

# Lutheran saintpauls CHURCH

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## News And Notes

St. Paul's monthly newsletter



### JULY HAPPENINGS

Mark your Calendar!

July 8th, Men's Brotherhood meets 8 am Fellowship

July 8 Women's Group Meeting 9 am

July 23rd, Final payment for Senior Fellowship trip on September 27th is due if you have not already paid in full.

### LOOKING AHEAD

August 7–11th, 9am–Noon Bible Camp. Bible Camp was canceled. However, something will take its' place. Contact Barbara Ball for more information

August 15th Corn Roast—More Details to follow.

August 19th Grassroots project. Contact Sue Bell for details.

August 19th Bowie Bay Sox night at the ball game. See Eric Domaas for more information

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## Delaware-Maryland Synod

### UPDATE FROM THE JUNE MEETING

July 2023

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.” -2 Corinthians 12:9*

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly was held June 9-10, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, Maryland. The more than 360 voting members gathered to conduct business crucial to our life and ministry together. In addition to approving reports and measures such as the minutes from last year’s Assembly, the financial audit, the 2024 Faith Spending Plan, and more, the Assembly considered and passed the following actions:

The election of Jada Wright (Jerusalem, Baltimore) as our new Synod Vice President.

The election of members of the Consultation Committee [David Magoon (Grace, Hockessin) and the Rev. Zachary Wright (Bethel, North East)] and the Discipline Committee [April Parvizian (Epiphany, Baltimore) and the Rev. Kelley Ketcham (St. Mark’s Wilmington)].

The ratification of the Rev. Christopher Schaefer (Divinity, Towson) as Team Leader for the Communications Team, fulfilling the term of Daniel Mambu (transferred to the Lower Susquehanna Synod, with thanks for his ministry).

The adoption of three resolutions:

Resolution 2023-1: Global Church Sunday.

Resolution 2023-2: Compensation Guidelines.

Resolution 2023-3: Promoting Transgender Competency in the Delaware-Maryland Synod.

The Assembly was able to offer its gratitude, on behalf of our entire synod, to outgoing Vice President John Auger (Grace, Hockessin). Just a few highlights of his two terms include our successful Forward in Faith capital campaign and the establishment of the Synod Local Ministry Fund; implementation of the Vision 2018 plan and its accompanying restructuring effort; frequent road trips with Bishop Gohl to visit and engage with each conference; an increased focus on adaptive leadership; and a commitment to the development of lay leaders, especially throughout the pandemic. In his final report to the Assembly, John reflected, “As I look back over the past 40 years of leadership that I’ve been involved in, both in congregations and in business, I can say without a doubt that my time serving as Synod Vice President has been the most fun, satisfying, and impactful experience as a leader.” As a synod, we give thanks for the incredible ministry of John Auger, and express our deep gratitude for his work among us.

While reports and action items occupy the bulk of a Synod Assembly agenda, we were reminded throughout the Assembly that we cannot gather to do the work of the church without keeping our faith at the center. Our Bible study leader, the Rev. Dr. Surekha Nelavala (Global Peace, Frederick), encouraged us to dig into often-uncomfortable texts, examining our privilege alongside the boundlessness of God as we consider how and to whom we might extend grace. The Assembly began and ended in worship, anchoring our work together in the name of the one who calls us to it. Our Synod Worship Team guided us on a marvelous journey through the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship supplement, *All Creation Sings* (of which each Assembly attendee received a copy!) and the Rev. Harvard Stephens primed the pump for the task ahead, reminding us that “the Spirit is moving among us. We are trusting in the Lord to lead us and guide us as we journey. God is on our side, and is leading this synod.” To close out the Assembly, the people of Grace Lutheran Church capped off their incredible hospitality with spirited worship led by the Grace Praise Singers and Praise Band.

As Bishop Gohl remarked in his report to the Assembly, “While so many siblings across this church are measuring the pandemic by their losses, we come with an embarrassment of riches.” While we have much work to do together in the coming days, we are grounded in our commitment to walk this road together, connected to one another in faith, hope, love, and the God whose grace is sufficient.

*† God’s peace from your Council and Synod Representatives †*

*Excerpt was taken from “The Bishop’s Blotter” which is an online publication of the Maryland Delaware Synod.*





## Council Ministry Positions Update

Now that summer is upon us, progress towards our goal of filling the 2024 Council roster (to begin 5/24) is heating up! The latest ministry position filled is Financial Secretary as John Bell signed on for a second term! John has been instrumental in updating our financial reporting and aligning budget utilization with congregational goals. Please join me in thanking John for his service.

