

saintpauls CHURCH

News



MAY HAPPENINGS

Mark your Calendar!

May 13th, Men's Brotherhood meets 8 am Fellowship

May 14th, Annual Congregational Meeting 11 am (Follows one service at 10 am, Sunday School will be a 9 am)

May 16th, Sr. Fellowship meets 11:30 am.

May 28th Pentecost Confirmation 8:30 am



May, 28th 8:30am & 11 am

May 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from St. Paul's Call Committee:

The Call Committee prayerfully and diligently worked for the past seven weeks, meeting weekly with a break for Holy Week, interviewing and discussing the ministers referred to us by the synod. Unfortunately, none of the candidates were a good fit for St. Paul's. Therefore, we have asked the synod to provide us another slate. Please continue to pray for St. Paul's, for rostered ministers, and that we find the right pastor who will walk with us and lead us.

† God's peace from your Call Committee †



Congregational Council

message from Our Council March 2023



Dear Friends:

It's hard to believe a year ago I was contemplating whether to continue serving on Church Council or even to serve in the capacity as the Council President. It was not an easy decision as I much prefer to work in the background so it was a big CHALLENGE for me to move to the forefront of our congregation. For that I hope I have served you well. My biggest goal was to keep this congregation together with a positive attitude. Kudos to everyone who has served on Council this year because it was a team effort.

This past year has certainly provided its share of CHALLENGES – with plenty more to come. The Church Secretary moved on to a new position and then our Musical Director

retired. This was followed by our Interim Pastor retiring. All great people we only wish the best for them. The one thing that has been consistent, and has certainly made me proud to be part of this congregation, is the people. We have a strong group of individuals who pitch in to help with whatever needs to take place. Whether it is altar guild, assisting in worship, playing an instrument(s), teaching Sunday School, making repairs to the property, helping the community (Grass Roots, Angel Tree, etc.), serving on one of several committees, or stepping in as temporary office staff. These are only a few things that we do. We welcome everyone to bring their time and talents to this congregation.

This was not without its wonderful celebrations. We finished up the summer with our outdoor services which have been a great success. The fall yard sale brought many a shopper into the church to get the best bargains available. On Christmas Eve we did a single service which was well attended (we just need to work on the pre-recorded music). And this past Easter Sunday was filled with great music, a delicious breakfast, and many parishioners in the sanctuary. All of these were certainly bright spots on the year.

In conclusion, please continue to worship with us and pray that our Call Committee is up to the CHALLENGE of selecting the best possible candidate to lead our congregation forward.

Russ Werner

Council President

2023 ELCA Synod Assembly-opportunity for congregational participation

This year's Synod Assembly will be held just a short drive away in Westminster MD on June 9-10 (Friday-Saturday). There are openings for 1-2 St. Paul's parishioners to attend along with Pastor Joe and Council representative John Korsland. Please contact Bret Hassel if you are interested in this engaging event that combines fellowship and worship with insights into synod activities.

Bret Hassel

Council Vice President



Contact: Judy Hewitt-Hassel

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)

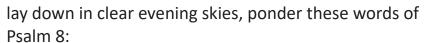
Consider donating to After Care Stdysmasmd.org

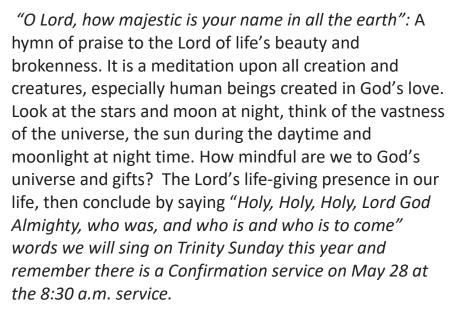
message from OUR PASTOR

May 2023

Suggested Devotions

Dear People of St. Paul, As you wake up to the bright sunlight and





Let us pray: O God, you created the human family out of your love by your will. Thank you for your majestic creation and your life giving presence in our midst. We adore your holy name in this troubled world. Help us to see your glory on this earth, filled with beauty and brokenness. We call on you to fill us with your peace in our times of need. There is none other besides You. We dare to shout "Holy, Holy are You! Lord God Almighty" and pray to You on this day and forever more. Alleluia, Amen.

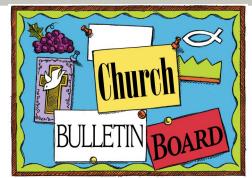
Pastor Joe

The 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.



February 2023

Betty Kerwin

CONFIRMATION CLASS IN PROGRESS AND PLANS IN WORKS FOR BIBLE CAMP

The confirmation class is in full swing as of March 2nd. The class will continue with evening sessions at 7pm the first and third Sunday of the month.

The class has their weekly Sunday school class from 9:45-10:45.

Anyone else interested in the confirmation class, please contact Barbara. Please watch this space for news of Bible Camp coming this Summer. Plans are in the works and being finalized.

Thanks,

Barb

SAINT PAUL'S NEEDS YOU

2023 St. Paul's Council Openings

The St. Paul's Council plays a critical role in church operations and in helping to guide its direction. Beyond these critical functions, service on the Council as a Ministry leader is a rewarding opportunity to help our church and enjoy the comradery of this group. The Worship and Music and Youth and Family positions will be open for new leadership this May and I encourage you to consider participating or nominating a fellow parishioner. Please contact Bret Hassel if you are interested or have questions.

