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"From the Pastor"

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11.28-30

Rest for our souls. As we begin the season in the Church Year called Advent, we begin to realize just how unrested our souls seem to feel these days. We thought we would be over major illnesses by now but a COVID variant of some kind or other is still making its way through our world. The flu and some other mysterious flu-like virus is making its way through our families and now RSV is a bigger threat than COVID in the lives of our children and older adults. It seems there is always something to threaten our health and well-being. Add on top of that the continuing political turmoil in our country, the war in Ukraine and the unrest around the world, and even the rising cost of heating oil, rest for our souls seems truly out of reach.

But this is what Advent is all about. As we travel through on our journey to the Christ child's birth, we prepare to find that rest. There is a hint on how to do this preparation in the verse from Matthew above. "Take my yoke upon you", Jesus says. Perhaps this yoke is simply drawing nearer to him in the time of Advent. Make time, spend time with him. This can be done through prayer, quiet time for meditation, reading scripture, or simply slowing down the fast pace that we live in each day to look around at the beauty that surrounds us. Take time to give thanks for the blessings of family, food, shelter, the basic necessities that we have been given. Humble our hearts before him.

As we go by Thanksgiving and on to Christmas Eve, take time amidst all the festivities and gift giving and receiving to remember why we celebrate. Attend a worship service to draw nearer to the One, the only One who can give true rest. The One who on a cold night long ago, came to be born as one of us, walked through moments of life that we travel, experienced all that we do and more, who gave himself so that we would know that God is with us. So that we would know the love that the Creator of the Universe holds for each of us and when we come and lay it all down before him, we will find that rest…that peace for our souls that we long for.

Because He Lives...
Pastor Dot Lundgren

Church News

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.

Sunday School For All Ages
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 & crafts. All are welcomed!

Pr Phil Huber's Send-off - Sunday, January 15th, 1 pm
A Send-off/Thank you Luncheon for Pr Phil will be held at Immanuel. The Parish will provide fried chicken, participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Sandy or Mary if you plan to attend.

Sunday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

Parish 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.

Shrove Tuesday Supper
Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00pm at St Paul's. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship!

Council Meetings
The upcoming council meetings are January 17th and February 21st at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to a Council member before these dates.

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Please watch your email for time and place.

CPR Training Classes
St Paul's is hosting CPR Training on January 24, 25, and 26 at 7:00pm. You only need to attend one session for certification. Text Susan Fleming at 443-744-6511 if you want to attend.

Mario's Italian Restaurant Dinner, Friday, February 25th 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
This will be our first official fundraiser for the Minneapolis Youth Gathering 2021. Pasta and salad will be served, with ice cream for dessert. A free will offering will be collected. (Inclement weather date March 4th).

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

1st Sunday of the month - Sunday School for all ages
2nd Sunday of the month - Fellowship & Craft following Worship
3rd Sunday of the month - LIFT (Living in Faith) Multi-generational group
4th Sunday of the month - Sunday School for all ages
5th 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: Family & Friends: Alicia Minor, Gwyneth Hann, Ms. Heather, Ashlee Kopp, Andrea & Cotey Kopp, Jerry & Jan Herfurth, Linda Nunan & family, Tim Hoyt & family, Debb Webb, Susan Davidow, Pat & Ron Webb, Graydon, the Black family (Tim, Elmer, Tony, Jennifer), Dacia Osborne, Osborne family, Joy Eagan, Bernie and Chris Harmon, Karyn Carpenter, Tom Manning, Holly Hudson, Brandon Akers, Brandi Bubczyk, Tim Hoyt, Rosemary Johnson, 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.

Thank You!

To Jayme for coordinating and buying the poinsettias.

To All who decorated the sanctuary so beautifully for the Christmas season!

To the Christmas Carolers that went out and spread some holiday cheer to our older community members!

For the Potluck chefs & coordinators, keeping us fed and giving us a time for fellowship.

Resurrection Lutheran Parish News

Hello everyone!

