

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
*Newsletter*  
*July, 2021*

**The Pastor's Focus**

**Let your light shine**

Dear St. Paul's faith family,

I trust you are enjoying the summer season after a year of quarantine. I thank God that we can travel, fellowship, and be active in our community. I also thank God that we are worshipping the Lord gathering in person in the sanctuary. I even believe that the Lord has given us another opportunity to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). Jesus called us to shine our light like a city set on a hill by following Him faithfully (Matthew 5:16). Remember that we were living in the darkness of sin and the bondage of the devil. When we received God's mercy through faith in Jesus Christ, the light of the world, Jesus shone his light over the darkness in our life.

Moreover, he sends us into the world to be his faithful disciples shining his light in our life.

However, we usually put our light under a basket, not on a stand to give light to our neighbors (Matthew 5:15).

To respond to Jesus' call, we were discussing last month "Living by Faith". In the coming weeks, we will hear a sermon series on the "Faithful Disciple". We will read the scriptures and meditate on: Walking Boldly, Bearing the Cross, Serving the Needy, and Serving with Divine Power. The Holy Spirit will equip us on how we can shine Jesus' light in the world. I pray that the Holy Spirit uses the sermon series to refresh our soul and to empower us to follow Jesus daily. Come and reflect on the scriptures with your family and let your light shine in the world.

In God's love,

***Pastor Teklu***

# Faithful Disciple

## Sermon Series

7/4- Walking Boldly

7/11- Bearing the Cross

7/18- Serving the Needy

7/25- Serving with  
Divine Power

### July Recognition

The next time you arrive at St. Paul's, take a moment to observe the flower beds as you enter. It's been almost a year since they were cleaned and mulched, a big task for sure. Yesterday afternoon (June 27<sup>th</sup>) a crew of volunteers tackled that job again and the results look fantastic! John and Diane Segelhorst brought their easy load trailer filled with 4 cubic yards of mulch. Patrice and Del Jenstrom and yours truly joined in for a fun afternoon of yard work and fellowship. Ultimately 7 cubic yards of mulch was needed to complete the job and at times, in spite of the heat, the heavens above sent a refreshing breeze to help keep us cool!

Many thanks to yesterday's volunteers and all those who give their time and talents to further the mission and ministry at St. Paul's.

Blessings to all,  
Zac



### **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. Please contact Cindy in the office at [info@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:info@StPaulsCrofton.com) if you have any questions!**

### ***Long-Term Prayers:***

John Abel (health issues); Preston Arnold; John and Monica Bagley (health issues); Phyllis Ball (health issues); JoAnn Breitbach (health issues); Peta Capello (health issues); Marianne Foreman (health issues); Marilyn Harris (health issues); Jay (health issues); Janet Mox (health issues); Phil Myer (health issues); Sally Myer (health issues); Kay Rudolph (health issues); Brian Spencer (health issues); Dick Sulken (health issues); Michael Zimmer Jr. and family (health issues).

***Please pray for our members and friends serving in the military:*** Jake Godboldte, Dylan Harris, Rachel MacCumbee, Scott MacCumbee, Dan Mitchell, Brian Wolford, and their families.

### **Lutheran Hour Ministries**

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.



### **Monday, July 19th, 7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting**

The book being discussed this month is The Lost and Found Bookshop by Susan Wiggs. Please contact Dana Brown or Sandi Corwin for ZOOM log in and book information.



### **Summer Time (July and August) Music in the Parking Lot Schedule**

Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

Band musicians (brass, woodwind, & percussion) of ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to participate.

This event offers band musicians an opportunity to share your love of music with fellow musicians from the church and our community. This summer we will explore music from American patriotic music to fun movie favorites, to classical/hymnal music and modern genre music.

