



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

of Crofton and Gambrills



Newsletter

August 2022

The Pastor's Focus

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Dear St. Paul's Faith Family,



Pastor Teklu and Tsion have asked that we provide this additional information to you concerning the Pastor's hospitalization and treatment.

On Sunday, July 21st you were advised that Pastor Teklu was hospitalized and awaiting surgery for a fractured hip. Surgery was performed on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 23rd, and physical therapy was started on that Wednesday. They are seeing progress each day. It is anticipated that Pastor Teklu may be discharged from the hospital to his home as early as Monday, August 1st to continue his recuperation and therapy.

The x-rays that were taken to diagnose the fracture and plan the surgery also identified a tumor on Pastor's right kidney. The doctors think that the tumor actually caused the hip fracture. During the surgery a biopsy of the tumor was performed. While the test results and diagnosis are not yet complete, the doctors think that the tumor is a renal cell carcinoma. Once they have all the results, a full treatment plan will be established. At this time, they have scheduled a series of ten radiation treatments, to begin Wednesday, August 3rd.

Pastor and Tsion asked that we tell you how very much they appreciate the prayers on their behalf and all the support they are receiving from the St. Paul's family; they feel overwhelmed and loved.

We have asked Tsion to tell the church of any assistance they need now and going forward. As these instances are identified, the church family will be invited to help. In the meantime, your continued prayers for Pastor's healing and the family's strength are requested.

Anyone wishing to send cards or letters of encouragement may do so by sending them to the following address:

Pastor Teklu Ketema and family
1670 Patrice Circle
Crofton, MD 21114

Blessings and Thank You

August 2022 Services at St. Paul's

August 7 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
10:30 am Praise and Worship Service

August 14 Tenth 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

August 21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
10:30 am Praise and Worship Service

August 28 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
10:30 am Praise and Worship Service

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 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); Marge Ware (Bill Corwin's Aunt – health issues); Dawn Watson and her husband (health issues); Michael Zimmer Jr. & family (health issues); Linda Craig's sister Tracy (health issues); Pastor Teklu (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. You are encouraged to connect via the link or download the app to your phone.

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.



THREE HYMNALS – WHICH ONE DO I OPEN??

In the pew racks are three hymnals. One is "Lutheran Service Book" (red). One is "With One Voice" (blue). One is "Lutheran Book of Worship" (green). Beginning in August hymns for the Liturgical Service will be chosen from one of these hymnals. To identify the hymnals strips of color will be used on the hymn boards. A strip of red means the hymn is in the "Lutheran Service Book". A strip of blue means the hymn is in "With One Voice". A strip of green means the hymn is in "Lutheran Book of Worship".

The bulletins and screens will use R for "Lutheran Service Book", B for "With One Voice", and G for "Lutheran Book of Worship".

We realize that this method could pose a problem with those that are color blind. We apologize to you and ask that you look to see which book your neighbor is using.

Happy singing, everyone!

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) and the Ronald McDonald House thank you!

FELLOWSHIP TEAM News

Penny Courtney, pennycourtney@yahoo.com

THANKS to everyone who came to the Potluck Fellowship on July 10th celebrating the Folk Scholarship Award and Pastor Teklu's installation anniversary! Deviled eggs, sandwiches, brownies, salads - all of it was tasty and provided a great lunch after the worship service. It was great to see church members, guests, and friends sharing time together. Thanks for coming!!

-Penny

OUTREACH TEAM News

Penny Courtney, pennycourtney@yahoo.com

The Outreach Team will not hold a school supplies collection this year but instead strongly encourages the congregation's generous support of Sunday School's LWR School Kit collection efforts described on the last page of this newsletter. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) provides a proven, effective way to deliver goods and services where they're needed most. Let's enable the Sunday School youngsters to make a generous donation of school supplies to LWR for children who need to go to school elsewhere in the world. Thank you for your abundant generosity!!!