I am humbled by what this congregation accomplishes. We all work together as a family, uplift each other as needed. During the holiday season I was amazed by the generosity of all of you. Outreach had a very full tree of wishes and you fulfilled all but a handful of them,, and even had a few extra gifts! I am sure the families are grateful. You also filled several shoeboxes for children around the world. You are an amazing group of generous people.

We are all adjusting to having a team of three ministers, and a parish to interact with. The team may not have as much time on a Sunday to talk with us as we are used to, but are available for all of us if needed. They are trying to learn about each one of us. Pastor Dot Lungren is guiding our prayer group, and has been a great help in this ministry. She has also shared many laughs at the worship and music meetings. Deacon Don Helfer is trying to find a way to grow and support our youth ministries. He really enjoyed watching our Christmas skit practice.Pastor Phil Huber who has set up the administrative end of this will be leaving us in January, and we will welcome Pastor Ellen Lichtfuss. Thank you Pastor Phill for all your help, and guidance, God bless your future.

Thanks to all of you for your support during this transition. May we all continue to walk as a Child of Christ.

Sincerely,
Susan Fleming

Celebrations!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Christian Neuheisel
7 Ashley Mountcastle
8 Laura Grabowski
21 Felicity Meadowcroft
30 Mary Graff

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

9 Rick & Meg Jones

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Suzi Lyons
2 Rob Holtz
3 Glenys Hunt
4 Maidie Brown
6 Karen Myers
8 Calvin Armacost
9 Derek Dubois
12 Matthew Jones
14 Pat Graff

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Bob & Gerri Martin

Mario's Italian Resturant

Mario’s Italian Restaurant

at St Paul’s Church
15773 Dover Rd Upperco

On **Saturday, February 25, 2023***
Mario’s Restaurant is opened for one night.
Please accept this as your special invite!

Come and see something strange…
The kids doing the work for a change!

Join us between **5 and 7 pm** and take a seat.
Then St Paul’s Youth will serve something to eat.

The menu is salad, pasta, and ice cream at the end.
So come on in – and bring a friend!

No reason to tip for the kid’s good deed.
But donations are accepted for a worthy need.

Just place in the labeled container when you are done.
The proceeds help us go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.

Carry-out is available to purchase to take home and share.
We sure do hope to see you there!

*Inclement weather date is March 4.

Mar-Lu Ridge Retreat

Mar-Lu-Ridge
Camp & Retreat Center

St Paul's Mar-Lu-Ridge Spring Retreat will be held March 10 - 12 for all ages. This retreat was rescheduled from the fall. Come for the weekend, one night, or for the day! There will be no charge for our Gathering Youth. The cost for the entire weekend - Friday, 7 pm through Sunday, 11 am - four meals - is $105 for adults and youth 3-12 $57. We also have an option to do the high ropes course for those interested. If you cannot come for the whole weekend, scheduling and fees are flexible. Please see Sandy for a registration form.

Please do not let finances determine your attendance, we want you there. There are funds to help cover expenses, see Sandy for confidential assistance.

First Fruits Farm Volunteering Memories

We had 17 volunteers from the parish help bag potatoes on November 5th. We packed over 27,000 pounds!

Christmas Memories

Youth Christmas Program

On December 11 our youth presented Give the Gift Back.

Thank you to all those who put this togethere, from the script, to the props, to the children themselves for all the hard work learning tehir parts and presenting us with a wonderful story!

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18th

Parish Youth Events

Come out and join us! We meet on the 2nd Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church. (**January 13th, February 10th**)

If you need a ride, please contact Rachel Murphy at 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 or 240.815.1470.

Registration Form

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.

Sunday School Calendar

St Paul's Lutheran Church

15773 Dover Rd Upperco, MD 21155 / 410-239-3456

Bring a friend!