With thanks for your support,

St.Paul's Council Nominating Committee

Congregational History

message from Archives

Greetings from the Archive,

As I write this it is the fourth Sunday of Easter. For May, I thought I would share an interesting donations to the Archive from March. Joyce Hebert the Great-granddaughter of Reverend Ernest C. Ide forwarded the following information on her Great-grandfather who served St. Paul's both as a liturgist and Pastor at our beginning in the 1870's.

Rev. Ernest H. Charles Ide was born January 30, 1837 in Rengerhausen, Germany and died November 30, 1917. During 1873-1916 he served the following churches: St. Martin's Annapolis, MD. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fulton, MD, St. Trinitatis, Jersey City, NJ, First Lutheran, Ellicott City, MD and St. Matthews, Hagerstown, MD.

Sylvinia Brinkman Ide



Second wife of Reverend Ide. Sylvinia Brinkman Ide

(His first wife died while he served during the Civil War with the Union Army.)

Reverend Ernest C. Ide



Post Civil War Photo was taken after Reverend Ide was discharged from the Union Army at Fort Point, CA. Feb. 8, 1866



Photo of the Ide Farm in Howard County before it was torn down and developed approximately ten years ago. It was located near the church just up the road on the opposite side. It was a "pick-your-own" strawberry farm owned by the Cole Family.

Back in the day It was purchased by Rev. Ide from another Pastor that served St. Paul's possibly Reverend Kraft.

Congregational History

Rev. Dr. George W. Ebeling



Reverend Doctor George William Ebeling (Mentor of Reverend Ide and dedicated St. Paul's "New" Church in 1871. He also preformed Reverend's Ide wedding.)



Bertha Caroline Timmerman (Wife of Reverend Doctor Edwin E. Ide and daughter of Henry and Margaret Timmerman)

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Griffin

message from Archives

May 2023

Rev. Ernest C. Ide



Reverend Ide attending a Pastoral meeting at Franklin Street United Brethren Church, Baltimore, MD December 8, 1901

Pastor Ide at this time had sold the farm and moved to Catonsville and was serving as a minister of First Lutheran, Ellicott City, Maryland

Rev. Dr. Edwin E. Ide



Reverend Doctor Edwin E. Ide (Son of Rev. Ernest Ide and Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church Baltimore, MD)

Reverend Ernest Ide was married to first wife Charlotte Catherine Main and their children were Clara Olivia Ide, Louis George William Ide and Edwin Ernest Ide (D.D.) He was married to second wife Sylvinia Brinkman and their children were Ella Rachel Sophie Ide, Alpheus Frederick Ide, Marcus August Ide, Charles Francis Ide, and Fredrick William Ide

Congregational Fellowship

message from Senior Fellowship

March 2023



Our next Senior Fellowship luncheon will be held in the pavilion on May 16th beginning with lunch at 11:30am. This will be our last gathering until we resume in September. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by contacting Joe and Cathy Dymek (Church Office: 301-725-0241.

A weather reminder: we follow the Howard County Public School System schedule -- if schools are closed, we will not have Senior Fellowship. If schools are two hours late, we will have our luncheon.

Notice Bus Trip in Planning Stages for September 27th

Senior Fellowship is in the planning stages of a bus trip to Assateague Island and the lovely town of Berlin on September 27, 2023. We will spend time on Assateague guided by former longtime member Nancy Gaither (president of Assateague Island Alliance) with free time on your own in Berlin. We are also hoping to include an Adventure tour which would take us off the northern end of the island and through the West Harbor of Ocean City. If you are interested in going on the trip, please contact Cathy and Joe Dymek as soon as possible. Cost will be determined by the number of travelers.

Joe & Cathy Dymek



Message from Social Outreach

How you can show Christ's love



A message from the Social Outreach Committee,

The Women's Group planned, prepared, and served a meal for Grassroots Day Resource Center (DRC) on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Nine volunteers supported the meal, Carole Manges, Sandy August, Maddox August, Judy Hewitt, Betty Kerwin, Janet Jew, Sally Murphy, Maureen Arndt, and Sue Bell. The menu included McRib sandwiches, chicken salad, rolls, coleslaw, baked beans, mixed berries, dyed Easter eggs, and brownies. The meal fed approximately 45 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 with this meal! Your efforts not only provided a delicious, warm meal but sent a message of kindness and hope to 65 of our community members in need.

Volunteers are needed for the June 17th and August 19th Grassroots meals. Help is needed for both preparing the meal at St. Paul's (8:30 - 11:30) and delivering and serving the meal at Grassroots DRC (11:20 - 3:00 pm). Please contact Sue Bell if you are interested in helping.

Thanks in advance for your Support

Sue Bell



Sally Murphy and Betty Kerwin doing meal preparation at St Paul's for the Grassroots DRC April 15, 2023



Easter Eggs at the DRC for the clients April 15, 2023.



Janet Jew, Maureen Arndt and Sally Murphy serving at the Grassroot DRC April 15, 2023



Maddox August and Sandy August doing meal preparation at SPLC for Grassroots DRC April 15, 2023







Sunday, May 14th

Upcoming EVENTS

Men's Brotherhood

May 13th, 8:00 am

Social Outreach

Watch for next service project in

June 17th & August 19th

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am)

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

May 16 th 11:30 am

Pentecost

May 28th 8:30am & 11am

Service of Confirmation at

8:30am

Church Contacts Staff, Council, and Ministries

CHURCH STAFF

Bridge Pastor, Joseph Lettrich

Cantor, Position Available

Administrative Assistant, Position Available,

301-725-0241; office@stpaulslutheran.info

Articles for the newsletter are due May 26, 2023



MEDIA

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FACEBOOK: facebook.com/ stpaulsfulton