As for other positions, self nominations are permitted and encouraged so act now before a fellow parishioner scoops up that ministry position you have always wanted to fill. Please contact Bret Hassel or any of the current Council members if you would like to discuss this important service.

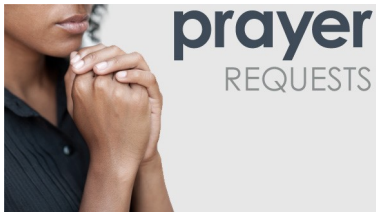
## St. Paul's Council Ministry Opportunities

Position	Name	Term Ends	Nominee
Communications	Joe MacKrell	2024	Open
Evangelism	John Korsland	2024	Open
Financial Secretary	John Bell	2026	<i>Taken, Thanks John!</i>
Worship & Music	Betty Kerwin	2023	<i>Service kindly extended until filled!</i>
President	Russ Werner	2024	Open
Property	John Murphy	2024	Open
Christian Education	Barb Ball	2024	Open
Stewardship	Joe Dymek	2025	<i>Thanks Joe!</i>
Secretary	Karen Jennings	2024	Open
Treasurer	Mike Jennings	2024	Open
Vice President	Bret Hassel	2024	Open
Youth & Family	Vacant		<i>Please prayerfully consider!</i>

**Bret Hassel**

**Council Vice President**





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Prayer Requests stay in the bulletin for six weeks



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## Community of St. Dymas

### The Rev. Susan Beck

Currently CSD is providing Word and Sacrament ministry at four facilities:

[Maryland Correctional Institution](#)

- Jessup (MCIJ, men, Jessup)

[Maryland Correctional Institution](#)

- Women's (MCIW, women,

Jessup)

[Maryland Correctional](#)

[Training Center](#) (MCTC, men,

Hagerstown)

[Central Maryland](#)

[Correctional Facility](#) (CMCF,

men, Sykesville)

Consider donating to After Care [Stdysmasmd.org](http://Stdysmasmd.org)

## message from OUR PASTOR

July 2023



Summertime is here! It is time for reflections whether you are at a beach resort or on the mountain tops or at home for a vacation. It is a great time to pause and think about what you are doing and where you are going the rest of this year. Schedules are freed up and the opportunity to breathe more deeply and think of life more clearly. There is more time than any other time of the year for this type of engagement. Are YOU taking the time to take advantage of this summer season?

As you re-create this summer, be concerned for God's creation, the hot weather and lack of rain showers. Severe summer weather causes fires taking place across many States. It has caused so much destruction and death, even for many vacationers who must abandon their plans to visit these States and National Parks.

Summertime is a time to remember those Vacation Bible School/ Camp songs. Those are songs that carry us into the world of Jesus' love and peace. They continually gives us hope for tomorrow and the days ahead which lead us into the Fall and Winter seasons.

While you enjoy this summertime, may you make your home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety. May you help others to enjoy the blessings of this summertime.

Let us pray: *O God, we thank you for the Summer Season and a time to re-create. Thank you for Your light and warmth. Thank you for the sun and rain. Thank you for the gifts of Nature and for the annual climate changes that help us not to take our planet for granted. May You refresh mind, body, and spirit. May You grace us again with your presence as You are the One who lifts us up in Christ Jesus. In your name, Lord we pray. Amen*

*Pastor Joe,*

Rev. Joseph Lettrich

# Congregational Notices

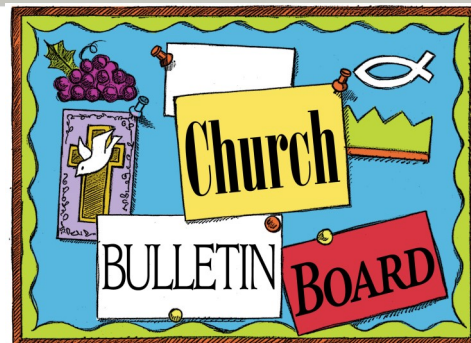
## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & ACOLYTES

Worship Assistants serve God and St. Paul's by participating in worship services in a number of meaningful ways. It's easy to sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAA2DA0FCC07-worship2> You can always call or email the church office, so please sign up