2022-2023 Sunday School Calendar

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

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

Fellowship Sundays: Typically the 2nd 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 2nd 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 3rd Sunday, ***the entire congregation is asked to join!***

JANUARY 2023

Jan 1	9am	Youth Sunday during Service Happy New Year! (no SS classes)
Jan 8		Fellowship Sunday (Mountcastle Family)
Jan 13 Friday		Youth Group Friday
Jan 15	10:15am	**LiFT Program** *(all of congregation)*
Jan 22	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
Jan 29	10:15am	Sunday School Classes

FEBRUARY 2023

'Mario's Restaurant' Friday evening date in February TBD

Feb 5	9am	Youth Sunday during Service
	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
Feb 10 Friday		Youth Group Friday
Feb 12	9am	'Soup'er Bowl Skit during Service
	10:15am	Fellowship Sunday (Lowe Family)
Feb 19	10:15am	**LiFT Program** *(all of congregation)*
Feb 22 Wednesday	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 26	10:15am	Sunday School Classes (Lent)

Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Council Meeting:

Reports:

Pastor's Report, Pastor Huber Reported:

- Checked in with the council to see how the rotations are going
- Reviewed the roles of the pastoral team but reminded the council that any pastor can be reached for pastoral care

Pastor's Report, Deacon Don Reported:

- A new confirmation curriculum has been purchased and was delivered to the church
- The Immanuel youth group will be looking at traveling around to other churches and developing a new name

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Hilgartner Reported:

- Has been training Kelly Mountcastle in taking over the treasurer role
- St. Paul's currently has 6 accounts at PNC and there are currently no options for in person banking. Will be looking into transferring the money to different bank that offers in person banking

Committee Reports

Outreach, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- We've adopted "4" families and "1" veteran family giving us 26 individuals to provide for at Christmas. We'll be able to hang our Christmas wishes earlier than usual giving us plenty of time to shop! We are providing two of these families with Thanksgiving baskets as well.
- Another trip to The Brethren Home is scheduled for next month to deliver the stamps we've been collecting. The goal is the purchase of a new community vehicle!
- October Flea Market Grill:
    - **Income**: $728.72 (Includes $46.72 drink buy-back), **Expenses:** $284.37 (Includes $25.00 gift card from BJ's), **Net Profit:** $444.35
- ANNUAL TOTALS:
    - **Net Sales** $5,311.72, **Expenses** $2,206.68, **2022 NET TOTAL** $3,105.04

Flea Market, Ms. Lyons Repored:

- October - Sold out again! 86 lawn spaces sold (6 spaces twice!) = $ 2,150.00 and 6 pavilion spaces sold = $180.00. Grand total - $ 2,330.00
- This year, the flea market made $15,460.00 in lawn and pavilion space sales. Needless to say, this is extremely important to our budget. Please consider helping with this fundraiser. Our 2023 application will be available in February. I've already received 2 checks for the whole 2023 season!

Parish Council, Ms. Caine Reported:

- A bank account has been opened
- Post office box has been opened
- A discussion followed about the Parish Budget and specific questions about line items. Some of the questions could not be answered at this time and will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting

Old Business

- Replacing the Trees in the park
    - One tree will be planted in Pastor Carl's honor- a Red Oak
    - 5-6 other trees will be planted in the maple variety through the Acer Nurseries, Upperco
    - Get a variety of trees

MOTION: To give the property committee up to $2,500 to spend on appropriate replacement trees for the park property with the understanding that they need to be planted at an appropriate time and fashion within the next month, in the event that this cannot be done the council will reevaluate funding through grants available. Motion by Ms. Caine. Seconded by Mr. Mountastle. All in favor. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Budget- Charles Baber presented council with a proposed budget for the upcoming year
    - A discussion followed with questions regarding the budget and specific line items
    - A budget was created where the expenses meet the income amount

MOTION: Move to approve the budget and take it to the congregational meeting in November with the adjustments made during the last hour at the council meeting by Ms. Caine. Motion seconded by Ms. Lewis. All in favor. Motion approved.

Highlights from the Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Council Meeting:

Reports:

Pastor's Report, Pastor Huber Reported:

- Has continued to meet with shut-ins
- Working on the schedule to allow time to build connections with members after church services.

