



# SAINT PAUL'S VOICE

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## “From the Pastor”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is a joy to be serving with you in mission and ministry. And a good question to explore at the beginning of any ministry is, “*What guides and informs our life together?*” The bible, our Lutheran confessions and the Triune God are obvious answers. The thing that has guided my understanding of parish ministry has been what is called the “*the constitutive characteristic of God.*” This is the essential and foundational identity of God.

There are two passages in scripture that help us unlock and see the constitutive characteristic of God—Exodus 3:9-14 and Matthew 28:18-20.

*(Exodus 3:9-14) The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. {10} So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt. {11} But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" {12} He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." {13} But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" {14} God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

*(Matthew 28:18-20) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. {19} Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

We can ask these questions of the above texts:

- What does God give?
- What is God’s activity?
- What is the activity of humans?

The thing that God gives, is God’s name (the only two places where it happens in the bible). In Exodus it is “*I AM WHO I AM*” and in Matthew, although we don’t often think of it as a name, Jesus says “...baptizing them in the name of the *Father, Son, Holy Spirit.*” Once you have someone’s name, then you can place demands on them, call them, plead with them and have a relationship with them. God gives a name—but to what end?

In each instance where God's name is revealed, God is about the business of sending. God sends Moses to bring an end to the Israelites' oppression—to rescue and save them. Jesus sends the disciples to baptize and to teach—thereby bringing the Triune's redemption to the world. In each passage the human activity is to go—sent by God as ambassadors to effect God's saving grace for the world.

In these passages, God's constitutive characteristic is revealed. Our God is a sending God! Our God is apostolic (from the Greek word *apostello*—to send). Our God is a missionary God! This constitutive characteristic is best seen in the very being of the Trinity—the Father sends the Son, the Father and Son send the Spirit, and in a most important final movement for us, the Father, Son and Spirit send the church.

This characteristic is so essential to who God is that if our God is not a missionary (sending) God, then our god is not the one who raised Jesus from the dead. And since it is God who gives birth and life to the church, the same can be said of its constitutive characteristic—either the church is a missionary church, or it isn't the church of Jesus Christ. Either the church is sent into the whole world to proclaim the good news, or it is simply an institution for preserving a local tradition and merely a club.

Many Sundays we confess in the words of the Nicene Creed, “We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.” We confess our constitutive characteristic. We are a missionary (sent—apostolic) church!

This is the lens through which I view parish ministry. This is the lens through which I believe our life together is guided and informed as St. Paul's church and Resurrection Lutheran Parish. We are a missionary Parish. We are 5 missionary congregations. We exist as 5 “centers of missionary sending.” I invite you use this lens to view and define our life together as St. Paul's. How do we understand what we do as a congregation as being a part of God's sending? Some of the possibilities might be: seeing Sunday worship as the launch pad event for missionary sending to our communities and world; seeing confirmation as a means by which we prepare our youth to confirm and speak the good news of Jesus to those who don't know him; and, seeing our flea market as an opportunity to meet and care for our neighbors and share the good news of God's grace. How else might we define our ministry through God's sending? I welcome your responses.

For some further reading and studying—go to an electronic edition of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of bible. Do a search in the Gospel of John for the verses that have the words “send” and “sent.” You might be surprised at how constitutive the notion of “God sending” is within the gospel.