Please contact our organist, Charlton Henry, so he can email you the music prior to attending each event. Phone: 443 -995-2646, Email: [cthenry006@gmail.com](mailto:cthenry006@gmail.com)

See you soon,

Charlton T. Henry

Music in the Parking Lot @ St. Paul's Lutheran



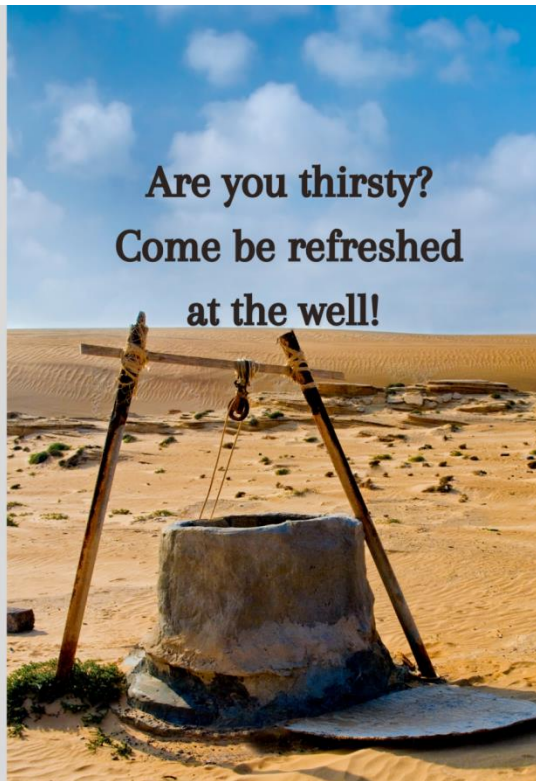
The next Ladies' Lunch will be Tuesday noon, July 13th, at Miss Shirley's Cafe, 1 Park Place, Annapolis. All ladies are invited to attend and are encouraged to invite a friend. We will carpool from the church at 11:15 a.m. Please let Marj know if you plan to attend and/or carpool. You may email her at [kane3426@verizon.net](mailto:kane3426@verizon.net) or call her at 410-721-3426. At the moment, due to COVID restrictions, the restaurant is only accepting credit cards with a chip as their form of payment. This could change, but it is something to keep in mind. Hope you can join us for lunch on the 13th!



# OASIS AT ST. PAUL'S

Join us for an evening  
of games, music,  
meditation, and prayer!

Saturday, 7/10 and 7/24  
@ 4:00pm



St. Paul's is excited to announce the beginning of a new outreach/fellowship event called **“Oasis at St. Paul’s” on Saturday evenings**, in addition to the Traditional (8:15 a.m.) and Contemporary Worship (10:30 a.m.) Services held each Sunday. “Oasis at St. Paul’s” is planned as an outdoor outreach to the community and a fellowship time for St. Paul’s congregation.

We offer a mix of opportunities for families to come together informally in a safe place for devotion, games for all ages, movies, meditation, music, and prayer. Different activities will occur each week.

An Oasis is a place where you can find refreshment in the desert; it is the location of the well water necessary for the survival of a tribe or village. In the Bible, the well is where the community gathered, where Jesus taught, a place where people could obtain refreshment and a respite from their day-to-day lives. We hope that St. Paul's will be that well to the surrounding community, a place where people can gather in fellowship, fun, and the spirit of Christianity, and leave refreshed.

Please invite your families, friends, strangers, and neighbors to come to this event. Please help support this mission in service, fellowship, and prayer! If you are interested in helping to assist in this mission, please contact Pastor Teklu at [Pastor@stpaulscrofton.com](mailto:Pastor@stpaulscrofton.com), Michelle at [music@stpaulscrofton.com](mailto:music@stpaulscrofton.com), or Charleton at [cthenry006@gmail.com](mailto:cthenry006@gmail.com).

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony MacCumbee and to Gretchen VonSeggern, 2021 graduates of Arundel High School and South River High School, respectively. Anthony is going to Oregon University where he will study Marine Biology; Gretchen will soon start her studies at Anne Arundel Community College.

At worship service on June 13th each graduate was gifted a hand-made quilt, blessed by Pastor Teklu, on behalf of the congregation so that wherever Anthony and Gretchen go in their futures, they will remember they are covered with love and care by their St. Paul's family. The quilts were graciously provided by the Quilters and we thank them for their contribution.

Our very best wishes for their future endeavors to Anthony and to Gretchen!!

### **\*\*\*ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION\*\*\***

**St. Paul's will hold a congregation-wide potluck lunch on Sunday, July 11th beginning at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Pastor Teklu Ketema's first year of ministry at St. Paul's!** We will give thanks for his ministry and his delightful family among us! And we will give thanks for the ability to gather again in in-person, indoor fellowship!

