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“From the Pastor”

Change? How do you react to change? For all of us that depends on lots of factors. Most of us get used to the way life is going no matter whether or not in real terms the present reality would be judged as good, or acceptable, or even unacceptable. Because of that most of us are skeptical about the promise of change. On the other hand, if we have recently had good experience with change, the idea of change probably seems to hold promise. How about if life has not been going well? Sometimes if life has seemed one troubling episode after another, the prospect of change may be attractive. But sometimes the same experience will lead us to be so skeptical of possibilities that we hang onto the present no matter what.

Change! No matter whether you are hesitant or excited by the idea of change... if there were no change, there would be no progress. Change is the possibility of creativity, and creativity is the path toward new. It is a good thing since it feels like change is everywhere

Change... look around you. Change has been the order of the day. Violent, unpredictable weather... fuel prices add to inertia of inflation. World peace is once again threatened which causes fuel and food prices to skyrocket. That's change! Covid has changed the way that we think about gathering and traveling. Climate change pushed by global warming has thrown both weather and future survivability into question. I find it hard to see any promise in those changes, but I know that someday we will figure out what happened for better or worse during this time.

Change... I look at what has happened to St Paul's during the past two years, and it makes me wonder. We almost universally looked at the dramatic effects of the Covid pandemic on the congregation and reassured ourselves that in the end the progress that seemed guaranteed a little more than two years ago would return. If it is going to happen, I hope that it would get on with it. We simply must get the community back together on a regular basis.

Change! There is change in our future. The predicted path of that change has been named “Resurrection Lutheran Parish,” a grouping of five Lutheran Churches that straddles the Baltimore/Carroll County line, and consists of congregations with much in common. That said, they each have their own strengths, weaknesses and peculiarities. Nothing, including a timeline, is guaranteed at this point, but something must happen. St Paul's probably has an advantage in that we have been working toward some of this for longer than any of our projected partners. The thing that you can do to ensure St Paul's successful venture in this new creation is to take your place in it.

Change? Yes, a part of the change will mean my departure. I was never intended to be among you for so long, but you have become a part of my story, and I have as well yours. Once again the most important thing that you can do as we move into change is to come along. I beg you! And I pray for us!

Pr Carl Myers

Church News

 <p>Church Services Church Services are held on Sundays at 9am, in the sanctuary. Masks are optional. Please join us for Worship Services online on YouTube Sunday mornings.</p>	 <p>Sunday School Last day of Sunday School party will be held on Sunday, May 29th following worship. There will be a potluck in the pavilion. All are invited!</p>
 <p>Happy Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th</p>	 <p>Hampstead Day Come out and support our community on Main Street on May 21st.</p>
 <p>Combined Youth Group Come join us on the 2nd Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church. Due to Covid, call or text Jeanne Swain for updated info: 410-852-0882.</p>	 <p>Memorial Day May 30th</p>
 <p>Council Meetings The upcoming council meetings are May 17th and June 21st at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to a Council member before these dates.</p>	 <p>Happy Father's Day June 19th</p>
 <p>Flea Market, 8:00am – 2:00pm Saturday, May 21st and June 18th. Spaces are limited. Registration forms are online at: http://stpaulupperco.org/flea-market/</p>	 <p>Bingo Under the Pavilion St Paul's will hold their Annual Bingo Event on August 27th. Doors open at 3pm. Games start at 4pm.</p>

Easter Party



On March 24th we had our Easter party.

We colored, painted shrinky dinks, and sewed cloth eggs under the pavilion. There was also an Easter egg hunt!

Everyone had a great time!

Thanks to everyone who made this event possible and so much fun!

Worshiping Together



Please Join Us....

In-Person Worship

9:00am in the Sanctuary

Masks are optional, social distance seating in place.

Recorded Worship Video

[St Paul's YouTube](#)

[St. Paul's webpage](#)

[St. Paul's Facebook page](#)

Sunday School

10:00am after Worship

Those in Need of Prayer



Members: Mark, Calvin, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Peter, Moore family, Neuheisel family, Gene, Katie, Bri, Robin, Pastor Mel, and all homebound members.

