



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Of Crofton and Gambrills*



*Newsletter  
July 2022*

**The Pastor's Focus**

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Dear St. Paul's faith family,

I trust you are enjoying the bright sunshine this Summer. Where I grew up, in Africa, the sun shines 365 days a year. If you need more sunlight than you get in Maryland, please stop by Africa as you travel ☺. During your summer travel, I pray that God, whose glory fills the whole world and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserves you and your loved ones. I also pray that the Holy Spirit surround you with his loving care, protect you from every danger, and bring you back safely home. Thank God that most of you are traveling after a couple of years of quarantine.

Moreover, I encourage you to meditate on God's mission from the second readings of the Lectionary this Summer. We will move from the sermon series to the lectionary and reflect on the apostle Paul's message for us. Since we are streaming the service, traveling is not an excuse not to worship with us ☺. Moreover, you are God's missionary wherever you travel or work. The Holy Spirit is at work to renew in you the commitment to use your gifts to serve others. God wants you to be loving neighbors to all people in your life. Jesus wants you to be his hands and mouths wherever you go to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation and share the Goodnews of Christ's love and mercy to those who suffer due to bondage of sin.

May the Lord of the harvest prosper the work of your hands and bless your body and soul!

Pastor Teklu

## **July 2022 Services at St. Paul's**

July 3      Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am      Liturgical Worship Service

10:30 am      Praise and Worship Service

6:30 pm      Evening Worship Service

July 10      Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am      Single Worship Service with Folk Scholarship presentation  
(No Evening Worship Service)

July 17      Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am      Liturgical Worship Service

10:30 am      Praise and Worship Service

6:30 pm      The Well at St. Paul's

July 24      Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am      Liturgical Worship Service

10:30 am      Praise and Worship Service

6:30 pm      Evening Worship Service

July 31      Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 am      Liturgical Worship Service

10:30 am      Praise and Worship Service

6:30 pm      Evening Worship Service

## **Sanctuary Flowers**

The sanctuary flowers sign-up board for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you would like to provide the flowers for a Sunday during 2022, please write your name on the board for the appropriate Sunday. Please sign up as early as possible, but no later than one week before your chosen Sunday. The cost is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and forward or hand it to Bernice Prescott. Please write "Sanctuary Flowers" on your check.

Providing flowers for the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor a special occasion or person, remember a loved one, or give glory and thanks to the Lord. You may remove the flowers after the second service or they will be appropriately donated. Flowers are not placed during Lent or Advent. If you have any questions, please contact Bernice at 410-570-5277 or [bernice.prescott@yahoo.com](mailto:bernice.prescott@yahoo.com).



## **Prayer Requests**

**If at all possible, please list the need for the prayer. If the request requires long-term prayers, please indicate so and let the office know when it should be removed. Prayer request cards can be found in the narthex and on-line. Please contact the office at [info@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:info@StPaulsCrofton.com) if you have any questions! *Long-Term Prayers:***



Bob (health issues); John Abel (health issues); Preston Arnold; John Bagley (health issues); Phyllis Ball (health issues); The Blake Family – Dave and John; JoAnn Breitbach (health issues); Peta Capello (health issues); Christopher Chaise; Nicole Copinger (health issues); Jack Courtney (health issues); Marianne Foreman (health issues); Jon Hakulin (health issues); Ruth Hakulin (health issues); Einar Jenstrom (health issues); Daniel Kenny (health issues); Nathan K. (health issues); Bob Larkin (health issues); Janet Mox (health issues); Sally Myer (health issues); Jackie Blondin-Oetken (health issues); Al Oetken's sister Mary Ann (health issues); Jim Q. (health issues); Kay Rudolph (health issues); Joe Scmidt (health issues); Dr. Jim & Kay Smith (health issues); Brian Spencer (health issues); Dick Sulken (health issues); Michael Zimmer Jr. & family (health issues); Linda Craig's sister Tracy (health issues).