We anticipate guests from Pastor Teklu's extended family and professional colleagues. Please join in welcoming them all with St. Paul's' traditional warm hospitality!

We have a few accommodations to make because of COVID safety protocols. \*\* First, you will be invited, table by table, to the food line where food will be served to you. EVERYONE will wear a mask in the food line and servers will additionally be gloved. Next, the Fellowship Team is soliciting food contributions from the list below - everything must be able to be served (NO chips & dip, veggie tray & dip, big bags of chips, etc). And St. Paul's will provide cold beverages - the coffee bar is still closed for use.

*Volunteers are needed to augment the Fellowship Team for food service.*  
If you can help out that day, please contact Penny Courtney (410-969-9156).

For proper COVID safety procedures, **ALL FOOD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH KITCHEN BY 11:15** on July 11th. **Food CANNOT be prepared in the kitchen**, however we can store, refrigerate, plug in crockpots in the kitchen. Only authorized volunteers are allowed to work in the kitchen and food service line.

*Food contributions CAN BE:*

- fried or roasted chicken, in pieces
- egg casseroles / quiches
- pasta-type dishes and/or casseroles
- meatballs in sauce
- sliced ham
- pre-made, small sandwiches (chicken or ham or tuna or egg salads; lunch meats & cheeses)
- salads! potato / macaroni / bean / vegetable / garden / fruit -- any sort
- baked beans
- deviled eggs
- individual, small bags of chips (@ 1oz. size)
- cookies / brownies / blondies / bar cookies
- cakes or pies (please pre-slice)
  - *NOTE:* please identify the kind of meat in casseroles, etc. We do have folks with various food allergies/preferences.

Foods we CANNOT serve:

- cheese & cracker trays / veggie trays / chips & dips
- meat/cheese trays for make-your-own sandwiches


If you forget and bring this sort of dish, you will be invited to share it at your table.

**If you can offer to help or have a suggestion or health concern, please contact Penny.**

**\*\* with MANY THANKS to the Re-Open Team for careful consideration of food safety procedures \*\***

**Calling all teachers!!!**

**\*\*\* SCHOOL SUPPLIES \*\*\***

It's THAT time - time to gather up school supplies for return to in-person school soon! This year we are taking a different approach - we will provide gift cards to the teachers who worship at St. Paul's to help them defray the costs of school supplies they provide for their students. 

There's a box provided in the narthex for your contributions of gift cards of any denomination for: Target, Wal-Mart, Staples/Office Depot. If you'd rather contribute a check, kindly make it payable to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* and notate it: school supplies and put that in the box. Cash donations are also fine and we'll turn those into gift cards for distribution.

Our collection of cards, checks, cash will continue through mid-August. After that

we will distribute the collection to the school teachers who worship at St. Paul's as well as for the kids of our partner church LifeBridge.

AND - if you are a teacher - PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF to Penny Courtney so that you can get on the list for school supply gift cards for your classroom use!

Thank you - in advance - for your generosity as we support school teachers and their students!



**Ladies Breakfast Group** will meet on Thursday, July 22, at 8:30 a.m. at Rip's Restaurant in Bowie, MD. Come join the fellowship and bring a friend.

Any questions or thoughts call Jane Felsentreger at (410-721-7519) or e-mail [mjfelsentreger@outlook.com](mailto:mjfelsentreger@outlook.com).

### **St. Paul's Needs Your Help!**

Looking for some extra money this summer? St. Paul's needs someone to take care of the church grounds when Patrice is unavailable a few weeks this summer.

You must be at least 13 years old and, if between 13-17 years, adult supervision will be required.

The job includes mowing and trimming all the grass areas, edging and blowing the parking lots, etc. Church equipment and training will be provided. This job generally takes 2 to 4 hours each week.

Please email Patrice Jenstrom at [nr3x4b@verizon.net](mailto:nr3x4b@verizon.net) AND Zac Huffman at [President@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:President@StPaulsCrofton.com) if interested.