Family & Friends: Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Frank, Erin, Kary, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Ashlee, Andrea & Cote, Julie, Sherri, Katie, Marilynne, Torie, Bob, Kathy, Lillian, Barbara, Bert, Nick, Michael, Florence, Emily, Ed, Heather, Kevin, Amy, Zach, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

PRAYER: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. Shed his healing light on those for whom we pray. Bring into the fullness of your light all who live in the darkness of doubt, fear and hopelessness. Let the fullness of day break into all of our lives but especially those who need it most. AMEN.

Celebrations!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Pr Carl Myers
- 9 Michael Armacost
- 11 Tom Lewis
- 13 Joseph Geldmacher
- 15 Scott Litz
- 21 Maureen Litz
- 24 Matthew Meadowcroft
- 26 Barb Utz

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Tim & Maidie Brown
- 29 Jed & Colleen Geldmacher



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Owen Howard
- 9 Tim McGee
- 12 Leon Fleming
- 12 Steve Howard
- 15 Ray Grabowski
- 17 Bud Eichelberger
- 20 Bob Knight
- 22 Ryan Meadowcroft
- 23 Emily Niles

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Michael & Beth Armacost
- 5 Scott & Maureen Litz
- 6 Kimberly & John Kelly, Jr.
- 12 Ray & Suzi Lyons

Thank You!



Thank you to all who made soup, served and helped with St. Paul's Lenten Suppers.



Thanks to all who loaned cake pans and help make and purchased bird seed wreaths to support our Sunday School Lenten Project.

We made over \$300 for First Fruits farms!

Thank you Mr. John Kelly for heading this project.



Outreach

We assembled and delivered 90 Easter bags filled with tissues, lotion and a cuddly critter to the Long View Nursing Home residents. Hopefully next year we'll be able to include our youth with that delivery. We also delivered Easter baskets to some of our elderly members to wish them a happy Easter and let them know we're thinking of them.

New Teddy Bear Project:

We are in the process of a new project for Outreach! We're purchasing sweet, fuzzy teddy bears to be given to children who are in some sort of distress. This could be a home fire, car accident, domestic issue, etc. Our teddy bears will include this message, "GOD IS LOVE AND HE LOVES YOU! This fuzzy teddy bear comes to you from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Upperco, MD. He wants to be yours, so you can hug and cuddle him! We hope he brings you happiness and puts a smile on your face." On the back of the card we'll include our website. We'll be taking our bears to local police headquarters to be distributed as needed.

April Flea Market Grill: We beat our current record by \$8.00! Thanks to everyone who stopped by to eat and support the church. We also were happy to have "3" of our young people helping us!

2022 Flea Market



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Come shop at
St Paul's Flea Market
or become a vendor!

8am - 2pm
Rain or Shine

With over 70 vendor spaces ,
there is something for everyone!

Spaces are
going fast.
Sign-up early!

Stop by for a
snack or lunch
at our Grill!

Weather permitting

- *Coffee and baked goods available (until about 10am)
- *Lunch food, snacks, and drinks for sale

St Paul's Lutheran Church



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www.StPaulsUpperco.org

For more information, email FleaMarket@StPaulsUpperco.org
** Vendor Applications available on church website **

Pavilion Rental

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*Birthday Party

*Graduation Party or

*Special Event



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Park is about two acres and consists mostly of lawn and mature trees. The pavilion is 36' x 60' with concrete floor and wood arch roof. There are ten 8' picnic tables made of galvanized metal and PT wood. The pavilion will hold 100 people.

Call 410-239-3456 · Email Pavilion@StPaulsUpperco.org

Everything you need
for a great event.

- Covered Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Grill
- Lawn Space
- Playground
- Portable Bathrooms
- On-site Parking

Youth Gathering update from the ELCA

See you in New Orleans!

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
JULY 16 - 20, 2024**

PRE-EVENTS MYLE & the tTable | JULY 13 - 16



We're heading to New Orleans in 2024!

We're jazzed to announce that we're heading to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, July 16-20, 2024!

The Big Easy is filled with rich history, friendly locals, amazing food and great music, and plenty of opportunities for thousands of Lutheran Youth to make a difference!

If you have eligible youth, please mark your calendars to join us for this transformational faith formation event.

Please continue to support our youth as they fundraise over the next two years. More details to follow.