***Please pray for our members and friends serving in the military and as first responders:*** Jameel Barrows, Melissa Barrows, Joe Felsentreger, Jake Godboldte, Dylan Harris, Rachel MacCumbee, Scott MacCumbee, Dan Mitchell, David Sturgeon, Brian Wolford, and their families.

## **Daily Devotions**

Daily devotions are available through Lutheran Hour Ministries devotions; [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org). You are encouraged to connect via the link or download the app to your phone.

## **July Recognition**

Just like Sunday School and Bible study, the Recognition segment of the newsletter is taking a summer break. Just like Sunday School and Bible study, it will resume in September. In the meantime, I thank you all for all that you do in support of St. Paul's faith family.

Enjoy a safe, healthy and happy summer!

† Zac

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM News

*Penny Courtney, pennycourtney@yahoo.com*

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY POTLUCK!!

We'll hold a family potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 10th immediately after the single worship service that begins at 10:00 that morning. We will celebrate the awarding of the MaryAnne and Jake Folk Scholarship as well as Pastor Teklu's 2nd Anniversary at St. Paul's. Do plan to come and share fun and fellowship with fellow congregants as well as visit with Folk family members who will be here to present the scholarship award.

The church will provide all beverages (bottled teas/water/juice boxes), plates, utensils. Penny is making 20 lbs of bbq chicken. You are invited to bring a dish to share. So that we can serve food in a safe manner here are some suggestions:

- salads
- meatballs/pigs-in-a-blanket
- hot pasta dishes
- deviled eggs
- individual cups or baggies of cut vegetables
- fried chicken pieces/strips/nuggets
- brownies/cookies/cakes
- cut-up fruit
- individual serving bags of chips (NO big bags of chips)

Crock pots can be accommodated in the kitchen during the worship service.

You are ENCOURAGED to deliver your food to the kitchen BEFORE 9:50 so that Fellowship Team members can attend the church service on time. Be kind to your friendly kitchen team!!

As a church family we have MUCH this year to celebrate - we can gather together again for worship and fellowship, we have a scholarship award winner, and we give thanks for the dedicated, kind, loving ministry of Pastor Teklu. Come - join in the fun and let us give thanks for our many blessings!!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

## QUILTERS News

We have such a happy group of ladies that quilt on Tuesday. Attendance last week was 15. Some come early and some come late and some stay the whole morning.

Our big event will be here before we turn around twice, so here are the dates for this year:

- Friday September 30 - 10am till 7pm
- Saturday October 1 - 9am till 6pm
- Sunday October 2 - 8am till 12 noon

I promise to have book markers next week with this information on them. It is my hope that you will help to promote this event as you have done in the past. This joint effort makes a successful event. We are already getting excited and I hope you are too.

*Dorothy*



## **The Well - Sunday, July 17 - 6:30 to 8 pm**



Come to the parking lot for a short devotional worship time, followed by an evening of fellowship! The Crofton-famous yard games will be out and ready for play - basketball, corn hole, ladder ball, giant Jenga, giant Connect Four; there will also be fun for the younger kids, too! Bring a chair and roast a marshmallow over the fire pit. We'll have all of the fixin's for s'mores! For the kids ages 3-11 our VBS program will be taking on a new form with VBS Express during The Well! Kids will learn about the miraculous works of our God during a lesson from God's Wonder Lab and do a science experiment, too! Any VBS attendees should pre-register if possible on the Children & Youth Ministry page of our website so we can plan materials accordingly. No need to RSVP for The Well otherwise. If it's bad weather, we will move the fun inside to the Fellowship Hall.

**Other dates for The Well this summer: August 14 and September 11 - 6:30 - 8 pm, rain or shine.**

If you are able to help set up or clean up for The Well, or if you have any questions, please let Erin Mitchell ([education@stpaulscrofton.com](mailto:education@stpaulscrofton.com)) know! Many hands make light work, and we'll need some help to make the fun happen.

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## **SPY – St. Paul’s Youth**

St. Paul’s Youth (SPY) will break from meeting on Sunday mornings for the summer months and will begin meeting again on Sundays in the fall. During the summer months join the Youth Group at “The Well” for fun and fellowship! Additional opportunities for youth fellowship will be communicated throughout the summer.