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### Announcing “Treehouse” Club

On June 6, Treehouse Club for kids started in lieu of Sunday School. After a very difficult year, the kids are all ready for a break! This is a great opportunity for the kids to make a craft, play games, watch a video, or learn a new song. We will continue to meet at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Come join the fun and relax!!! Contact Bonnie (410) 721-1604 or Cyndie (410) 305-4112 for more info. Bring a friend!



**If would like to dedicate flowers for the altar, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Flowers are \$10/vase and will be provided by the Altar Guild. Checks can be made out to St. Paul’s with “flowers” on the note line.**

## **Adult Bible Class -- "Come as You Are"....**

I've heard it said the Bible is God's love letter to His children. He draws us into relationship through the pages of the Word, giving us comfort in times of pain and loss, encouragement and strength in the storms of life, peace when needed most, along with direction, wisdom and guidance for how best to live the life Jesus died to give us. His Word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path as we read and study together with Pastor's guidance, sharing our thoughts, varied perspectives and backgrounds along with our questions, experiences in this life, knowing we all fall short of the glory of God. We read His Truth standing firm together as we grow in His Word through the ups and downs of life, learning from each other, as iron sharpens iron. We thank God for His goodness and mercy in giving us this beautiful book, a Best Seller. God is the Good, Good Father and we thank Him for loving us and giving us His Word so we could know Him better. We have the opportunity every Sunday morning to share the amazing experience of studying together. The person who is new to Bible study and the person who has searched the Scripture for a lifetime will each learn something new. Come as You Are, and join us as we journey together.

### ***From a Fellow Class Member***



### **The Church Library is OPEN!**

The Education Committee is pleased to announce that the renewed church library is ready to open. It is located on the credenza in the lower level hallway. Please take a look. There are some very interesting books available. Books are grouped by categories and color coded. A master list is in the blue binder on the shelf.

All books are shelved and labelled pretty much according to subject.

One person at a time browsing. Please use hand sanitizer before handling books.

If you would like to borrow a book, please sign out on the card in the back of the book and leave it in the box provided. There is no real due date, but please return books when you are finished with them.

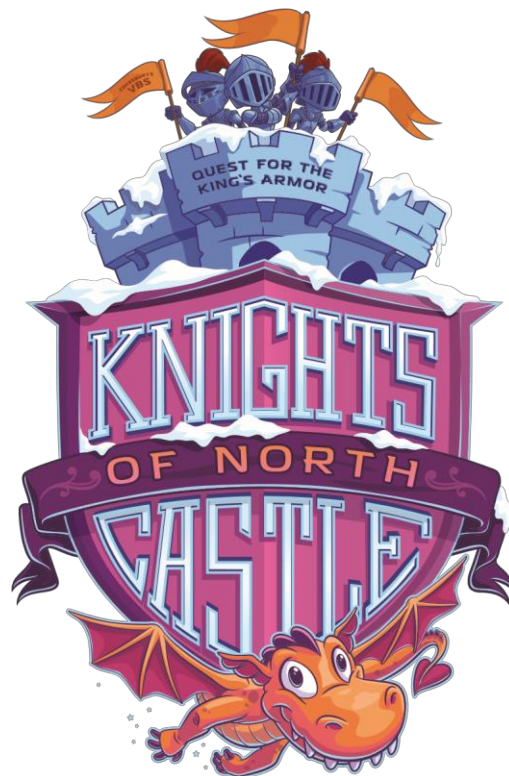
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There will be a bin marked "Returns". Please return any books to that container. Books will be wiped down prior to being returned to the shelf.

If you have any books that you would like to donate, please contact either Judy Tribby or Sandi Corwin.

**Want to Volunteer?** There are some small and one-time opportunities just for you! Check out the Member page for a list of them!

If you want to add some church volunteer opportunities to the list, just email Patrice at [Web@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:Web@StPaulsCrofton.com) or text (or call) 443-254-6765.



**Vacation Bible School has been postponed until next summer!**

## News from the Quilters



It is so good to be in the church fellowship hall where everything can be done in one place. Last year was challenging but our girls were determined to continue our mission. Many of them would come to my home, pick up the prepared sewing work and return it to the person who was doing the finishing touch. We never ran out of things to sew.

