

Lutheran saintpauls CHURCH

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

News And Notes

St. Paul's monthly newsletter



MARCH HAPPENINGS

Every Wednesday at 6pm lite Lenten meal with worship and 7 pm Bible Studies with Pastor Jim (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) 1 Samuel

5th 7 pm Council

9th 8 am Men's Brotherhood Meeting

9th 9 am Women's Group

19th Senior Fellowship 11:30 am

HOLY WEEK

24th 9:30 am Palm Sunday

28th 7pm Maundy Thursday 7

29th 12 Noon Stations of the Cross & 7 pm Good Friday



EASTER

31st 6:30 am Sunrise Service Pavilion

31st 8:30 am Easter Breakfast (Time being finalized. Watch for more details)

31st 9:30 am Easter Service Sanctuary

Looking Ahead

April 16th 11:30 am Senior Fellowship, April TBD- Brotherhood Spaghetti Dinner, April 20th 8:30am Grassroots, May 10 & 11th Men's Retreat, and October 19th- 9 am till 3 pm Holiday Bazaar

NOTE: No Spring Yard Sale until 2025 and NO ELECTRONICS

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message from Council

January 25, 2024

Greetings:

Finally!!!! We have all of our positions filled and are fully staffed. A big welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Sondra Knox, who started on February 19th and is quickly coming up to speed. Now we can concentrate on doing the work of our Church. And to complete that task we need you to share your talents and skills in any way possible. Become a reader, volunteer as a Sunday school teacher, help with serving a Grass Roots meal, and on and on.

As we move into spring (yes it has been getting warm out) I get to enjoy one of my (many) hobbies which is beekeeping. It is truly an unBEElivable thing to watch one of God's great creations. The entire hive pulls together with every bee having a specific task, whether is tending to the young bees as they grow from egg to larva to pupa and then a bee; or going out into the world to collect pollen/nectar/or water, or the queen who "rules" over the hive and lays eggs all day long. All of these busy bees creating such a Buzz, truly amazing. They all work together using their specific talents to assure that the hive thrives. We also need to work together for the success of our church.



May you all have a blessed day.

Russ

Council President

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Sally, Loretta, Ken and Jan and everyone who helped with the office for the 15 months we were without an administrative assistant.



2024 Council Ministry Openings.

~~Four~~ **Three** Council Ministry Openings to fill
by the May Congregational meeting!

- Act now-positions going faster than Fat Tuesday hotcakes!
- Copies of the Council duties are in the narthex.
- Positions and duties may be shared by co-leaders.
- Contact Bret Hassel or current Council members with any questions or for more information.

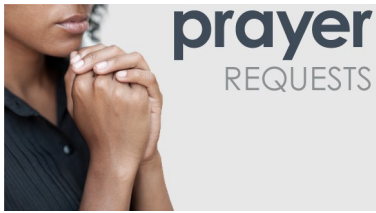
St. Paul's Council Ministry Opportunities			
Position	Current	Term Ends	2024 Nominee
Youth & Family	vacant	NA	open
Christian Education	Barb Ball	2024	open
Social Outreach	Susan Bell	2024	open
Communications	Joe Mackrell	2024	open

Thanks to
Amy Emad &
Jane Hershey!

Bret Hassel

Council Vice President





Contact: Judy Hewitt-Hassel

Judy@stpaulslutheran.info

Prayer Requests stay in the bulletin for six weeks



DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD

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Community of St. Dysmas

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

message from OUR PASTOR

February, 2024

Living by the Word of God

Trusting in God is a difficult task for many of us to do. Trusting often involves a period of wait time and expectation, and we face challenges and trials and even daunting tasks when we are called to trust. When we place our trust in God, we discover how "with God, all things are possible," (Matthew 19:26).



I finished all of my classes at seminary in December 2022, one semester earlier than anticipated. Hanna and I were both working on our Master's degrees at the same time, and she challenged me during one summer to take a few extra courses. When I completed these courses ahead of schedule, I was set to finish seminary early and take a call to ministry as early as December 2022.