Blessings to all,



Pastor Huber

# Church News

 <p><b><u>Church Services</u></b> Church Services are held on Sundays at 9am, in the sanctuary. Masks are optional. Please join us for Worship Services online on <a href="#">YouTube</a> Sunday mornings.</p>	 <p><b><u>Sunday School For All Ages</u></b> Classes are for all ages, with older students helping the younger ones. The multi generational LIFT program is on the third Sunday. Come out for snacks, lessons &amp; crafts. All are welcomed!</p>
 <p><b><u>First Fruit Farm</u></b> We will be going to First Fruit Farm on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:30am. Please see Susan Fleming For more information.</p>	 <p><b><u>Thanksgiving Eve Service</u></b> There will be a Parish Community Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. <i>Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!</i></p>
 <p><b><u>Parish Youth Group</u></b> Come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church. Due to Covid, call or text Jeanne Swain for updated info: 410-852-0882.</p>	 <p><b><u>Cookie Exchange &amp; Game Night</u></b> Join your St. Paul's family for a cookie exchange, game night, and advent crafts on Friday, December 2nd. The festivities will start at 6:30pm.</p>
 <p><b><u>Congregational Meeting</u></b> The annual congregational meeting is on November 13<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please attend if you are able.</p>	 <p><b><u>Christmas Program</u></b> <b><u>Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup></u></b> Our Youth will be presenting a Christmas play during worship. Come and join us for this special worship.</p>
 <p><b><u>Council Meetings</u></b> The upcoming council meetings are November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to a Council member before these dates.</p>	 <p><b><u>Christmas Caroling</u></b> Join us for Christmas Caroling on December 18th at 2:30 pm. We will come baack to the church for a pot luck dinner at 5:30pm. All are welcomed to join.</p>
 <p><b><u>Christmas Eve Service</u></b> Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and 9:00pm. Come and jon us to celebrate Christ's birth. All are welcome!</p>	 <p><b><u>No Chistmas Day Worship</u></b> Enjoy this blessed birthday with family and friends! <i>Merry Christmas!</i></p>

## SPC Cookie Exchange and Game Night



Merry Christmas St. Paul's Family! To celebrate the start of the advent season join your St. Paul's family for a cookie exchange, game night, and advent crafts on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will start at 6:30pm at the church.

If you are interested in participating in the cookie exchange please use the [sign up sheet- Cookie Exchange Sign-Up](#). You do not need to participate in the cookie exchange to attend the event.

All ages are welcome! If you have any questions please contact Madison.

# Worshiping Together

Please Join Us....



## **In-Person Worship**

9:00am in the Sanctuary

## **Live & Recorded Worship Videos**

[St Paul's YouTube](#)

[St. Paul's webpage](#)

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

## **Sunday School**

10:15am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month - Sunday School for all ages

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month - Fellowship & Craft following Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - LIFT (Living in Faith) Multi-generational group

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Sunday School for all ages

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Sunday School for all ages

# Those in Need of Prayer

**Members:** Calvin Armacost, Maidie Brown, Vivian Chenoweth, Bud Eichelberger, Carolyn Eichler, John Eichler, Carliana Folfas, Shriver Foster, Andy Geldmacher, Hannah Hilgartner, Denise Holtz, Glenys Hunt, Matthew Jones, Nadine McGee, Gene Zepp, Bob & Gerri Martin, and all homebound members.

**Family & Friends:** Alicia Minor, Gwyneth Hann, Ms. Heather, Lillian Baber, Ashlee Kopp, Andrea & Cotey Kopp, Bob Bush, Jerry & Jan Herfurth, Bubczyk Families, Linda Nunan & family, Tim Hoyt & family, Debb Webb, Susan Davidow, David Laird, Parker Fick, Pat & Ron Webb, Larry Longfield, Graydon, Nichole McVicker & family, the Black family (Tim, Elmer, Tony, Jennifer), Dacia Osborne, Osborne family, Ryan, Thad Martin, 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.

# Prayer Ministry Group

We have a Prayer Ministry Group for the congregation, friends and family.

All information given to this group is kept confidential among us. Blue request forms are in the pews or you may contact any of us directly. We are also available if you need someone to talk to, or to pray with you.

The Prayer Ministry Group consists of Carol Lewis, Susan Fleming, Laura Grabowski, Carol Hunt, Suzi Lyons, Gerri and Bob Martin and Patti Schunk. If you have an urgent prayer request, you can call Carol Lewis at 443 956-2003 or any of our members and we will start our prayer chain immediately.

# Congregational Meeting - November 13<sup>th</sup>

The annual congregational meeting will be held on:

**Sunday, November 13, 2020  
immediately following the worship.**

This will be a hybrid meeting - both on Zoom and in-person at St. Paul's Church.



