



# Lutheran saintpauls CHURCH

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

## News

## And Notes

St. Paul's monthly newsletter



<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 RSV

## AUGUST HAPPENINGS

### Mark your Calendar!

**August 12th** Men's Brotherhood 8 am Fellowship Hall all invited featuring a guest speaker on supporting Mar-Lu-ridge camp at 8:45am.

**August 12th** Women's Group Meeting 9 am

**August 15th** Brotherhood Corn Roast 6 pm Fellowship Hall. Tickets \$12 advance, \$15 at the door.

**August 19th** Grassroots Project. Contact Sue Bell for details

**August 19th** Brotherhood Bowie Baysox Lutheran night at the ballpark \$13 per person, The Brotherhood will pay for children with an adult paid ticket.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**September 10th** Sunday School Rally Day

**October 7th** Brotherhood Yard Sale. More details to follow...

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**Greetings:**

By the time you are reading this we will have started in the month of August. Hopefully most of the very hot weather is behind us!

This past Sunday we heard the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and what a miracle it was to complete this task with only a few loaves of bread and some fish. All of us here at St. Paul's continue to look for our miracle and have not given up hope that it will arrive. Two years ago we suddenly found ourselves without a Pastor(s),

followed a year later with our organist and church secretary retiring or leaving.

We have had supply pastors, an Interim Pastor, and a Bridge Interim Pastor (shout out to Pastor Joe), but are still hoping and praying for the permanent Pastor. Our call committee has been working hard on this front and we are ever hopeful that they will bring us good news.

One service note, we decided at the recent Council meeting to continue with the single service, at 9:30 am, through Advent. Sunday School is currently planned to begin in early September at 8:30. Please feel free to share any comments or concerns you may have with this arrangement to your Council members.

Please continue to have a safe summer and plan to join us as often as you can!

*Russ*

**Council President**





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Prayer Requests stay in the bulletin for six weeks



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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](http://Stdysmasmd.org)

## message from OUR PASTOR

August 2023

### Reflection for August

As we were driving along interstate old Route 30 last week, we saw a sign, hand-painted on plywood, that declared "God is Good". It stuck at the edge of a corn field. This is something that the psalmists imply, which is often forgotten these days. So, it is good to ponder this theme on a summer's day. The awesome reality of God's goodness surrounds each one of these summer days.

We thank the farmer for putting this sign on the corn field and think of the people who travel on this road and see this sign. We are grateful to many people who work the farms each day and provide corn for people and the cattle to eat. We thank the small businesses who provide food and drink, fruits and vegetables along the various highways.

The reality of the psalms puts it right up front when the psalmists declare God's righteousness is in our midst and this sign focuses our attention on God's goodness.

Let us pray: *We see signs of your goodness O God each day and we cannot forget your grace. Open our heart to see your reality in creation. Help us to use our voice to sing of your faithfulness and to declare that You are alive in our midst. We thank You for your goodness and grace. In our Lord's name we pray. Amen*

P.S. Please remember Carol and I are on vacation from Aug.22 to Sept. 6 finally taking the ship around the British Isles.

### Pastor Joe

*The Rev. Joseph Lettrich*





## message from Brotherhood

August 2023

### MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Brotherhood meets the second Saturday of every month in the Parish Hall. In June we bid farewell to Ken Keefer, who has served faithfully as the group president for many years. He is and will be missed by this group and by the congregation. Our meetings are 8 A.M. to about 9 A.M., and feature member-provided meals. We welcome all men, dads and sons, too, to exchange fellowship, share a brief devotion, and to plan our service agenda.

Looking ahead, we invite the congregation to attend the Annual August Corn Roast on Tuesday, August 15th at 6 P.M. Advance \$12 Tickets are available after service and will be \$15 at the door. Please invite your friends and neighbors for fun and fellowship. On Saturday the 19th, St. Paul's will have a block of seats at the Bowie Baysox baseball game & fireworks show. Please sign up in advance and pay for this \$13 ticketed event so we can have your tickets available at the box office. The Brotherhood will pay for younger children to attend with their paid parents ticket. Looking ahead, we will have a Fall Yard Sale on October 7th. More news will follow.