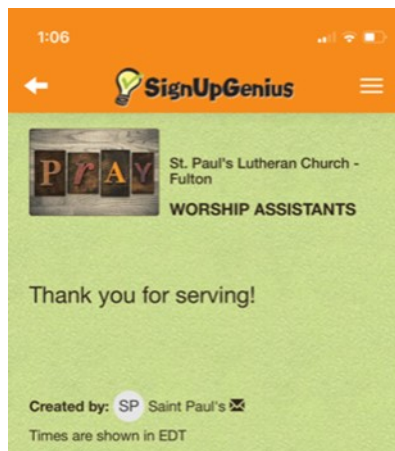
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*Betty Kerwin*



## Signup Genuis Instructions

### Want to be a Genius?



St Paul's uses Signup Genius® for the Worship Assistants calendar – for assisting ministers, lectors, communion set up/clean up, acolytes, ushers/greeters, and tech helpers. We have a subscription so there are no ads on our sign-ups, however, if you are using a computer, you may still see ads from your browser; you don't see ads in the phone app. You can sign up with or without your own account. First download (see figure1 next page) the Signup Genius app or click on the link that the office sends out for Signup Genius. To sign up for a free account, simply provide your name, email address and a password of your choosing, while also proving that you're not a robot. Several steps are streamlined by having an account, such as automatically adding signups to your calendar. You don't get extra emails from Signup

Genius, only reminders of upcoming duties from St. Paul's, and you can request that they don't sell your information. The office can sign you up if you don't do email or cell phone signups. You can see what slots are open and who else has signed up. The church's subscription also automatically removes dates from the past.

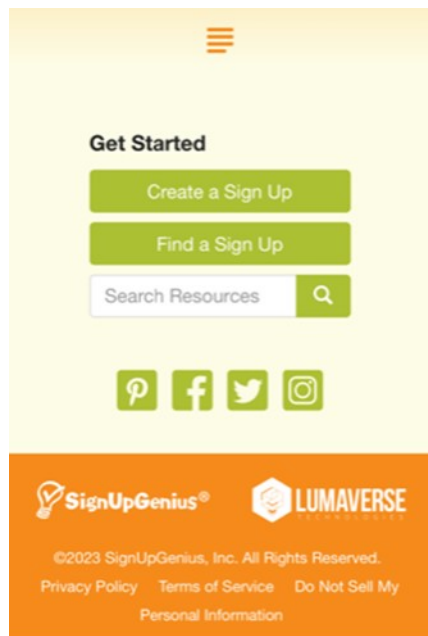
To sign up, simply scroll through the calendar and select the duty(ies) for particular service(s), (see figure 2 next page) and after selecting all, hit the "Submit & Sign Up" button (see figure 3 next page). If you have an account and are logged in, your name and email will automatically populate; if you don't have an account, you'll have to type it in each time. You can display an alternate name, which means you can sign up for yourself or someone in your family. Complete the process by hitting the "Sign Up Now!" button.

The church office emails everyone in the congregation the link to the "[Worship Assistants](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAA2DA0FCC07-worship2)" <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAA2DA0FCC07-worship2> sign up weekly. Without the link, you can easily find it, by clicking on the magnifying glass icon or the "Find a Sign Up" button at the bottom of the screen, and enter the church's email, [office@stpaulslutheran.info](mailto:office@stpaulslutheran.info). If you've signed up before, then you'll see it if you're logged in under Signups you've been "Invited To".

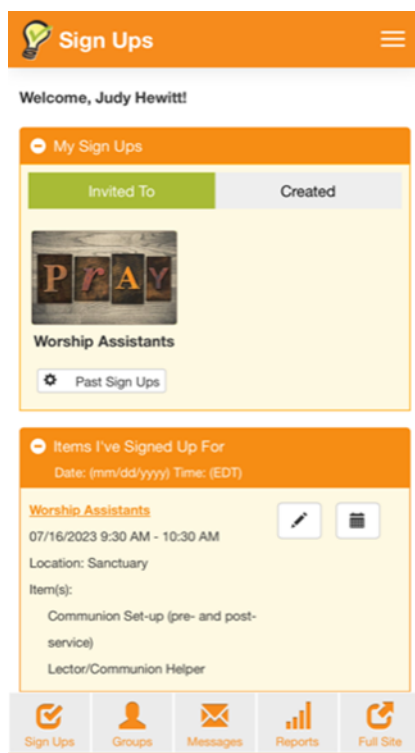
Thank you for serving as Worship Assistants!