As the months passed by and I wasn't called to a church right away, I felt anxious about the future. I had a new baby and a wife on maternity leave, and she and I had a vision for our future that involved her staying home to care for our daughter while I served as an ordained pastor. Instead of that perfect plan, I was working at Giant and worrying about the sustainability of our current situation for my family. How would I put food on the table? How would we pay for our mortgage? How would we afford health insurance on one small income? Would Hanna have to go back to work for an uncertain amount of time until I was called to a church? What would we do with Eden?

During this time of waiting, God continually called me to trust in Him. Deuteronomy 8:2-3 states, "2 And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." Hanna and I relied on God to provide us with the funding we needed to buy food and to pay our bills. Without us asking, our synod gave us a stipend to help us during our time of waiting on a call.

With each potential call, I found myself trusting in God more and more. I gave my life to Him when I went to seminary, and now I had to show Him that I trusted him with my life, my family, and my finances.

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message from

OUR PASTOR (continued)

And then I was called to St. Paul's. And I saw the fruition of my trust in God—the manna fell from heaven and I received more than I ever could have envisioned. Our church family embraced Hanna, Eden, and I. Your hearts of love pour out for each other and for us.

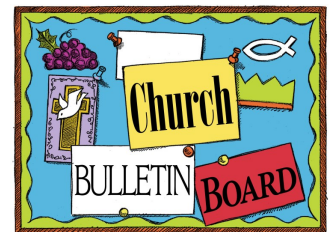
How is God calling you to trust Him in this season of your life? Maybe you feel like there are not enough hours in the day. Devote time to Him, even just a few minutes for a devotion and a prayer, and see how much time He gives back to you. Maybe you feel overwhelmed by constantly preparing meals for your family. Come to dinner church on Wednesdays, and let us feed you while you worship the King of Kings. Give Him your trust, and he will give you manna, too.

Pastor Jim

The Rev. James FitzGerald

Congregational Notices

March 2024



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.

Betty Kerwin

Organ News

Hi everyone,
You may have noticed something missing when you look at the organ lately. A large facade pipe has been removed and shipped to an organ repair company in Erie, PA for repair. Hopefully we will get it back sometime in late March. Even though this low bass note is missing. The rest of organ still plays!

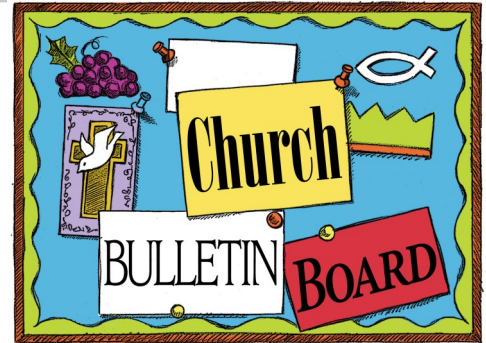
Betty Kerwin



Façade pipe under
repair

Façade pipe being readied
for shipment

Congregational Notices (continued)



March 2024

Rainforest Explorers Bible Camp!

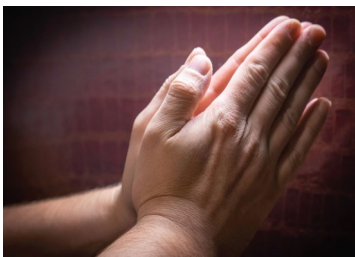
It is time to start planning for this summer's Bible Camp (aka VBS). The theme is Rainforest Explorers. We will have our first planning meeting March 10 during the Sunday school hour. We will meet from 10:50-11:50 downstairs in the craft room.

If you would like to help with Bible Camp but can't come to the meeting, please contact Barbara Ball at Barbara@stpaulslutheran.info

We will need LOTS of volunteers to make our program a success. (Music leader and helper, craft leader and helper, recreation leader and helper, snack leader and helper, storytelling leader and helper, shepherds to move the groups from one location to another, decoration designer and helpers)

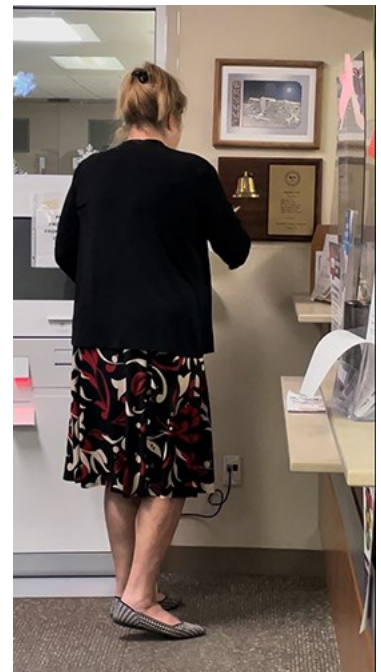
Watch for more details!