Finally, the group had decided to support the fundraising effort by Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Retreat Center to renovate their facilities in Frederick County. On **August 12, at 8:45 AM** we invite ALL interested members of the congregation to join us in the Parish Hall for a presentation by a representative of Mar-Lu-Ridge about the needs and plans to maintain this valuable regional outreach asset. If anyone would like to join us for breakfast at 8 A.M., just drop me a line. I hope you can join us!

*Erik Domaas,*

President

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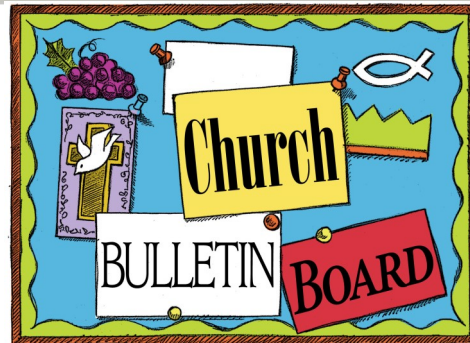
# Congregational Notices

## 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

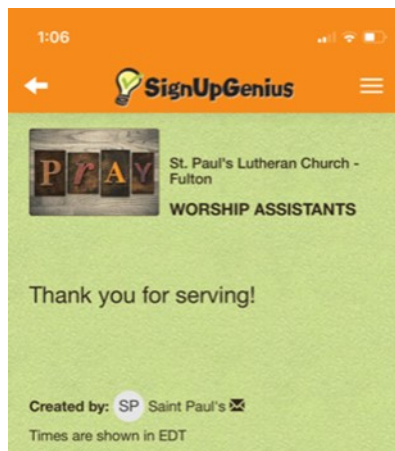
*Betty Kerwin*



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## 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.

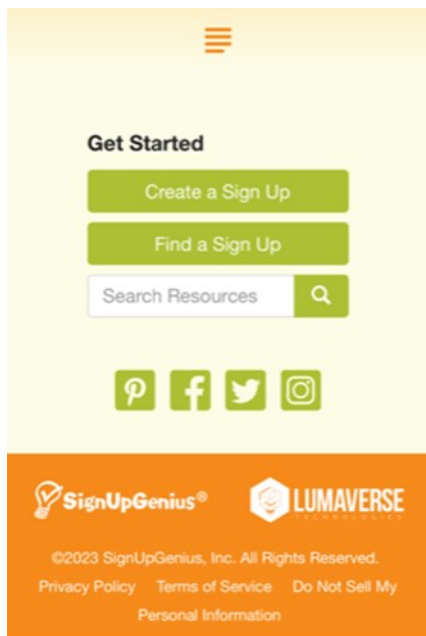
To sign up, simply scroll through the calendar and select the duty(ies) for particular service(s), (see figure 2 next page) and after selecting all, hit the "Submit & Sign Up" button (see figure 3 next page). If you have an account and are logged in, your name and email will automatically populate; if 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".

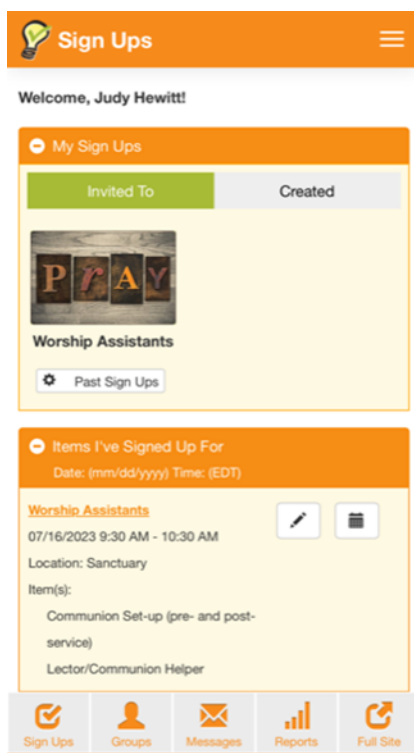
Thank you for serving as Worship Assistants!

# Congregational Notices (continued)

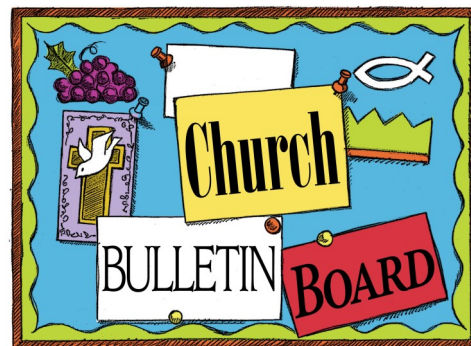
## SignUp Genius Screen Shots



**Figure 1:** Opening page of SignUp Genius 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*

## Sunday School Classes soon to Resume!!

Sunday school to resume Sept 10!