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Welcome new council members
- Assisted property with new lighting and park property trees
- Attended the parish bonfire at Jerusalem
- Assisted at First Fruit farms, a parish youth group planning meeting, and Immanuel with the monthly youth meeting

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Mountcastle Reported:

- Will work on adding her name to the bank accounts and cards
- A $100 charge was made from RLS (lawn service) and the owner said that it was a computer error, will look into the statements to see if there is a credit for this
- Will send a copy of the investment policy statement to the new council members

MOTION: Move to officially install Kelly Mountcastle as the treasure for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council by Ms. Caine. Seconded by Ms. Geldmacher. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Outreach, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- Final numbers from 2022 Food Grill:
  - ANNUAL TOTALS: **NET SALES** $ 5,311.72 **EXPENSES** - $ 2,206.68 **2022 NET TOTAL** $ 3,105.04

Parish Council, Ms. Caine Reported:

- Ellen Lichtfuss has been named as the pastor who will become part of the parish. She will shadow for a few months and then have the opportunity to sign a contract with Resurrection Lutheran Parish
- If there are any questions, comments or concerns about the parish she will bring them to the parish council

Old Business

- AED- will hopefully be in by the end of the year. Once the AED has arrived a CPR class will be scheduled for the church, community, and parish. Will look into using a Thrivent Action Team for the CPR class

New Business

- Council Table- Reviewed the terms and years of the council members.
  - Ms. Caine suggested that in the future one of the Resurrection Lutheran Parish council members should also be on the St. Paul's church council
- Worship and Music- Looking at having the acolyte light the candles during the first hymn. Also, including the announcements at the beginning of the recordings
- A discussion followed with assigning committee positions

Cemetery Maidie Brown
Christian Education Susan Fleming
Evangelism/fellowship Colleen Geldmacher
Finance Madison Baber
Financial Secretary Charles Baber
Flea Market Suzi Lyons
Historians Susan Fleming
Hospitality Susan Fleming
Worship and Music Mary Caine
Outreach Suzi Lyons
Park Bob Knight
Property Susan Fleming
Shepherds Rachel Murphy
Stewardship Mary Caine
Youth Madison Baber, Rachel Murphy

Good of the Church

- Mutual Ministry- the pastor team will begin this ministry in the near future

MOTION: Use money from the COVID Technology Grant from the Synod to purchase a laptop- with the input from Benjamin Baber and a QuickBooks license for the laptop from the Abiding Memorial Fund by Ms. Baber. Motion seconded by Ms. Caine. All in favor. Motion carried.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School *Food Collection*						
Mother's Day 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School *Fellowship* *2nd Offering - Elca disaster relief*					 Joint Youth Group	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School – LIFT Pr Phil Huber's Send-off – 1pm at Immanuel		 Council Meeting - 7:00pm				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School		 CPR Classes – 7:00pm	 CPR Classes – 7:00pm	 CPR Classes – 7:00pm		
29	30	31				
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School		Table of Grace - 10am				

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School *Food Collection*					 Joint Youth Group	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am – Worship *Fellowship* *2nd Offering* 10:15 am - Sunday School						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School - LIFT		**Shrove Tuesday Supper – 6:00pm** Council Meeting – 7:00pm				 Mario's Italian Restaurant – 5:00pm to 7:00pm
26	27	28				
9am – Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School						

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Council Directory

PRESIDENT	Susan Fleming
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SECRETARY	Madison Baber
TREASURER	Kelly Mountcastle
MEMBER	Mary Caine
MEMBER	Carol Lewis
MEMBER	Suzi Lyons
MEMBER	Bob Knight
MEMBER	Colleen Geldmacher

Council Committee Representatives

CEMETERY	Maidie Brown
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Susan Fleming
EVANGELISM/ FELLOWSHIP	Colleen Geldmacher
FINANCE	Madison Baber
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Charles Baber
FLEA MARKET	Suzi Lyons
HISTORIANS	Susan Fleming
HOSPITALITY	Susan Fleming
MUSIC & WORSHIP	Mary Caine
OUTREACH	Suzi Lyons
PARK	Bob Knight
PROPERTY	Susan Fleming
SHEPHERDS	Rachel Murphy
STEWARDSHIP	Brad Mountcastle Mary Caine
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