Barb Ball



Affirmation

Sara Berschet would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during her cancer treatment. She's especially grateful to all those who signed up to give her a ride to treatment, even if she was able to get there on her own. The love and support of the congregation is a huge blessing! Though she rang the bell signifying the end of treatment, please keep Sara in your prayers for a full recovery and cancer-free future.





Congregational Fellowship

March 2024

Message from Senior Fellowship

We hope you will mark your calendars for the next **Senior Fellowship** luncheon on **Tuesday, March 19th** beginning at **11:30am**. Anyone, 60 years of age (or close), is invited to attend. We will welcome speaker **Mark Stout, the Executive Director of the Howard County Historical Society**. If you do plan to attend, please RSVP by calling or emailing Joe and Cathy Dymek (410-531-1057 or jcdymek@verizon.net).

Our inclement weather policy: We follow the Howard County Public School System. If schools are closed, we will not have our luncheon.

Joe & Cathy Dymek

The Senior Fellowship is coordinating the production of a new church cookbook. Is there a dish or dessert that you prepare or a recipe that has been in your family for years? We would love to include it! Any recipe may be emailed to jcdymek@verizon.net or a physical copy may be placed in the basket in the Narthex or given to Cathy Dymek for inclusion. We look forward to your submissions.





message from Women's Group

March, 2024

We had a great turnout for our Galentines celebration in February, where we enjoyed sweet treats and played games - Valentines trivia and "This or That". We also spent time planning our Holiday Bazaar, upcoming on Saturday October

19th from 9:00-3:00. A flier, vendor information and application forms are on our website at <https://stpaulslutheran.info/ministries/bazaar>. There will be a St. Paul's table for items contributed by members of the congregation - please let us know if you are thinking of items to contribute, by speaking to Cathy Dymek, Donna Sealing or Judy Hewitt.

Our March meeting will be breakfast followed by polishing brass and wood in the Sanctuary and Chapel in preparation for Easter! This was previously done by the Altar Guild and friends, which looks a lot like the Women's Group! Many hands make light work, so please consider joining us on March 9th at 9 am to beautify our worship space!



Hanna, baby Eden and Sally in parish hall for Galentines



Party Favor with Hershey's kisses from Galentines 1 John 4:10

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

OCTOBER 19, 2024
9AM-3PM

VENDORS & FOOD

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
11795 ROUTE 216
FULTON, MD 20759



VISIT WWW.STPAULSLUTHERAN.INFO FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Holiday Bazaar Flier, Vendor
registration deadline May 15

Message from Brotherhood

March 2024

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD -Come Join Us For Breakfast

The Men's Brotherhood meets the second Saturday of every month in the Parish Hall. Our meetings run from 8 A.M. to about 9 A.M., and feature member-provided meals. We welcome all men, young and young at heart, to exchange fellowship, share a brief devotion, and to plan our service agenda.

Pancakes for Supper- we assisted the youth in serving the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We are now planning the annual Easter breakfast and how it will be presented on Easter Sunday. Look for announcements with details, but our tentative serving time for our traditional breakfast is 8:15 A.M. This will allow everyone to enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship between the sunrise service and the 9:30 service.

Also looking ahead, we will host a Spaghetti Dinner to be held Friday, April 26th. We hope to invite many of our local friends and neighbors, and hope you will plan to join us.

Our Men's Retreat at Mar-Lu Ridge in Jefferson, MD is looking to be an exciting first-time event. There is still space available to be with the group on the evening and morning of May 10 and 11. As the Brotherhood and Congregation have decided to support the capital campaign that Mar-Lu Ridge is sponsoring, the group wanted to explore the conference facility and the camp while doing something to expand our fellowship. If you'd like to join us, please sign up or speak to Pr. Jim or me.

If anyone would like to join us for breakfast at 8 A.M., just drop me a line or just show up- we always manage to serve everyone! I hope you can join us!



