

# Lutheran saintpauls CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## News And Notes

St. Paul's monthly newsletter

***Sundaes on Saturday!*** Meet our Pastoral Candidate and Family,  
Saturday, September 16th 3-5pm



### SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Mark your Calendar!

**September 9th** Men's Brotherhood 8 am Fellowship Hall

**September 9th** Women's Group Meeting 9 am

**September 10th** Sunday School Rally Day

**September 16th** Meet and Greet our Pastoral Candidate & family.  
3-5pm Ice Cream Social in the Pavilion. Weather permitting.

**September 17th** Special Congregational Meeting after worship

**September 19th** Senior Fellowship Parish Hall 11:30 am

**September 27th** Senior Fellowship Bus Trip to Assateague Island and  
Berlin, MD

***Get the scoop!***

### LOOKING AHEAD

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

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August 31, 2023



**Greetings:**

Last Sunday (August 27th), Pastor Connie Miller spoke about the rock on which Jesus was going to build his church. We here at St. Paul's are beginning our own rebuilding upon which we hope to grow our church. On Sunday, Christine will start as our full-time organist and music director. And our Call Committee presented a candidate to the Church Council at which time we all unanimously voted to present this candidate to the entire congregation on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

After a trying couple years we are finally on an upward trek!

We have also begun to bring elements back into our service which were eliminated because of Covid restrictions. So while we are slowly returning to the way we once worshipped, we will also be "changing" the way we worship with new life and spirit. These are exciting times!

I encourage all of you to come to Church Saturday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup> to meet the new Pastoral candidate, and then join us again on Sunday to hear him preach the Word. After the service we will then decide, as a congregation, whether to Call him as our new Pastor.

*Russ*

**Council President**



## 2024 Council Ministry Openings



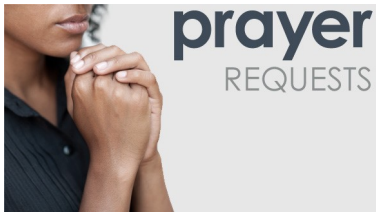
There will be ten Council positions opening in May of 2024 and we are currently accepting nominations to fill these vacancies. Self nominations are permitted and encouraged so act now before a fellow parishioner scoops up that ministry position you have always wanted to fill. Please contact Bret Hassel or any of the current Council members if you would like to discuss this important and rewarding 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>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
Social Outreach	Sue Bell	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

September 2023

Reflections for September 7, 2022

(These reflections were written by my friend and is a grandparent.)

There is a proverb that says: **"When a child is born a grandmother and grandfather is**

**also born"**. For most of us we have fond memories of our grandparents when we think of those special homemade baked goods, summer visits, holiday traditions and of course their unbounding love. For when we were at our grandparents' house, we could do no wrong and being spoiled became the rule of their house.

It is found that the love from a grandparent has many competitors. The family unit, including grandparents, has shifted and it is now separated because of our society's mobility and the need for parents to seek prosperity, at any cost, making close family ties difficult. The onslaught of social media has removed the personal contact with our grandparents and other family members; instead, we face time and text rather than taking time for the personal touch. These new social media phenomena no longer allow for the individual's physical and emotional feelings to be felt and exhibited. The close personal contact of "just give me a hug" and "I love you so much" approach to relationships is hard to find and therefore almost impossible for us to bond with family and friends. And "are we at grandma's house yet?" no longer seems to exist and has been substituted with "tell me about my grandparents, again" or why doesn't my grandparents read my text, have a Facebook page and meet me online"?

So as we remember our grandparents on this Sunday, Sept. 10th, we must look to Jesus who used the personal approach and in that special garden called all of us to become children of God. I think we follow God's teachings and Jesus' preaching and keep the promises we make with each other to love one another and forgive each other, as did our Lord Jesus. Even if we are not yet a grandparent, God will give us the love each day to complete our family circle. It is our turn to make our comings and goings a shining example of faith, humility, and overflowing love.