September 10th is Rally Day. All attendees of St Paul's are invited to attend Rally Day, help make hygiene bags with Social Outreach and sign up for a Sunday school class: the adult class, the high school class, the confirmation class, the pre-confirmation class/primary class, or the preschool class.

Sept 17th will be the start of regular classes.

**We are in need of several more Sunday school teachers.** Please prayerfully consider teaching or co-teaching a Sunday school class. The classes in need of teachers are the morning section of the Confirmation class and a the preschool class. Materials are provided.

*Barb Ball*

August 4, 2023

### August 2018 and 2019 at SPLC

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2018 Husking "B" in the Pavilion



2018 Preparing Watermelon



2018 Corn Roast In Full Swing



2018 Kitchen Traditional Dish Preparation



2018 Slicing Tomatoes in the Kitchen

For August to make your mouth water and give you a sneak preview of our August traditions I thought I would give a pictorial representation of the Corn Roast vintage 2018 and a peak at Bowie Baysox's vintage 2019. Hope you can participate in these events that are again to be held 2023 style.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry Griffin*

Archivist



2019 St. Paul's at Bowie Baysox's Baseball Game



## Congregational Fellowship

## message from Senior Fellowship

June 2023



We hope you will mark your calendars for the **Senior Fellowship** luncheon on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **11:30am**. Anyone, 60 years of age (or close), is invited to attend!

We will welcome Valerie Weitz from the Howard County Community Action Council to speak.

The mission of this organization is ***“to diminish poverty and enable self-sufficiency for all Howard County individuals, families, and children in need.”*** We are asking that you bring with you one of the following items for their food bank:

### Please Bring with you to the meeting item(s) from this list

Bags of rice	Bags of dry beans
Pasta & Sauce	Sauces & Condiments
Spices	Hot & Cold Cereal
Soups	100% Fruit Juice
Tuna	Diapers (Size 4 +)
Peanut Butter	Feminine hygiene

If you do plan to attend, please RSVP by calling or emailing Joe and Cathy Dymek (410-531-1057 or [jcdymek@verizon.net](mailto:jcdymek@verizon.net)).

### Senior Fellowship Bus Day Trip

Our bus trip to Assateague Island and Berlin is fast approaching! If you are going, you will be receiving more information soon. For any questions, please contact Cathy & Joe Dymek at [jcdymek@verizon.net](mailto:jcdymek@verizon.net) or 410-531-1057.

*Joe & Cathy Dymek*





**A message from the Social Outreach Committee,**

### **Toiletry Drive to Supports Helping Up Mission's Men's Hope Tote Campaign**

The first of our two summer toiletry drives has concluded and was a great success! More than 375 items will be donated to Helping Up Mission, including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powders, lotion, underwear, and undershirts. Helping Up Mission will provide these basic hygiene items to local community members in need. Providing these items is the first step in helping to transform the lives of these community members.

Many thanks to everyone in the congregation who generously donated items to this drive, to John Murphy for getting a Thrivent Grant to support his service project, and to Sally Murphy and Betty Kerwin for shopping for items with the grant funds. The collected items will be delivered to the charity in Baltimore City in the next few weeks. Your support is making a difference in our community!

The second of our toiletry drives in support of On the Move Homeless Outreach begins on August 1st and will continue through September 10th, when we will have a congregation-wide service project to assemble Hygiene Kits for this charity. The most needed items for the second toiletry drive include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, men's and women's deodorant and shaving cream, shampoo, and conditioner

***Thanks in advance for your Support***

***Sue Bell***



Assorted Toiletries



Toothpaste and personal items



Powders & Lotions

**Watch for information on August 19th Grassroots Day.**

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Men's Brotherhood

August 12th 8am All invited.

8:45am Guest Speaker on  
Mar-Lu-ridge

### Women's Group

August 12th, 9:00 am

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Resumes September 19th  
11:30am

September 27th Bus Trip

### Social Outreach

August 19th Grassroots Day

### Summer Events

August 15th Corn Roast 6pm

August 19th Bowie Bay Sox  
6:35pm

### Fall Events

October 7th Yard Sale

### 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 August 25, 2023