I'm the first to admit that our group is of age and we feel the weight of these quilts when we finished them so we asked Orlando Angeli to deliver for us and he did so graciously. Since returning, we have given 50 beds and approximately 70 lap blankets to three facilities. If you know of a nursing home or any organization that could use some of our quilts, please give us the information.

We all are looking forward to our Annual Quilt Sale this year. We will go back to Friday, Oct. 1 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9:00 am to 6 pm and Sunday, Oct. 3 from 8 am to noon. At that time the raffles will be drawn. We have two this year. Two for the price of one. That's good!

We have another vintage quilt completely hand sewn and quilted by one of our Quilters that is 87 x 104. The other is a wall hanger 40 x 40 and is donated by a previous quilt member. It is a collection of gingerbread houses (machine embroidered) in beautiful colors. It's truly an eye catcher.

We appreciate the donated sheets from the congregation through the year. We used every one of them and can always use more. Thanks also for the pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They do add up and are most helpful.

***Dorothy***

## **Virtual Communion**

We have made a virtual communion video available for all members, especially for those members who livestream services from home. To access the video, follow the steps listed below... Please contact Patrice Jenstrom at [web@stpaulscrofton.com](mailto:web@stpaulscrofton.com) or call at 443-254-6765 if you do not have the password.

Here are the steps to access the communion video:.

1. Go to [www.stpaulscrofton.com](http://www.stpaulscrofton.com)
2. Log in to Members tab (get the password from Patrice if you do not have it).
3. Click on “Virtual Communion Video”.

The communion video lasts for 14 minutes. You will need to have available the following:

1. Wine or grape juice in a small glass or cup for each person
2. A small piece of bread
3. A willing spirit and faithful heart

The Order of Service is from the LCMS Pastoral Care Companion.

**Did you know you can now fill out a CONNECT card online to:  
record attendance,  
obtain information about what St. Paul’s offers that you may be interested in,  
ask questions, or  
request a chat with Pastor?**

**Did you know you can now fill out a Prayer Request card online?**

To fill out either card, go to the CONNECT tab on our website, click the buttons on the online worship page, or use the link in the description box below the YouTube video for both the CONNECT and Prayer Requests. All information is sent directly to Pastor’s email.

Please help us by using these new resources and telling friends, family, and guests to fill out a CONNECT card!

Although we have returned to in-person worship, we will maintain the online links as well as provide paper cards.





If you or someone you know is interested in technology, interested in a place to use and/or improve their tech skills, and would like to participate as a tech team member, please let us know.

Email- Charlie Frater at [Tech@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:Tech@StPaulsCrofton.com). We are in search of more helpers to grow this Ministry team. All are welcome! We will provide training!

As part of the team, we will all share in God's mission work for St. Paul's, but we need your help!

### **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 when you can.

Judy Parker and the Ronald McDonald House thank you!

***Are you aware that St. Paul's offers three ways for online giving?***

Setting up your profile and payment methods is simple, follow these easy steps.

1. On our website, click the donate button- The menu button on the right on the top menu or the "donate now" button at the bottom of the Home Page will take you to the Church Planning Center Giving page. Set up your payment methods one time, and set up your recurring donations here.
2. Download and give via the church center app for mobile- Set up your profile and link to St. Paul's of Gambrills and Crofton. Enter your payment method(s) one time, then you can donate at any time easily and quickly. You can also set up recurring donations and pay the fee.
3. Text to give- text \$ amount to 84321- You still need to set up your payment methods.

***Are you aware that St. Paul's is charged fees for online giving?***

**Please cover the fee!**

If you want the church to receive your full donation, you may want to pay the fee. Once you input the amount of your donation and payment method, the processing fee will be calculated and you can click on the box to add it. This would save our church money in fees, and the amount covered by the donor is usually small relative to the size of their donation.

Example: If the donor wants to contribute \$100.00 through their checking account, you can cover the (ACH) fee of 25 cents. The year-end tax statement will show that you gave \$100.25 to the church. The church pays the 25 cents for the processing fee, receiving \$100.00.

Credit card fees are slightly higher as it is based on a percentage of the amount donated plus a 30 cent fee.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Charlotte Angeli at [treasurer@StPaulsCrofton.com](mailto:treasurer@StPaulsCrofton.com).