Let us pray: **Holy God, we give you thanks for this special Sunday when we remember our grandparents and all those who give grandparent like care. They shared with us and with our parents. We pray for all those who extend love, show mercy, and give hope and joy to us and others. In Jesus name we pray. Amen**

**Pastor Joe**

*The Rev. Joseph Lettrich*





## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

## message from Brotherhood

September 2023

The Men's Brotherhood meets the second Saturday of every month in the Parish Hall. In July and August we were busy preparing for and serving the Annual Corn Roast on August 15th. We also sponsored the St. Paul's Night at the Bowie Baysox baseball game. As a service event, we assisted in the preparation and serving a meal for Grassroots of Howard County. Our meetings are 8 A.M to about 9 A.M., and feature member-provided meals. We welcome all men, dads and sons, uncles and cousins, to exchange fellowship, share a brief devotion, and to plan our service agenda.

Looking ahead, we will have a Fall Yard Sale on October 7th. You can help by donating gently used household items. We could also use help working to make this a congregational event.

Brotherhood members will assist you in getting bulky items to the church. Our yard sales have been successful community events over the years, but we need many hands from across the congregation to help price items, organize the displays, help the week before and on the day of the sale and help to pack up leftover items. 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

edomaa@gmail.com



John Murphy & Ken Keefer serving at "The Corn Roast"

August 15th



Carol, Pastor Joe and Roger at "The Corn Roast"



Sampson's & Jim Grooms



The Hatter Family



Sue Bell & John's Mom



Steve & Donna



Roz & Duane



Mike Heyser & Jim Grooms



Sally & the grandchildren



Larry Line



Carol with Birthday message



Sue Bell's Dad

## Corn Roast Brotherhood

September 2023



Keith, Loretta & Angela



Christies



Randy & Maureen Arndt



Jennings Family



Stumpfs



Jim, Ken & Erik

# Congregational Notices

## Organ Crawl

Early in August, St. Paul's was contacted by Charles English, chair of the Hilbus Chapter of the Organ Historical Society, Mid-Atlantic region. He was interested in setting up what he called an "organ crawl." An organ crawl is a small group of people who are organists, pipe organ enthusiasts and maintainers who come to hear, see and play historical organs. Generally organ crawls are scheduled once a month to visit 2 or 3 organs in the region.

On August 26, 2023, 10-11 am. Ten people came to St Pauls to visit our 1985 Lewis & Hitchcock tracker pipe organ.

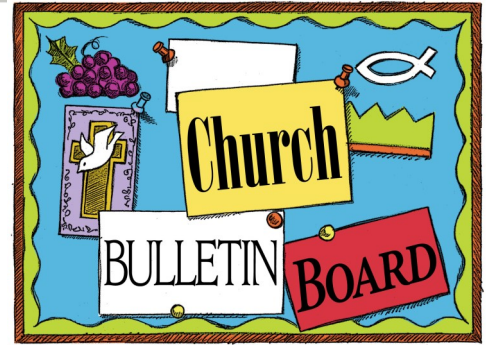
I was happy to host them. They enjoyed hearing and playing the organ. They also appreciated the wonderful architecture of the church's sanctuary. Afterwards they enjoyed coffee (thanks to John Murphy for coming early to set up the coffee pot) and munchkins in the parish hall.

They admired the history wall and wanted to also see the chapel.

It was a nice time of music and fellowship. I invited them back anytime.

*Betty Kerwin*

## Worship & Music Chair



September 2023



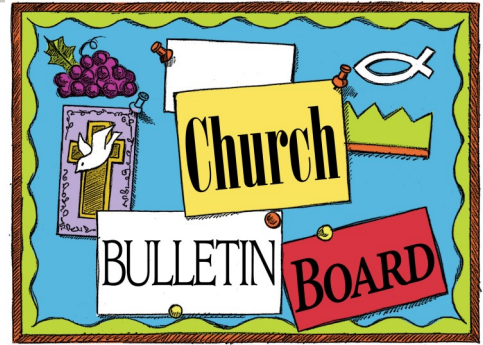
## Congregational Notices (continued)

### 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*



September 2023

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### Woman's Group

The Women's Group decided to meet on the second Saturday of the month going forward. Here's a list of meeting topics coming up. Not really a newsletter article, but something you can put in the newsletter. I'll send an announcement for the bulletin and email blast for the September meeting. We'll either meet in the Pavilion or the Chapel.

**September 9th:** set up for toiletry kit assembly on Rally Day aka God's Work, Our Hands on 9/10; continue planning perennial plantings for fall & spring (as appropriate)

**October 14th:** fall planting day

**November 11th:** crocheting & knitting refresher for charity projects, perhaps expanding from hats!

**December 9th:** pot-luck breakfast and decorate Christmas cookies for Grassroots meal on 12/16

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### 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.** (Middle School and Pre-school) 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.