Erik Domaas, President

edomas@gmail.com

Recently, items belonging to Rev. Laurence P. Propst were donated by David Wolfel, the son of Florence Bassler Wolfel who passed on December 18, 2023. Some of these items are in the display case outside of the chapel. Please take a moment and look at the display case. A big thank you to David for donating the items.

Rev. Propst, who served St. Paul's congregation for 31 years beginning September 1, 1911 and ending on November 10, 1942, was Florence's grandfather.

Rev. Propst and his wife Florence had two daughters, Grace and Vivian, and a son Cecil. Daughter Vivian married Ernest Wessel and their daughter was Grace Elizabeth Wessel. Cecil was the second son of the congregation to enter the ministry and was ordained by his father and Rev. Edward Meuser on May 25, 1930. Daughter Grace married Frank Bassler and they had one daughter, Florence Bassler who married William Wolfel.

In the early years, Rev. Propst traveled by horse and buggy. He was also pastor at St. John's Pfeiffer's Corner and St. Luke's Redland (1919-1938) while at St. Paul's. He was minister when the church began and completed the building of current sanctuary in 1932.

A plaque honoring the service of Rev. Propst can be found in the sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Dymek

Archivist

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Propst Family traveling by buggy (Visit the History Wall outside the parish hall for more information.)

Image donated by Florence Wolfel

Message from Archives (continued)

Honoring the past while looking forward to the future



Rev. L. P. Propst 1911

See the History Wall outside parish hall



Rev. Laurence P. Propst late 1930s

See the History Wall outside parish hall



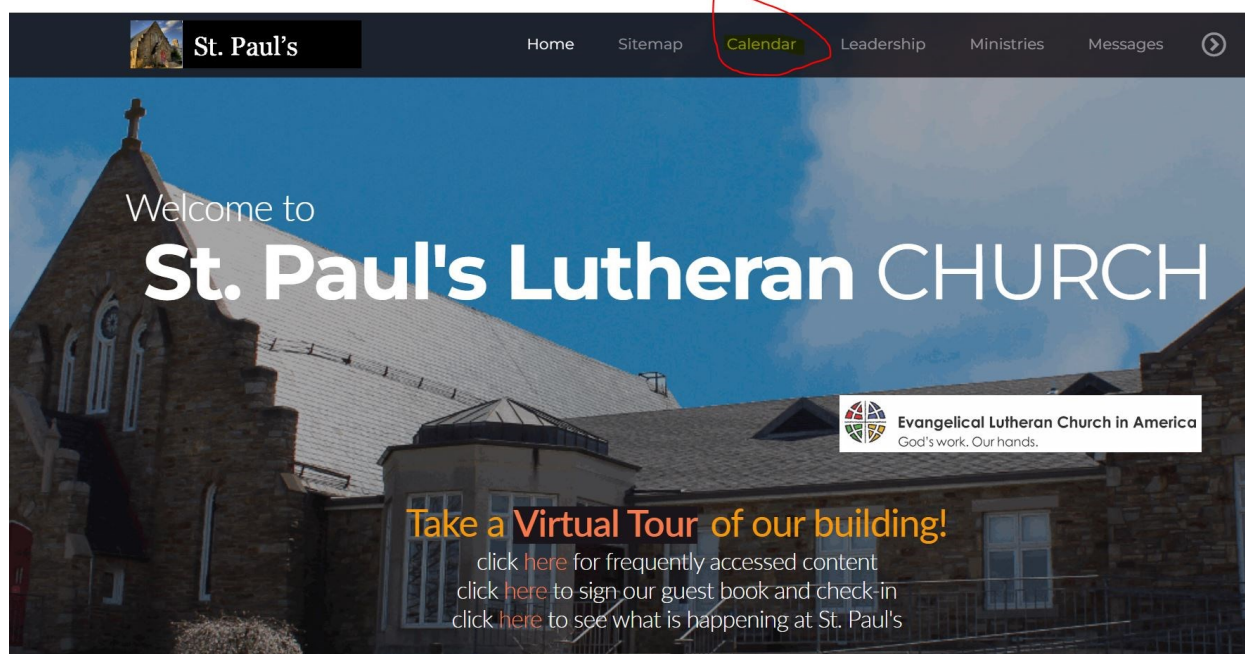
Panoramic of Fulton Summer 1956. Gives you an idea of what it may of looked like during the late 30s and early 40s of Pastor Propst time with St. Paul's

WEBSITE NEW FEATURE

Thanks to John Bell and his hard work with Elexio, a company that provides software to the church, St. Paul's website (stpaulslutheran.info) now has a public calendar to keep the congregation and future visitors and members informed in detail of all the "happenings" at St. Paul's. So pictured on the next page is a snap shot of our new public calendar. Browse on over and give it a look. Also, thanks to Kerry Griffin for his help in getting live on our website. We all hope you will find another useful tool for staying involved and informed.

