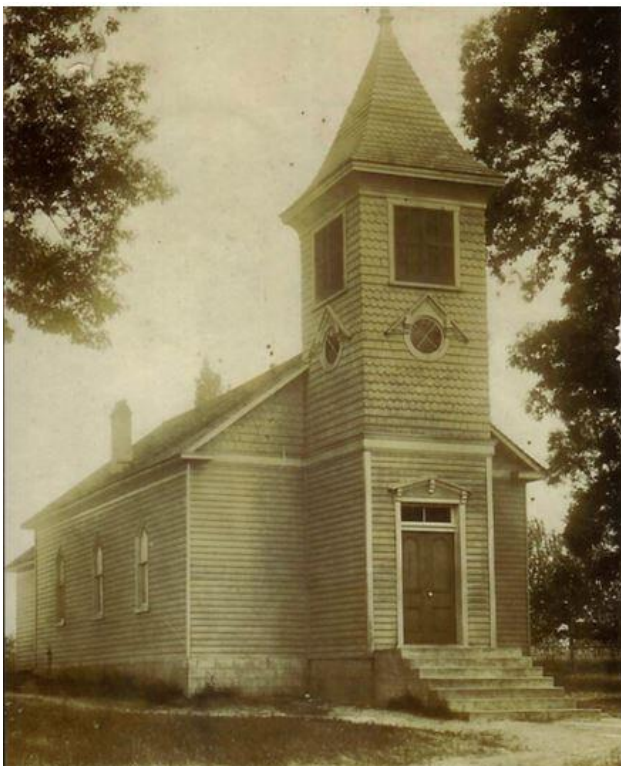
### Property Committee Notes– February, 2019

1. We are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel for the gas conversion. The kitchen conversion is scheduled to be done on Monday February 25. A special thank you to Ken Keefer who oversaw the gas conversion and for filling in for me while I was away.
2. The community garden concept is now being presented for review by the Boy Scouts. We hope to hear something soon as to whether the concept is accepted by them.
3. The investigation into sub-dividing another lot has hit a snag. There is not adequate space in the schools in the area so unless there is a redistricting of the existing schools in this area, we would have to go on a five year waiting list. I am looking to see what this involves and what the cost would be.
4. Johnson Controls has finally replaced the canister for the fire suppression system in the kitchen. We are still waiting for them to replace the fire extinguishers that are up for hydro test.
5. A special thanks to Pastor Dave and John Parker for clearing the lot and sidewalks after the last snow storms.

Thanks, to all those persons who have helped out in the past and also to those who have volunteered to help going forward.

*John Murphy*

**Property Committee Chairman**



Our original wood church on the site and present stone church.

The church was able rise despite the Great Depression, through the hard work and sacrifice of those members who went before us. All that is needed is vision and faith.

How far will the next generation go beyond 149 years?

### Men's Brotherhood Notes from February 2019 Meeting:

1. We discussed the Yard Sale which will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 2:00 pm.
2. We discussed the progress on the Natural Gas Conversion project.
3. We discussed the Community Garden.
4. We decided to have a Farm to Table Dinner at 6:00pm on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> to benefit the Scholarship Fund.
5. We decided to once again sponsor the Easter Breakfast which will be held 9:45 – 10:45am on Easter.
6. We had a brief devotional led by Pr. Carolyn.

The Men's Brotherhood is open to all men in the congregation of any age. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month for a Breakfast Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Anyone with questions on the Brotherhood can contact any of the Officers.

### L.E.A.D Team (*Living Everyday as Disciples*) Story page 5



This morning congregations in the “#LEAD Journey” are identifying values—what matters most. When you have said “yes” to some things and “no” to other things. What have you said, “yes” to or “no” to in your congregation?



Lead Team “Selfie” Salem Lutheran Church Catonsville, MD Seminar February 22 & 23, 2019

### Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

The Sunday School will be filling treat bags to give to children at the Easter egg hunt. If you would like to donate some Easter candy, please bring it to the collection bin in the Parish Hall.

Thanks,

*Elizabeth Ohl*

Christian Education



### **St. Paul's Council Meeting Synopsis:**

**February 5, 2019**

Devotions-Pastor Carolyn

#### **OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:**

Review and approval of January minutes.

Erik received a thank you note from Maya for the generous gift from the congregation.

Property highlights-the installation of the natural gas for heat is complete. The kitchen equipment still needs to be converted. Hood is fixed in the kitchen. The thermostat in the parsonage needs repaired. We did receive notification that the county has put a hold on permits to develop land due to school system "closed" due to schools being at/over capacity in the area. Johnson Control to exchange extinguishers, as needed.

Seeds are being planted within the choir to fill the upcoming Music & Worship Director position in May. Council Secretary also needs to be filled in May.

Pastor Dave and Kerry Griffin to serve together in putting formal "Gift/Legacy Policy" in place for church giving.