# Congregational Notices (continued)

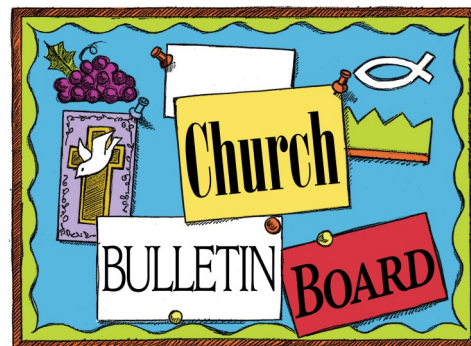
## SignUp Genius Screen Shots



**Figure1:** Opening page of SignUp Genuis on a mobile phone after downloading the application on your phone.



**Figure 2:** Example of a displayed signup for Worship Assistants. The available items to sign up for such as Lector/Communion Helper.



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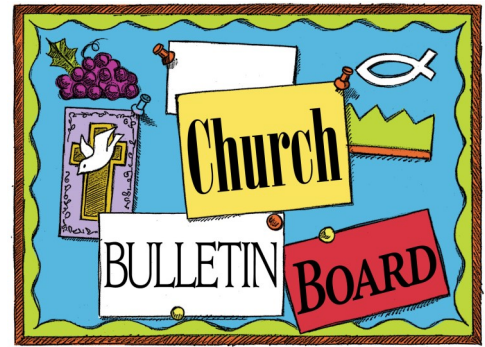
**Figure 3:** Example of showing all those "signed up" for various duties on Sunday July 16th

*Judy Hewitt*

## Congregational Notices continued

### Christian Education.

As we did not get enough volunteers for Bible Camp the activity was canceled. St. Paul's is regrouping and coming up with "plan B" to take its' place. Watch for additional information next month on what activity we will be doing instead.



July 2023

*Barb*



## Rainforest Explorers Bible Camp

Join us for a fun-filled, Christ-centered Bible Camp!  
August 7-11, 2023 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Ages 3 years to 5th grade

Come, encounter Jesus during a week of fun at Rainforest Explorers Bible Camp! Play games, create crafts, explore nature, delve into Bible stories, sing songs, devour snacks all while meeting new friends and learning about God! Become a Rainforest Explorer!

Register on the St. Paul's Lutheran Church's website: [stpaulslutheran.info](http://stpaulslutheran.info)

Lots of adult and youth volunteers are needed for a successful Bible Camp. How can you help?

Before Bible Camp starts:

- Coordinate decorations; Help decorate indoor and outdoor spaces
- Help preparation registration materials and check in families
- Pray for a successful week and how BC can positively touch the participants and their families

During Bible Camp week:

- Help run a station: Storytelling, Snacks, Recreation, Music, Crafts
- Help guide groups from station to station
- Take photos/videos of activities
- Help with the end of the week pizza party
- Pray for a successful week and how BC can positively touch the participants and their families

Donate Needed Supplies:

- Paper towel rolls
- Aluminum foil
- Rolls of Brown packaging paper (decorations)
- Tissues Paper
- Bag of rice

Do you have a large canopy/tent we can borrow to keep outdoor areas shaded?

If you are interested in helping in any capacity with Bible Camp, please contact Barb Ball at [Barbara@stpaulslutheran.info](mailto:Barbara@stpaulslutheran.info).

Thanks,

*Barb*

Canceled due to lack of volunteers



Maryland News

Thursday, February 22, 1973

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## Local lass' vigil ends, her POW made it back.

**By Patricia Hartel**

When Captain Jeremiah Andrew Denton, a prisoner of war, since July 1965 stepped off the plane at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines last week, one local heart beat faster.

The heart belonged to 19 year old Martha Susan Iager of Fulton.

Since the summer, Martha had been wearing Dentons' POW Red Cross Bracelet, wondering if the man whose name she wore had any chance of being returned to this country alive.

Working as a candy stripper at the Montgomery General Hospital (Mead Star, Olney ) where she has put in 500 volunteer hours, Martha was one of many girls and boys who participated in the POW bracelet program. The money they contributed was used by the Red Cross to supply food and necessities to the captured men.

She says she constantly worried to herself about Denton. She and the other candy strippers would often talk about the names on the bracelets they wore, if they returned, what about their families — the doubt — the anguish—the waiting.

She talked about his fate with her fellow students at Palotti High School. She discussed it with her parents, the Charles Iagers of Fulton.

In her small way, Martha has shared all the uncertainties. Little did she dream the months she carried his name he would be the first POW to descend the ramp and tell the world television audience: "We are honored to serve our country under difficult circumstances. God Bless America!"