The Calendar can be reached from the main menu a top the home page. There is also a link in the banner on the home page as well as links in the new frequently access content section and in the event section of the home page.

Home page menu—> Click on Calendar



Frequently Accessed Content

Home Page Content (the orange is clickable)

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Lead Pastor	+
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- **Calendar** - Detailed Information about everything happening at St. Paul's

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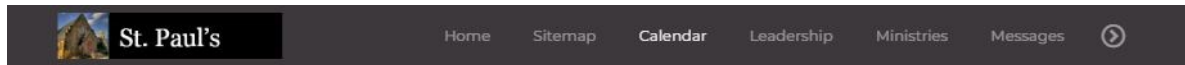
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A message from Communications



SPLC Public Calendar

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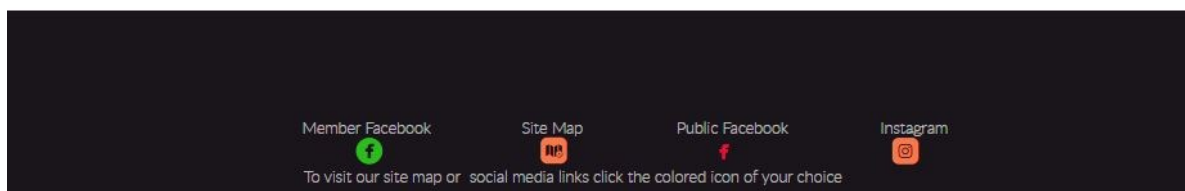
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Agenda

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Thank you for your support!

Joe MacKrell

Message from Social Outreach

How you can show Christ's love



A message from the Social Outreach Committee, February Grassroots Meal

Many St. Paul's volunteers supported the Saturday, February 17, 2024 Grassroots Day Resource Center (DRC) meal: Judy Hewitt, Hannah Fitzgerald, Russ Werner, and Maureen Arndt prepared the meal; and Erik Domaas, Maureen Arndt, Roz Norman, and Sally Murphy delivered and served the meal. The menu included tacos with toppings, cilantro lime rice, black beans, salad, fresh fruit, cookies, iced tea, soda, and lemonade. The meal was very well received and fed approximately 50 people at Grassroots DRC in Jessup, MD. Leftover food was taken to Grassroot Crisis Center in Columbia (enough side dishes to feed an additional 30 people).

In addition to preparing and serving lunch on February 17th, St. Paul's donated pancakes and sausage that was served for breakfast at Grassroots. Many thanks to the Men's Brotherhood for preparing and donating this food!

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

The next Grassroots Meal is Saturday, April 20th. If you are interested in helping, please contact me (sue@stpaulslutheran.info).

Thanks!

Sue Bell
Council Chair



Grassroots Center, Saturday, February 17, 2024 (Sally Murphy, Roz Norman, Maureen Arndt, and Erik Domaas)

Upcoming EVENTS

Council Meeting

March 5th 7pm

Men's Brotherhood

March 9th 8 am

Women's Group

March 9th 9 am

Social Outreach

April 16th Grassroots 8:30 am
meal prep with delivery to the
center and serving at 11:30 am
till 3:00 pm.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

March 19th 11:30 am

Events

Every Wednesday at 6pm dinner
7pm Bible Studies with Pastor
Jim (Feb. 21- March 27)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 24 9:30am
Mandy Thursday March 28 7pm
Good Friday March 29 12 & 7PM

Easter

6:30 am Sunrise Pavilion
8:30 am Breakfast Parish Hall
9:30 am Sanctuary

Social

MEDIA

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



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Articles for the April newsletter are due March 23, 2024