St. Paul's VBS



Over the 5 days at
'Who is My Neighbor'
Vacation Bible School,
we will learn about our
neighbors in the US and
around the world.

Being a neighbor means
more than being nearby.
In faith, we are invited
to walk with, work with
and learn from one
another in love,
appreciating all the gifts
our neighbors share with
us and all the gifts we
can share with them.

VBS
2022

WHO IS my neighbor?



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Save the Date!

Immanuel's Vacation Bible School is Sunday July 10 - Thursday July 14, 5:30 - 8pm.
The theme this year is Discovery on Adventure Island. VBS Registration begins in April.
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Swain or Brenda Wulforst.
Jeanne:410.852.0882 / jhuff@caseyoverseas.com Brenda:410.596.5415 / brenjw1@comcast.net

Save the Date!



Saturday Aug 27, 2022

Seating begins at 3pm

Games start at 4pm

Rain Date: Saturday, Sept 10

held under the Church Pavilion at

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Youth Events



We have a combination of fun activities and service projects.
We meet on the 2nd Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church.

- May 13th
- June 10th

Come out and join us!

If you need a ride, please contact Rachel Murphy at rachel.murphy@hotmail.com.

Due to Covid, call or text Jeanne Swain for updated info: 410-852-0882.

Mar-Lu-Ridge

Mar Lu Ridge Summer Camp 2022



We all want to see our youth grow and learn with Christ. There is an individual at Immanuel Church that believes attending church services and Sunday School along with time at Mar-Lu-Ridge will help this important mission. We are blessed that this individual will pay for children that are actively involved at St Paul's to go to MLR camp this summer!

Visit their website (mar-lu-ridge.org) to view the brochure, camp description/dates. Give completed registration forms to Rachel Murphy (or email Rachel.Murphy@hotmail.com). *You will get a confirmation directly from the camp. Other mandatory forms (Consent, Emergency, Contact, Health...etc.) are sent to Mar-Lu-Ridge no later than four weeks prior to your child's arrival. Thank you cards will be provided for the children to complete and Rachel will deliver to the anonymous sponsor.

*Please contact Rachel if you do not get confirmation from MLR within a week.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Retreat



Sunday School Calendar

MAY 2022

May 1	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
May 8	10:15am	Fellowship Sunday
May 13 Friday		Youth Group Friday
May 15	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
May 22	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
May 29	10:15am	Last Day of Sunday School 2021-22 Party

Any questions or to sign up, please contact Ms. Susan at SusanF795@gmail.com or call/test 443-744-6511.

Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the February 14, 2022 Council Meeting:

Reports

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Sent the letters to the Bishop regarding the Resurrection parish

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Hilgartner Reported:

- Letter to Council dated 1/20/22 requested to become a permanent part of this meeting minutes
 - A discussion followed on how only one signature is required to move money in the Edward Jones Investment Account
 - The letter has been added to the 2022 Secretary folder on the Google Drive
- End dates will be added to the Chart of Accounts for the CDs
- BGE bill highest ever \$170+ higher-see BGE report with all transactions from 2018 to now
 - The thermostats will be checked to ensure they are working properly
- SYNOD Financial report completed and given to Pastor Carl to complete his portion

Committee Reports

Flea Market Committee, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- We've had an excellent response to our 2022 application. Thank you, Rachel, for updating the app, the spreadsheet and also the map. So far, we have over 240 spaces paid for the year. Approximately 21 vendors have paid for the entire 7-month season. We are off to a fantastic start!
- ASAP spot-a-pot is determining our 2022 contract.

Old Business

- Covid policies
 - A discussion followed regarding the current mask policy at church

MOTION: to make masks optional while in the church building effective Sunday, February 20 by Ms. Lyons.

Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- A discussion followed on the current communion guidelines

MOTION: to start communion as of March 2 with kneeling at the altar, using wafers, using the pouring chalice, and not using the common cup by Ms. Murphy. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

- Paraments
 - A request for new green paraments has been made, they are currently priced at around \$1,703.04 . The money to cover this cost will come from the Abiding Memorial fund
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
 - Ms. Baber will look into applying for a grant to purchase an AED for the church
 - Once the AED is installed the church will host a CPR class for the church community and other community members

Highlights from the March 15, 2022 Council Meeting:

Reports

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Hilgartner Reported:

- I do not plan to run for Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year. A replacement must be found soon so that I can train them. I am happy to train them in QuickBooks. I have been Treasurer officially since November 2016.
- Terminix Contract paid for the year. It increased to \$473 from \$459 last year.
- I will also call the state about when to expect renewal of the sales tax-exempt license which expires in Sept 2022.
- All refunds of deposits for the ELCA Gathering 2022 were processed last week.
- Deposit for MLR Retreat was paid for and a designated fund was set up for capturing payment information which will show up on the March reports.

MOTION: Youth who were planning and paid to go to the ELCA 2022 Youth Gathering will have their MLR Retreat costs covered by the Gathering Funds by Ms. Baber. Motion seconded by Ms. Murphy. All were in favor. Motion carried

- Where are the Lenten service offerings going this year?

- Lent offerings are going towards the Synod Fund.

MOTION: All funds received in the special offering envelopes will go towards the Synod Mission Fund by Ms. Murphy. Second by Ms. Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- We will be purchasing and assembling Easter baskets for our shut-ins and Easter bags for LongView nursing home residents.

Flea Market Committee, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- Right now, we have over 330 spaces paid for the year. 30 vendors have paid for the entire 7-month season.
- ASAP spot-a-pot renewed our existing contract at no additional charge. Cost per month is \$231.00. This includes "1" regular unit and "1" handicapped unit. Units will be delivered on or before April 15th and removed on or after October 17th. Units will be serviced weekly, currently on Wednesdays.
- New numbers have been ordered for our Rt. 30 sign from Duo Graphics

Music and Worship, Ms. Caine Reported:

- The Music and Worship committee is suggesting that we use some funds from Abiding Memorial to replace, refresh, and renew the green paraments (that are used more than any other color).
- Two quotes were received- one for the original color (olive) green that we had in silk damask, and the second in a brighter green pavia damask pattern (polyester). We would like to go forward with quote #2, which is for the Pavia paraments in the updated green color. The total cost would be \$1250.90 (with a possible discount if we pre-pay).

MOTION: To amend the motion to use funds from the Abiding Memorial to purchase a new set of green paraments, after the color has been approved by council by Brad Mountastle. Seconded by Mr. Martin. 7 in favor. 1 abstain. Motion carried

Old Business

- Sexton, the previously hired person was unable to fill out W-9. Ms. Lyons interviewed others. The quote was added to the Secretary folder for 2022.

MOTION: To hire Brittany from BLD Home Cleaning Service to clean the church once a month for \$125 outlined in the provided quote by Ms. Lyons. Seconded by Mr. Martin. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

- Hampstead Day, scheduled for a Flea Market Saturday, so we will be unable to commit to the community event this year
- Possibly set up an information table at the NESAP Flea Market on June 4 at Crossroads Church, Ms. Hilgartner will look into this opportunity
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED), the company can cover \$300 of the \$1,200 cost. At this time no organization offers a full grant to cover the cost of an AED.
 - Possibly use a Thrivent Grant and/or funds from the Good Samaritan Fund
 - Ms. Baber will continue to look at other options
- Church Member Roster, as we move forward with the Parish we should look into updating the church roster

May



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School 7pm - Confirmation Class <i>Food Collection</i>						
Mother's Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am – Worship Fellowship 2nd Offering - CLS 10am - Sunday School 10:15 - Confirmation Class					 Joint Youth Group	
	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School 7pm - Confirmation Class		 Council Meeting - 7:00pm				 Flea Market – 8:30
	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School 10:15 - Confirmation Class						
	29	30	31			
9am – Worship Last day of Sunday School party. Potluck in the pavilion 7pm - Confirmation Class	 Memorial Day					

June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am – Worship Confirmation for 2 nd Year Students <i>Food Collection Fellowship</i>					 Joint Youth Group	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am – Worship 10am - Fellowship 2nd Offering – VBS					 Flea Market – 8:30	
Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am – Worship		 Council Meeting – 7:00pm				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9am – Worship						

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			Mary Caine
			Madison Baber
			Rachel Murphy