Youth sponsors Chad and Andrea Muntz actively coordinate this ministry with parents and volunteers. The long-term vision of the youth ministry is to expand as the youth begin to bring friends to future youth meetings, regular activities, and service opportunities. Chad and Andrea request your help, time, prayers, and are open to your suggestions as they move forward. Please reach out to them (Chad 301-379-0450; [camuntz@yahoo.com](mailto:camuntz@yahoo.com) and Andrea 301-455-9765 [Muntz04@gmail.com](mailto:Muntz04@gmail.com)).



*thank you*

“Dear St. Paul’s Congregation,

Thank you for your prayers and best wishes. This has been a long recovery and I’m still not finished with treatment. Have a wonderful summer. Miss seeing you at church but service online does help me.

Prayers,  
Jackie Blondin”

# St. Paul's Needs You!



## **Musicians**

The Contemporary Worship praise band, “Whatever”, needs vocalists and instrumentalists (drummers, guitarists, keyboard players) for the Praise and Worship Service. All levels of talent are welcome! Practice is only one hour per week. Please let Pastor know, [Pastor@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:Pastor@StPaulsCrofton.com), if you are interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

## **Contemporary Music Director Position Available**

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Crofton, MD, seeks a musically gifted, strong Christian leader with a passion for music to lead our Sunday morning contemporary worship service. This is part time, approximately 15 hours per week. Primary responsibility is to plan, lead and inspire the playing of music for Sunday morning contemporary worship service. The music director should be an accomplished musician, skilled instrumentalist / vocalist with experience leading a worship team; they will select music for and rehearse with the praise band, and provide music for special services, occasional community outreach, and fellowship activities.

Please contact: [president@stpaulscrofton.com](mailto:president@stpaulscrofton.com) for more information.

## **Ushers**

We need volunteers to serve as ushers for both the Liturgical Worship Service and the Praise and Worship Service. If interested, please contact Jane Felsentreger – 410-721-7519 or [mjfelsentreger@outlook.com](mailto:mjfelsentreger@outlook.com).

## **Sunday School**

Do you enjoy working with kids? Sunday School needs your help! We are looking for more adults to assist in teaching Sunday School for both preschool and elementary age groups. A commitment of every Sunday is NOT necessary, but rather we are hoping to rotate teachers on a schedule each week. Planning is done for you, you just lead the lesson and activity for the week. All adult volunteers must be members of the congregation, submit to a background check and complete volunteer training prior to working with children. Please contact Erin Mitchell at [education@stpaulscrofton.com](mailto:education@stpaulscrofton.com) if you are interested in helping!

## **Save Your Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

The aluminum pull tab project that supports Ronald McDonald House is still alive and active. Please continue to save them and bring or drop off at church. Judy Parker ([bob.judy@comcast.net](mailto:bob.judy@comcast.net)) and the Ronald McDonald House thank you!

## **REOPEN TEAM REPORT**

Many updates have been provided to the congregation. At this point, we believe that the pandemic is on the way to becoming endemic. We do not want to enforce mask mandates. Instead, we will be encouraging each congregation member and visitor to decide for themselves what their risk tolerance is, and whether they want to wear a mask. We have returned all other items in the church to a “new normal.” By this we mean things like potlucks will continue to be served with the thought of individual servings that can be picked up with utensils (i.e., no bowls of chips and dip). We will not be returning to the common cup for Communion for the foreseeable future.

We ask that each member assess their health and worship on-line at home if they are feeling ill, and let the church know if they test positive within a few days of attending services in person. The church would then notify any close contacts.

With this, I recommended to the Board of Directors that we disband the Ad-hoc Reopen team.

*Diane Segelhorst,  
Reopen Team, Chair*

## **TECH TEAM REPORT**

Many thanks to the members of the Tech team who help every single week to present the services in church and stream them online. We are always looking for a few more people. One of the two positions needed every Sunday is really very easy – just advancing the slides as the service progresses. Anyone who would be interested in helping should contact Diane Segelhorst.