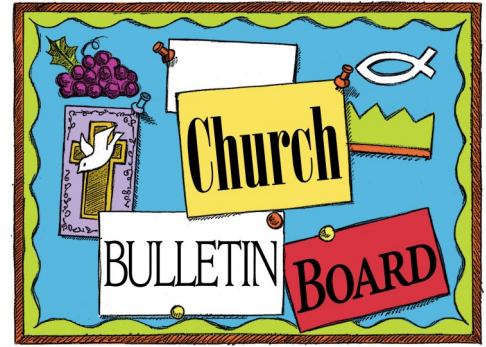
Please contact Barbara Ball if interested at [Barbara@stpaulslutheran.info](mailto:Barbara@stpaulslutheran.info).

*Barb Ball*

## Congregational Notices (continued)

August 27th The congregation said farewell to Dave Riethmiller as he is getting married and moving out of the community. Well done Dave!

Below are photos from the event that Betty Kerwin (Worship & Music Chair) was instrumental in putting together. Dave left his calling card and a music CD of which the Archive has a copy. Contact the Archive if you would like a copy and did not get one that day.



September 2023



President Russ Werner starts the reception



Betty Kerwin reads a list of Dave's many talents that he shared with the congregation.

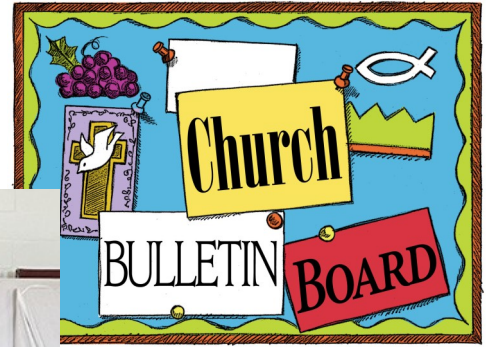


Dave Riethmiller accepts a framed thank you signed by the congregation.



Dave's framed thank you from the congregation revealed.

## Dave's Reception (continued)



September 2023

Dave cuts the cake for the reception with his fiancé. Good practice for the big wedding day to come.



A special gift to Dave from the Bell Choir.



Dave with the Choir—Left to right: Lisa Slater, Jane Hershey, Jonathan MacKrell, Betty Kerwin, Sandy August, Russ Werner, Lori Werner, Cathy Dymek and Mark Slater.

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## Notice Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting after the service on Sunday, September 17th. We need a quorum of fifty people present. We will be voting on calling the Pastoral Candidate to serve as our Pastor. If you can not attend to hear him preach or meet him and his family September 16th in the pavilion 3-5pm be sure to come to the meeting.



Since we are saying good bye to Dave Riethmiller as our organist and hello to our new organist Christine Grycenkov plus an Organ Crawl this August, I thought it fitting to share a little information from the Organ Crawl about our church organ.

### About the Organ ( Also known as “Gloria -gloria in Excelsis “)

*By Gerald I. Piercey Lewis & Hitchcock, Inc.*

The “new” organ in St. Paul’s Church was built by Lewis & Hitchcock, Inc. as their Opus 261, began in 1984 and was completed in 1985. It is a two-manual and Pedal instrument that utilizes mechanical action.

The case of oak and oak veneers stained to match the church furnishings, contains the console, Great and Swell divisions. The Pedal division is in the chamber behind the organ case.

On September 12, 1984 the cabinet work was in process with the Great & Swell chests in place.

The console feature manual keys of Bubinga and Ebony and pedal keys of Maple and Walnut. The stops are operated by levers in the Italian style.

The couplers are operated by treadles. There is a swell shoe that controls the shades as large as Venetian blinds and are used by the organist to regulate the volume of sound produced by that division. The shades are visible and front the Swell division which is located in the “Brust” position above the music desk.

The Great division is located above the Swell in the ‘Haupt’ position. It is fronted by the facade pipes which are from the 8’ Dolce stop. The largest pipes are in the two towers, one on each side of the case. The graceful curve of the case roof above the Great division follows the natural curve of the pipe.