The Cemetery Committee is working on Rules and Regulations to open cemetery plots to the public. This will be brought to the congregation at the next congregational meeting.

Evangelism meeting was held on February 4th. Group sent cards to shut-ins and discussed our 2019 projects.

Letter to congregation about Pastor Dave's offer not to extend his contract past May 31, 2019. A forum to discuss budget and thoughts of eliminating the associate pastor position due to budget concerns. Two forums will take place on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, one at 9:45 the other at 12:15 to get feedback from congregation on the matter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:**

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am in the Parish Hall. Report deadlines are due March 31, 2019.

February 10<sup>th</sup> the youth will sponsor a spaghetti dinner.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper .

March 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday, 12 Noon & 7 PM service.

Starting Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 & 7 AM individual prayer in the Chapel with Soup/Salad 6 PM and bible study 6:20pm in the Parish Hall followed by "Holden" Evening Prayer at 7pm in the Sanctuary each Wednesday in Lent through April 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CLOSED IN PRAYER-PASTOR CAROLYN**

**NEXT MEETING, Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 7pm**

**Humbly submitted by**

*Julie Smith*

**Secretary**



## Helping Haitian Angels (Russ and Sammi Werner) from



### OUR MISSION

Helping Haitian Angels' is a Christian organization caring for orphaned and abandoned children in Northern Haiti by raising them to become healthy, happy, Christian members of their communities who will have the tools to positively impact future generations.

### OUR VISION

We envision a Haiti that is economically sustainable and self-sufficient through education, effective leadership, U.N. guidance, disaster preparedness, productive small businesses, and job and entrepreneurial opportunities from corporations within and outside the country.

### *How HHA works with the community...*

HHA employs only Haitian people for all of the work done on the property.

HHA is committed to purchasing all supplies from Haiti to help support the local economy.

100 percent of the money donated by sponsors goes to the care of the children

HHA has set up a school in the Kay Anj Village that is open to the entire community, educating children and employing parents.

### *Interested in learning more??*

Visit <http://www.helpinghaitianangels.org/> for more details on sponsorship, trips, and the history behind HHA.



More Details on our website:

<http://stpaulslutheran.info/ministries/social-outreach>

### INVOLVEMENT @ OLD MILL HIGH SCHOOL

La Société Honoraire de Français at Old Mill High School



Société Honoraire de  
Français

works to raise funds to sponsor a Haitian child at the Kay Anj Village (the property is now set up for the children of Helping Haitian Angels. The funds that we raise go towards the care of this child which includes schools, tutors, food, clean water, healthcare, shelter, Haitian child-care and security.)

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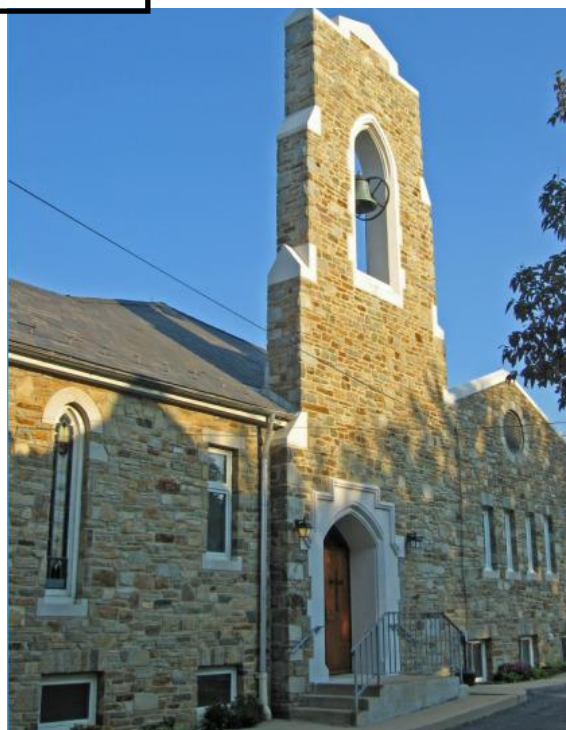
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**Special Notes:** Have an item to share for the newsletter? Please submit items of interest by the 20th of the month for publication the first Sunday of the following month.

**Please let the church know of any Affirmations or people we should remember and other prayer requests**

## Last But Not Least

**Photo releases:** As we continue to update our website we need your help! We have people who take photos at events and we would like to highlight these events through the website! But, we also respect your need for privacy. We will not post photos that show the faces of anyone under 18. We also will not post your photo without your permission. We ask that you contact the church office via email or snail mail or put a note in the "communications box" in the office and let us know if you DO NOT want your image used on the site.

## Social Media - Kim Moseman

Are you on Instagram or Twitter? If so, watch for information about St. Paul's on both!

Instagram: **stpaulsfulton** and Twitter: **@stpaulsfulton**