The following items were reported at the June Congregation meeting and are repeated here for your information.

Projects completed in the time January-June 2022:

- Created new sign-up genius to manage tech team assignments – thanks to Jen Houck for setting this up and continuing to maintain it
- Repaired wireless microphone charging station
- Repaired one wireless microphone and purchased one replacement battery
- Installed organ microphones and wired them into the sound board
- Cleaned out and organized the sound booth, the tech closet behind the drum set, and the tech items stored in the music room
- Put together a mobile sound system to support The Well and other offsite services. Set up system for the first Well service. We were able to use existing equipment for this system except for one wired mic with on/off switch, which was purchased for approximately \$35.
- Mentored new Office Manager Leigh Ann Hinton as she learned to use the Proclaim software for producing the services
- Erin Mitchell taught both Diane Segelhorst and Leigh Ann Hinton to use the Canva software to produce graphics for the services, YouTube, and social media.
- Rick Wood trained Diane Segelhorst, Leigh Ann Hinton, and Zac Huffman on programming the outdoor electronic sign. Leigh Ann has been updating the sign regularly – Diane is the back-up.

Projects for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022:

- Complete wiring diagram for sound/video system
- Improve video system by replacing multiple combiners and splitters with central hub
- Provide combined camera and slide feed and audio to the nursery TV that mimics the stream but in real time
- Repair the Narthex speaker system
- Hire sound professional to help balance sound board and streaming audio feeds
- Investigate replacement of (ancient) streaming computer with computer purchased by previous tech lead – not sure it is appropriate

*Diane Segelhorst  
Tech Team, Chair*



## **Men's Coffee – Weekly, Every Wednesday**

Come join us at Wegman's every Wednesday morning at 9:00 for coffee and conversation. On the last Wednesday of the month we meet at Nautilus Diner for breakfast. All men are welcome! For more information contact Bill Corwin, 410-721-2165.



## **Ladies' Breakfast – Monthly, Fourth Thursday**

We will meet on Thursday, July 28th, at 8:30 a.m. at Rip's Restaurant in Bowie, MD. Come and bring a friend. We all need fellowship! Any questions or thoughts call Jane Felsentreger at 410-721-7519 or email [mjfelsentreger@outlook.com](mailto:mjfelsentreger@outlook.com).



## **Book Club**



**Monthly, Third Monday**

Our next Book Club meeting will meet on Monday evening, July 18th, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The book is Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris by Paul Gallico. Light reading for summer and beach. For more information, please contact Dana Brown or Sandi Corwin. Contact Dana Brown at [drieldc@gmail.com](mailto:drieldc@gmail.com) for Zoom access information.

## **Ladies' Lunch – Monthly, Second Tuesday**

The next Ladies' Lunch will be Tuesday noon, July 12th, at Mike's Crab House, 3030 Riva Rd., Riva. All ladies are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a friend. We will meet at the restaurant. Hope to see you there! Please contact Marj at 410-721-3426 or email her at [kane3426@verizon.net](mailto:kane3426@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.





## Lutheran World Relief School Kits

**Sunday School kids are on a mission and they need your help!**

Lutheran World Relief will be shipping school kits for children in third world nations. These school kits may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after war or natural disaster. In some countries, primary school is provided only if students can supply their own materials, otherwise they are denied entry. As a teacher, it breaks my heart to think that what costs us so little can keep a child from learning to read and getting a basic education.

For five or six dollars, we can provide necessary school kits and give children an education to lift them from poverty. Please consider buying the following items as you shop summer school supply sales. Place them in the "School Kits" baskets in the narthex or in the common area downstairs.

### We need:

**Spiral notebooks (70 count)**

**Blunt scissors**

**Rulers with 30 centimeters**

**Covered pencil sharpeners**

**Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**

**Crayola crayons (24 pack)**

**Large erasers (2 and a half inches long)**

**Blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink)**

**Kids around the world thank you!**

**God bless you!**

**Bonnie**

For more information contact Bonnie Weinhold at [Education@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:Education@StPaulsCrofton.com)