The Zoom credentials are:

St Paul's Upperco is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St. Paul's Congregational Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85371558478?pwd=V2tMRGtmV0lzQzJLb3EzbkhSTVVFJQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 7155 8478

Passcode: 200791

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- Approval of Minutes
- Report of the Nominating Committee and Conduct of Elections
- Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
- Reports of Special Committees
  - Presentation of 2023 budget
- Unfinished Business
- New Business

*In the event of a cancellation on November 13th, the congregation will meet the following Sunday on November 20<sup>th</sup>.*

# Resurrection Lutheran Parish News

Things are finally beginning to settle down with the formation of the Resurrection Parish. An account has been opened, we are in the process of being properly logged to get 501c3 status, and we have a post office box. The pastors have been rotating between congregations, and are looking forward to getting to know our members better.

Please be sure to introduce yourself after worship if you haven't already done so! The Parish council has sent the budget to each individual congregation so that it can be voted on at our congregational meetings in November/December, so that the new budget can begin in January. If you have any questions about it, please ask Sandy or Mary for a copy to look at.

The worship committee has sent out the special worship opportunities for the holiday seasons coming up. Please remember that the parish staff is excited to be part of our church, and we are welcome to reach out to them for any support we may need. If you need their contact information, please reach out!

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7pm on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul's Church. It will be a joint service with all of the members of the Parish invited. Please come and worship with our extended church family.



## Christmas Eve Services



Christmas Eve Services at St. Paul's will be on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and 9pm. This is a change from last year in order to give each church in the parish a time that works for their congregations. Please plan to come, worship, and bring friends along to feel the magic of Christmas at St. Paul's.

The other churches in the parish will also have services that you may choose to attend at the following locations and times:

Immanuel – 3pm and 7pm

Jerusalem – 7pm

St. Abraham's – 9pm

St. Peter's – 7pm

There will be no Sunday worship service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

## New Year's Day Service

There will be a Sunday worship service at 9am on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. It is planned to be a lessons and carols service, and will not follow our traditional Sunday service format. Please come and enjoy the last of the Christmas Carols for the year!

# Celebrations!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jordan Brown  
7 Mike Armacost  
12 Jack Schunk  
23 Benjamin Baber  
29 Rick Jones

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

15 Ray and Laura Grabowski



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9 Brianna Murphy  
11 Charles Baber  
11 Luke Meadowcroft  
20 Sebastian Litz  
23 John Kelly, Jr.  
24 Nadine McGee

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12 Shannon & Rachel Murphy  
29 Steve & Selena Howard

# Thank You!

**Thanks to everyone who attended, the Men's Dinner in October.  
We kept the trophy with 15 men in attendance.**



# Trunk or Treat Memories

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Trunk or Treat for all the kids.  
Thanks to everyone that came and had fun!



# Bingo Under the Pavilion Memories



On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we held Bingo Under the Pavilion.

Here are some photos!



## 2022 Flea Market Season Report

**BEST SEASON EVER!!** We were sold out of vendor spaces every month and sometimes resold spaces due to cancellations! Our flea market has such a good reputation in the community that our vendors tell their friends and it just grows and grows!

Total income for 2022 was over \$15,000.00! This fundraiser is obviously important to our budget, so please support it in any way possible. 2023 applications will be available in February.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who helps make our flea market so successful! If you'd like to volunteer, we always need help! Contact Suzi.

# Outreach

We've adopted 26 individuals, including a veteran and his family, for Christmas. Please select as many of their Christmas wishes off our tree as you'd like.

These gifts will be due back on December 11th. We're also delivering Thanksgiving baskets to 2 of these families. Please contact Suzi Lyons with any questions.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us in the Flea Market Food Grill this season. These sales fund all our Outreach projects for the year! Please consider helping in 2023--one month or several!



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# Fundraiser

The Parish is collecting for Fisher House. The jar is in the back of the Narthex if you would like to drop in some loose pocket change to make a change for good!

Got Loose Change in Your  
Pocket?