The Swell Toe board with pipes racked was completed on June 19, 1984 and the cabinet was completed in November of 1984. January 1985 saw all the keys in place on the keyboard. February 1985 the organ was stained and the finished keyboard and music desk was put into place.

Note: Those pipes and parts of the former organ that were of sufficient worth and value were carried over into the new organ. Among them are: The Subbass pipes, the blower, the rectifier and the chimes.

Specifications are on the following page.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry Griffin*

## **Organ Specifications—Great Division**

**8' Dolce**—This is a full Stop. Dolce is from the Italian and means “sweet”. A useful light sound.

**8' Rohr flute**—This is a very versatile flute Stop. Pipes have chimneys or ‘rohrrs’ soldered to the top.

**4' Principal**— It is a full, solid sound upon which the chorus of the organ is built.

**2' Gemshorn** - German term, translates to “Goat Whistle”. Similar to the Pan-pipe played by shepherds.

**1 1/3' Mixture II**—The Mixture is an overtone series, a set of pipes that produce harmonics. Adds fullness.

**8' Trumpet**—The trumpet is a rank that produces sound from a brass reed beating against a shallot.

**Manual Coupler**— Operated by a treadle, causes the keys of the lower manual to operate with the upper.

**Chimes**—This set of tuned metal tubes cause the keys of the lower manual to also operate.

## **Swell Division**

**8' Gedeckl**—German term, means ‘covered’. This rank of pipes is a covered flute. Pipes are metal

**4' Spitzfulte**—Pointed or tapered set of pipes of a flute tone. Broad and full sounding

**2' Principal**—Principal Stop of the Swell division. An octave higher than the Great division.

**1 1/3' SpizQuini**—Another tapered rank. Two octaves and a fifth above unison. For color & brightness.

**2 2/3' Cornet II**—This is a cornet Stop of French origin. This is a very ‘reedy’ in sound and useful in combination

***Note there is the possibility of a 8' Krummhorn Stop in the future***

## **Pedal Division**

**16' Subbass**—This Stop is the basic stop for any pedal combination. The pipes are of wood, and have a flute tone.

**8' Subbass**—This Stop is from the 16' Subbass but speaks at an octave higher.

**Great to Pedal Coupler**—connects the mechanism of the lower manual to the Pedal.

**Swell to Pedal Coupler**—operated by a treadle, connects the upper manual to the Pedal.

***Note there is the possibility of a future addition of a 16' Stop and Schalmel.***

## Congregational Fellowship

message from  
**Senior Fellowship**  
September 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,**

***August Grassroots Meal***

A team of seven St. Paul's volunteers supported the Saturday, August 18, 2023 Grassroots Day Resource Center (DRC) meal: Mike Heyser and Steve Sealing donated food; Pastor Joe, John Murphy, Steve Sealing, and Erik Domass prepared the meal; and Sally Murphy, Janet Jew, and Erik Domaas delivered and served the meal. The menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, corn on the cob, tomato-cucumber salad, watermelon, cantaloupe, iced tea, and lemonade. The meal was very well received and fed approximately 70 people at Grassroots DRC in Jessup, MD. Leftover food was taken to Grassroot Crisis Center in Columbia (enough side dishes 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 90 of our community members in need.

*Sue Bell*

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

Our second summer toiletry drive will conclude on September 10th. Please continue to donate the following most-needed toiletry items and place them in the bin in the parish hall: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, men's and women's deodorant and shaving cream, shampoo, and conditioner. We will hold a congregation-wide service project on Sunday, September 10th after church to assemble hygiene kits for On the Move Homeless Outreach in honor of the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands Service Sunday. Please plan to help with this important service project that will provide essential items and send a message of kindness, compassion, and hope to our community members in need.

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

*Sue Bell*

**Watch for information on October Grassroots Day.**

## Parting Thought

Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.

– *Ecclesiastes 11:4*



## Upcoming EVENTS

### Men's Brotherhood

September 9th, 8:00am

### Women's Group

September 9th, 9:00 am

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Resumes September 19th

11:30am

September 27th Bus Trip

### Social Outreach

More information coming

October

## Fall Events

September 10th Rally Day

September 16th Social Pavilion

3-5 pm

September 17th Special

Congregational Meeting.

October 7th Yard Sale

## Social

### MEDIA

Look for us on social media!

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



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