The Denton's family has grown while he has been imprisoned. In reading the newspaper account of the returning prisoners, Martha discovered Denton's oldest son (the Denton's have seven children) served as a pilot while his father was gone. The Denton's youngest daughter, 18 months old when her father was captured has grown up while her father was away. It will be quite a reunion for them, Martha muses.



**Martha Iager**

(Article courtesy of Charles and Judy )

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I thought it fitting to remember those who served and are those still  
Lost this July 4th.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Kerry Griffin*

## Congregational Fellowship

## message from Senior Fellowship

June 2023



Our Senior Fellowship luncheons will resume on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who have made Senior Fellowship a success. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

### Senior Fellowship Bus Day Trip

We are looking forward to our bus trip to Assateague Island and Berlin! We have received deposits/payments from enough people. If you have signed up to go, please remember your final payment (if you have not paid in full) is due by Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Cathy & Joe Dymek at [jcdymek@verizon.net](mailto:jcdymek@verizon.net) or 410-531-1057 with any questions.

*Joe & Cathy Dymek*



## Message from Social Outreach

How you can show Christ's love



A message from the Social Outreach Committee,

### June Grassroots Meal

A team of twelve St. Paul's volunteers helped with the Saturday, June 17, 2023 Grassroots Day Resource Center (DRC) meal: Carole Manges and I planned the meal and shopped for food; Pastor Joe and Carol Lettrich, Sandy August, Susan and Kyle Knoerschild, and John Murphy prepared the meal; and Loretta Ritter, Steve and Donna Sealing, and Sally Murphy delivered and served the meal. The menu included chicken and cheese enchiladas, rice and beans, tossed salad, strawberries and blueberries, and pound cake. The meal fed approximately 50 people at Grassroots DRC in Jessup, MD and leftover food was taken to Grassroot Crisis Center in Columbia (enough to feed an additional 20 people).

Thank you very much to all the volunteers who helped make this meal a great success! Your efforts not only provided a delicious, warm meal but sent a message of kindness and hope to 70 of our community members in need.

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### St. Paul's Summer Community Outreach Activities

This summer St. Paul's is holding drives for essential toiletry items in support of two local charities:

June 15th - July 31st: Helping Up Mission in Baltimore, MD - Men's Hope Tote Campaign (See most needed Item list below.)

August 1st - September 10th: On the Move Homeless Outreach in Baltimore, MD - Hygiene Kits for the Homeless (More details to follow in August.)

Both charities will provide toiletry items to local homeless and needy community members in the Baltimore region.

The most needed items for the Men's Hope Tote Campaign are:

Solid deodorant (men's)

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body Lotion

Body Powder

Foot Powder

Razors (men's)



Pastor Joe and Sandy August.  
Meal Preparation at the Grassroots Center.

Watch for information on August 19th Grassroots Day.





Meal Preparation at St. Paul's—All smiles here among our band of volunteers Susan, Pastor Joe, John and Sandy.



Meal Preparation at St. Paul's—Susan and Kyle Knoernschild ,The joy of helping others.



Meal Preparation at St. Paul's—John Murphy, Sandy August, Susan Knoernschild, Kyle Knoernschild, , and Pastor Joe.





## St. Paul's in Action at St. Paul's and the Grassroots distribution Center.

Captions going clockwise starting in the right corner.

- 1) Carol Lettrich in the kitchen
- 2) Sandy August and Pastor Joe working on the salad.
- 3) Donna and Steve Sealing preparing for clients at the Grassroots Center.
- 4) Donna and Steve Sealing at the counter at the Grassroots center
- 5) Loretta Ritter cleaning up after meal preparation at St. Paul's.
- 6) Carol Lettrich, Pastor Joe Lettrich and Sandy August adding the final touches before going to the Grassroots Center.



*Sue Bell*

## Affirmation

**GOD**  
**BLESS**  
**AMERICA**



## Upcoming EVENTS

### Men's Brotherhood

July 8th, 8:00 am

### Women's Group

July 1, 9:00 am

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Resumes September 19th

September 27th Bus Trip

final payment July 23rd

### Social Outreach

August 19th Grassroots Day

### Summer Events

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### Christian Education

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Barbara Ball for more information.

## Social

### MEDIA

Look for us on social media!

FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/  
stpaulsfulton](https://facebook.com/stpaulsfulton)



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Articles for the newsletter are due June 23, 2023