Collecting Donations For

ON THE ROAD TO  
**100 FISHER HOUSES**

This foundation supports our  
veterans & military with free housing & lodging  
while undergoing medical treatment |  
at the major military and VA medical centers.

# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Two options this year - Build your own shoebox, or, virtually build a shoebox.

**To Virtually Build a Shoebox:** for \$25, click this link to get started:  
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>



### How to Pack Your Own Shoebox:

1. Pick up a shoebox at church starting October 31st and return the shoebox by November 21st. Or, pack your own shoebox.
2. Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2– 4, 5–9, or 10–14.
3. Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.
5. Donate \$9 online and receive a tracking label to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift, or, include a \$9 check in your box
6. More details will be with your box.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** toothpaste, candy, or liquid items, including paint, glue, glitter balls, lip gloss.

**More questions? Contact Sandy Baber**

## Mar-Lu-Ridge Advent Gathering



We'll gather together on the second Sunday in Advent, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm – 4pm for a winter afternoon away from the hustle and bustle.

Build a wreath from fresh greenery, create a craft (options for all ages!), sing carols, and spend time around the campfire with Mar-Lu-Ridge friends, new and old. A light meal will be served at 3 pm. Please bring your own wreath form.

Please register on your own at <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/advent-gathering-12-4/>. Cost is Adults – \$7; Child (3-12) – \$5; Under 3 – Free.

Any questions please reach out to Sandy, 410-206-0283 or [fourbabers@gmail.com](mailto:fourbabers@gmail.com).

# Sunday School Lenten 2022 Project

Our Sunday School Lenten 2022 project and for 'Gods Work Our Hands' day, we are scheduled to volunteer at First Fruits Farm on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00am to 11:30am**.

All volunteers must sign our waiver online **BEFORE** arrival. Here is the link for our group's [Liability Waiver](#)

**Please note:**

- \*Every participant must complete a signed liability waiver**
- \*Dress for the weather, expecting to get dirty - no sandals or flip flops!**
- \*They will provide work gloves, drinking water, and on-the-job training.**



For FAQ's and more information about First Fruits Farm, visit their website: [www.firstfruitsfarm.org](http://www.firstfruitsfarm.org)  
Watch to learn what First Fruits Farm is all about: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG-rRL\\_FpWA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG-rRL_FpWA)

Since 2004, thousands of area volunteers have helped harvest millions of pounds of fruits and vegetables with First Fruits Farm to share with local food banks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and other food providers.

We're excited to be a part of a volunteer team! For more information, please contact Laura Grabowski at [LauraWats@Hotmail.com](mailto:LauraWats@Hotmail.com).

## Youth Group Bonfire



# Youth Christmas Program

**Calling all youth!** We will start our Christmas skit practice and assign the parts on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will teach the congregation to "Give the Gift Back" during our skit performance on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun!

## SPC LIFT & Sunday School

We are still looking to grow our Sunday school program. Classes are for all ages, with older students helping the younger ones. Attendance has been small with 1-4 students per week.

The education staff has chosen to use LIFT (Living in Faith Together). Please join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, as we learn more about each other, and Living in Faith. This multi-generational program is going well and those who have attended seem to enjoy the snack, lesson and craft.



# Parish Youth Events

Come out and join us! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church.  
(November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>)



If you need a ride, please contact Rachel Murphy at [rachel.murphy@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.murphy@hotmail.com).

## Upcoming Synod Youth Events



**Upcoming DE/MD Synod Youth Events** for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Young people and adult leaders from across our synod gather for a weekend of fun, Bible study, service, worship, and community building. Contact Deacon Don for more information at [DHelfer@ResurrectionParish.church](mailto:DHelfer@ResurrectionParish.church) or 240.815.1470.