-Penny

QUILTERS News

By the time this newsletter gets to you, the quilters (all of them) will be hot on the trail of planning the Annual Quilt Sale. We will have all of the information you will need to promote and support it: book Markers, 1/2 sheets to post anywhere it is permitted, and tickets for the raffle quilt. This year's sale will be Friday, September 30, from 10:00 – 7:00, Saturday, October 1, from 9:00-6:00, and Sunday, October 2, from 8:00-12:00.

We have donated an 82"x82" colorful Fall Festive quilt to raffle to benefit the CCCC Group. Tickets are being made as we speak. This quilt was made this year by Sharon Reynolds, one of our long-time quilters. Wait till you see it! I know you will want it. The raffle drawing will be at 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 2.

Our girls almost work in two shifts. Some come in early and some come in later and some stay all morning. All are there for show and tell and refreshment time. In the past few weeks our attendance has been between 13 and 17, each one finds a worthwhile job to do.

We have been so totally blessed with fabric lately. I wonder how and when it will all be used. We are grateful for the donations. We have no problem making the tops for our quilts but sure could use sheets for the backs, printed or white, which we dye.

All of us appreciate you supporting us and hope you will promote this event by telling others and putting our information on bulletin boards in your area. It is so important to reach new people. At the Cherry Blossom Walk this year I passed out information on our Tuesday Mission and the annual Quilt Sale as well as a book marker for this year's sale and it surprised me how many did not know of the event after all these years. Let's go big this year.

-Dorothy



The Well – August 14 and September 18 - 6:30 to 8 pm



Come to the parking lot for a short devotional worship time, followed by an evening of fellowship – rain or shine!

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 sit by the fire pit. We'll have ice cream bars for a treat!

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.

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) know! Many hands make light work, and we'll need some help to make the fun happen.

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 and Andrea 301-455-9765 Muntz04@gmail.com).



The MaryAnne and Jake Folk Memorial Scholarship Presentation *July 10, 2022*

Presented to Kollin Crislip by Teri Folk and Toni (Folk) Hetzer



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, 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 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.

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 if you are interested in helping!

TECH TEAM REPORT

Thanks so much to all who volunteer their time to serve by helping display and stream our services! With summer in full swing, we have had several weeks when only one or two of the team are available. We would really like to grow the team by a few more people. If anyone would be interested in serving, this job is really very easy. You just need to advance the slides as the service progresses. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diane Segelhorst.

*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, August 25th, 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.



Book Club



Monthly, Third Monday

Our next Book Club meeting is Monday evening, August 15, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The book is The Rose Code by Kate Quinn. Kate has offered to lead the discussion.

For more information, please contact Dana Brown or Sandi Corwin. Contact Dana Brown at drieldc@gmail.com for Zoom access information.

Ladies' Lunch – Monthly, Second Tuesday

The next Ladies' Lunch will be held Tuesday noon, August 9th, at The Hideaway, 1439 Odenton Rd., Odenton, MD. All ladies are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring a friend. We will meet at the restaurant. Questions: email Marj at kane3426@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!



"Thank You" Notes to the People of St. Paul's -

The following expressions of thanks have recently been received for the church:

“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 on-line does help me.

Prayers,
Jackie Blondin”

“Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission's (MALIM) thank offering honoring John Denninger's ten years of leadership as

Southeaster District - LCMS President.

I am excited to see how the Spirit moves through the various mission projects funded by the My Neighbor grants.

May God bless you as you minister to your neighbors in Christ's name.

Deaconess Robie Hillhouse
MALIM Board President”

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

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

Right now, needed supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits are on sale at very good prices at Target, Staples, and Walmart.

Please drop supplies (in packaging) in the baskets located in the foyer and downstairs or donate to the church by check with “LWR school kits” in memo.

LWR School Kits - Needed Supplies

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)

Every year, lack of school kits keeps kids from attending school and getting primary education. Kids around the world thank you for your help!

God bless you as you shop! Take this list with you!

Bonnie

Questions, concerns, need more information?

Bonnie@weinholdonline.com or 410-721-1604