[Registration Form](#)

### Event for grades 6-8

#### 'FreeRide'

November 18-20, 2022 *Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD*

<https://www.youngfaithmatters.com/events-retreats/freeride>

\*\* Registration forms due by Sunday October 23\*\*

### Event for grades 9-12

#### 'RoadTrip'

January 20-22, 2023 *Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley*

### Leadership event for grades 6-8

#### 'Transformers'

March 17-19, 2023 *Mar-Lu-Ridge, Jefferson, MD*

### Event for grades 3-5 and their parents/guardians

#### 'Seekers'

March 18-19, 2023 *The Ridge Inn at Mar-Lu-Ridge, Jefferson, MD*

### Event for grades 9-12

#### High School Leadership Event

June, 2023 *United Lutheran Seminary - Gettysburg, PA*

### Event for grades 9-12

#### 'ELCA Youth Gathering'

July 16-20, 2024 *New Orleans, LA*

Since the 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis was cancelled (COVID concerns), St Paul's group now plans to attend the 2024 event in New Orleans. Any interested youth from the other parish churches are invited to participate in upcoming meetings and fundraising events. More info to come. You can get some more details at [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering).

# Sunday School Calendar



## St Paul's Lutheran Church

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Sunday School Coordinator: Ms Susan Fleming · Home phone: 410-239-1174 · Email: susanf795@gmail.com



## 2022-2023 Sunday School Calendar

**Youth Sunday:** Families are an important part of the life, mission and ministry at St Paul's. Especially the children! The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is Youth Sunday! Youth get roles throughout the service, including Head Usher and Lector. Remember to bring non-perishable donation for NESAP!

**Fellowship Sundays:** Typically the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Assigned family arrives by 8:45am to help Mrs. Gerri Martin set up. Then during the fellowship hour (after church service), assist with drinks/foods, and cleanup afterwards.

**Parish Youth Group:** Typically meet from 6:30-8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. Combination of fun activities and community service projects. Be sure you are signed up to receive email messages!

**LiFT:** Our \*NEW\* program - Living in Faith Together - brings generations together to share food, learn, worship, and have fun. Typically on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, **the entire congregation is asked to join!**

## NOVEMBER 2022

Seed to Harvest Unit - Trees

Nov 6	9am	Youth Sunday during Service
	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
Nov 11 Friday		Youth Group Friday
Nov 13	10:15am	Fellowship Sunday (Geldmacher Family) Group Activity -during Congregation meeting
Nov 20	10:15am	**LiFT Program** <i>(all of congregation invited)</i>
Nov 23 Wednesday	7pm	Parish/Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at St Paul's
Nov 27	10:15am	Sunday School Classes / Play Rehearsal

## DECEMBER 2022

Seed to Harvest Unit - Fruit for All

Christmas Caroling possible date of Dec 18

Dec 4	9am	Youth Sunday during Service
	10:15am	Sunday School Classes/ Play Rehearsal
Dec 9 Friday		Youth Group Friday
Dec 11	9am	Christmas Play during Service
	10:15am	Fellowship Sunday (Armacost Family)
Dec 18	10:15am	**LiFT Program** <i>(all of congregation invited)</i>
Dec 24 Saturday	4pm & 9pm Tentative Times	Christmas Eve Services
Dec 25		Merry Christmas! (no Worship Svs or SS classes)

**Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to help us grow our Sunday School program!**

Calendar dates and details are subject to change. Contact church office or Ms Susan to confirm activities.

We also email and post (church website and FB page) info about events.

# Council Meeting Highlights

## Highlights from the Tuesday, July 19, 2022 Council Meeting

### Reports:

Pastor's Report, Pastor Myers Reported:

- Welcomed Colleen Geldmacher as a church member this past Sunday, July 17

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Working on VBS "Who is my Neighbor"
- Assisted with Cleaning the park property after the storm

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Hilgartner Reported:

- 9-41 are finished and will be mailed tomorrow
- The sales tax exempt renewal is now online and the renewal has gone through with success
  - New cards will be sent out in about 6 weeks

### Committee Reports

Resurrection Lutheran Parish Council, Ms. Caine Reported:

- The bank account for the parish has been opened at Farmers & Merchants Bank
- Checks from each church are asked to be sent to the bank by the 15th of each month in order to pay the pastors by the end of the month
  - Pastor Huber will be emailing each church's treasurer with information on how to either send the check directly to the bank, direct deposit the check, or send it to the parish treasurer
  - Checks need to be made to Resurrection Lutheran Parish
- A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the bulletin setups for the parish- each church has been asked to bring bulletin examples to share at the meeting. The pastor group would like to make one bulletin for all of the five churches to use and the meeting will discuss if this is possible to accomplish. But no discussion will be made without bringing the options back to each congregation for the members to decide on
- The next parish meeting is scheduled for August 22 which is after the August council meeting
- Pastor Huber has invited the parish members to his home on Sunday, August 7th @ 2:00-5:00 for a parish kickoff celebration, will mainly be a fellowship opportunity to get to know all of the parish members
- Concerns were brought up about what current secretary roles will look like as the parish starts sharing resources
  - There are some possible treasurer tasks that can be switched to the secretary if more tasks are needed to fill time
- For now the parish council will be meeting monthly, the goal is to get to quarterly meetings

Outreach Committee, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- Received a very nice thank you note from Alpha Pregnancy. (pinned on the bulletin board)
- July Flea Market Grill:
  - Income: \$ 555.00
  - Expenses: \$ 225.47 (Includes \$25.00 gift card from BJ's)
  - Net Profit: \$ 329.53
- \$200 was donated to VBS for the children to make healthcare/hygiene bags to send to various charities

Flea Market Committee, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- July - Another sell-out! We were also able to re-sell several spaces again. Storm caused damage to the lawn, but Susan and Leon were quick to remedy! We also lost our large sign, but the one on Rt. 30 held up ok. Several vendors still having outages were unable to attend. Crowd was thinner too.

Property, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- A dead bean tree was removed by RLS
- Lots of tree damage to the park after last week's storm
  - Thank You! card will be sent to the neighbors son-Randy Bowen- who brought his tractor over to the church property to remove some of the tree damage
- Property lost the large white sign in the storm- the sign was not currently being used by the church
  - After a discussion it was determined that the sign does not need to be replaced

### Old Business

- AEDs should arrive in 3-4 months
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## Highlights from the Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Council Meeting

### Reports:

Pastor's Report, Pastor Myers Reported:

- Shared his sadness for leaving the community at St. Paul's but blesses us for the future

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Worked on and completed VBS. We had 5 students, and 10-15 teenage helpers, along with 6 adults. All had a good time. The participants made 15 hygiene bags that were donated to Shepherd's Staff

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Hilgartner Reported:

- Paid 2 months of Parish Payroll out of the PNC current MM account. Had to write a check because electronic transfer to another bank requires registration. Total of \$6101.84 paid and US mailed to Sandy Voight. The check has been cashed.
- FMB \$10,000 CD matured 7-7-22 and Susan Fleming and I researched best CD rates. Edward Jones was the highest. They recommended short term 3 or 6 months CD because of interest rate changes coming. Susan was able to cash the FMB CD in and took the check to Edward Jones. New CD will mature 1-17-2023. Next CD will mature 12-7-2022 (FMB)
- The tree branch removed by RLS cost \$150 and the money was taken from the Park Upkeep fund. RLS charged us incorrectly (\$450 instead of \$400) for bush trimming. Leon called and Rick agreed it was a mistake. The correct amount of \$400 was paid. RLS continues to charge us \$25 fuel surcharge fee.
- 941's paid in full
- \$1204.45 was paid from PNC Abiding Memorial fund for the new paraments

### Committee Reports

Resurrection Lutheran Parish Council, Ms. Caine Reported:

- Wants to remind the council that the St. Paul;'s representatives are going to push for starting the call committee. We also need to think about who would like to and not like to serve on the call committee

Property, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Fixed park property well cover

### Old Business

- AEDs still on order

### New Business

- Port-A-Pots are currently booked for April through October. It is suggested to extend the booking into November to have them available for the community members. The extension would provide community members a place to use the restroom when using the park area. The monthly rate is \$231 (regular unit- \$86- and handicap unit -\$145-) which includes a monthly cleaning. They are scheduled to be removed October 17. The booking will be extended to include the month of November for this year for only the regular unit. The money will be taken from current

**MOTION:** to contact ASAP (port-a-pot company) ASAP to extend the rental of the singular port-a-pot through November 2022 and use funds from current to cover the additional rental cost by Ms. Caine. Motion seconded by Ms. Lewis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Scholarship- received one application and Ms. Fleming will schedule to meet with Nadine and a pastor to go over the application
- Upperco Monthly Email Newsletter- information about the churches Rally Day and Sunday School will be sent to be included in the newsletter
- Food collection on Youth Sunday- start reminding members about collecting food for NESAP and Immanuel's food pantry
- Farewell luncheon
  - Reviewed the outlined schedule for the luncheon and working on figuring out details

**MOTION:** move to have the Park Fund purchase a tree chosen by Pastor Myers and Karen to plant in the park in their honor with a plaque commemorating their 7 years of service by Ms. Caine. Seconded the motion by Ms. Baber. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Good of the Church

- Thanks to Pastor Carl for all his time, commitment, and caring over these past 7 years

## Highlights from the Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Council Meeting

### Reports:

Pastor's Report, Pastor Dot Lundgren Reported:

- Attending Council Meetings
- Her focus in Pastoral Care, she met with Pastor Carl and got names and circumstances. Trying to get organized to do some coherent visiting hopefully next week. If you know of someone needing ministry, please let her know.
- Still figuring out what being part of a parish looks like. She's done this before, but every situation is unique. Her goal is to help each church lift up and celebrate its uniqueness. Takes time.

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Rally Day – Magician was awesome
- Started LIFT – went well, fun, good feedback
- First Farms postponed to November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Trees being removed from park property September 21.
- Spot A Pot has been reserved through October
- Discussed rotation of Pastors and supply Pastors. Each Pastor gets 4 Sunday's off per fiscal year

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Hilgartner Reported:

- Kelly Mountcastle will take over Treasurer responsibilities when new council members are sworn in

### Committee Reports

Outreach, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- Food Safety course renewed by Ms. Lyons
- Adopt A Family – We will have 20 angels with 3-5 gift ideas for each angel, still through Salvation Army
- Will provide Thanksgiving dinner for 2 families

BINGO:

- Laura Grabowski asked to start planning and making preparations for 2023 Bingo. All agreed.

### New Business

- Bob Martin's and Brad Mountcastle's nominees for Council will be Bob Knight and Colleen Geldmacher, respectively.
  - The nominees need to be approved during the November Congregational Meeting
- St. Paul's will be hosting Thanksgiving Eve Service for the Parish. Service at 7pm.
- Christmas Service will be at 4:30pm, 9pm Service is still being discussed
- Pastor Lundgren informed us that the 2023 budget will be the same as 2022
- Discussed lighting candles for All Saints Day along with ringing bells for each person. Votive candles will be used. Ms. Lyons and Ms. Murphy are working on ordering candles.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
						First Fruit Farm – 9am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00am – Worship - Pr Dot 10:15 - Sunday school  <i>Food Collection</i>					 Youth Group 6:30pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00am – Worship - Pr Phil <i>Fellowship &amp; Congregational Meeting</i> 10:15 - Sunday school <i>2nd Offering - Farmers &amp; Hunters Feeding the Hungry</i>		 7:00pm – Council Meeting				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00am – Worship Pr Dot 10:15 - Sunday school - LIFT Program			 Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm			
27	28	29	30			
9:00am – Worship - First Sunday of Advent 10:15 - Sunday school						



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					 Cookie Exchange and Game Night – 6:30pm	
4	5		7	8	9	10
9:00am – Worship 10:15 - Sunday school  <i>Food Collection</i>					 Youth Group 6:30pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00am – Worship & Christmas Youth Program <i>Fellowship</i> 10:15 - Sunday school <i>2nd Offering - Carroll Hospice</i>						 Wreaths Across America (Immanuel)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00am – Worship 10:15 - Sunday school– LIFT Program Christmas Caroling – 2:30pm Potluck Dinner – 5:30pm		 Council Meeting 7:00pm				 Christmas Eve 4pm & 9pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 No Worship Service						

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