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“From the Pastor”

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Gratitude. That's the message this month. Actually, it's a good message for every month, every week, and every day.

I am grateful for how the faith community of St. Paul's continues to pull together and work together as one body, in the midst of challenging and changing times. Grateful for your commitment to keeping the message of God's love and grace (the gospel) for all people alive, and sharing it inside and outside the St. Paul's church walls. Grateful for your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment. Also grateful for how supportive you have been of the parish pastoral team, Pastor Dot, Deacon Don and me, as we grow and learn together in this new way of being church, as a 5-point parish, what I jokingly like to call the "the grand experiment."

As Christians, we carry the gospel message with us wherever we go. So, whether volunteering and serving at the St. Paul's Bingo event or the monthly flea market, helping with Vacation Bible School, serving on the joint parish council, or on the worship & music committee, assisting with worship, or volunteering at one of the Hampstead volunteer fire company events, playing pickle ball, caring for our loved ones and friends who depend on us, and just being out in the community, the gospel message goes with us.

May the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pastor Ellen on behalf of the Resurrection Lutheran Parish pastoral team

Church News



Church Services

Church Services are held on Sundays at 9am. Please join us for Worship Services online on [YouTube](#) Sunday mornings.



Sunday School For All Ages

We are returning to in person Sunday school starting September 17th. Children will be attending Sunday School during the worship. Come out and join us!



Happy Labor Day

Monday, September 4th



Council Meetings

The upcoming council meetings are September 19th and October 17th at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to a Council member before these dates.



Bible Study

Bible Study is held at St Paul's at 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month. All are welcome to join us!



First Fruit Farm

We will be going to First Fruit Farm on October 7th from 9:00am to 11:30am. Please see Susan Fleming For more information.



Rally Day

September 10th after worship. Come join us for a pot luck, scavenger hunt, and enjoy a treat from the Cow. Church is providing fried chicken and water, please bring a dish to share if you are able.



Women's Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge

Join us on October 14th from 10am – 4pm for the first-ever Holy Girlfriends' Retreat. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Pr Ellen will be leading the discussion. Contact Molly Pollasch for more info at 301-606-5620.



Youth Group

Come join us on the 2nd Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church. Come join us on September 8th and October 13th for food, fun and fellowship.



Men's Fall Dinner

Men - join us on Monday, October 23rd at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Maryland. Please contact Leon Fleming with your reservations or any questions.



Flea Market, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday, September 16th and October 21st. Spaces are filling up fast – register early! Registration forms are online at: <http://stpaulsupperco.org/flea-market/>



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29th
Trunk or Treat and Lunch Party after Worship



Installation of Our Pastoral Team

Sunday, September 17th at 3 pm in Pavilion 3 at Christmas Tree Park, Manchester. All are invited! There will be a potluck meal. The parish will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a dish to share, or, a gallon of tea or lemonade.



Halloween

Sunday, October 31st

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Installation for the Pastoral Team of Resurrection Lutheran Parish



The Installation of the Pastoral Team of St Paul's and Resurrection Lutheran Parish will take place Sunday, September 17th at 3 pm in Pavilion 3 at Christmas Tree Park, Manchester.

All are invited and encouraged to attend! Bishop Bill Gohl will be presiding with Pr Robin Linton, Assistant to the Bishop, preaching.

After the service, which will include communion, there will be a potluck meal. The parish will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. You are asked to bring a dish to share, or, a gallon of tea or lemonade. It is also suggested to bring chairs, if you are able.

Please RSVP to Sandy by Saturday, Sept 9th. She needs to have a count to Pr Norma Schenning, president of the Parish Council, by the 10th. Contact Sandy at fourbabers@gmail.com or 410-206-0283.

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
held during the service, from after the children's message to start of communion

Those in Need of Prayer



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

Family & Friends: Alicia Minor, Ms. Heather, Ashlee Kopp, Andrea & Cotey Kopp, Jerry & Jan Herfurth, Linda Nunan & family, Tim Hoyt & family, Debb Webb, Pat & Ron Webb, Graydon, Dacia Osborne, Osborne family, Joy Eagan, Bernie and Chris Harmon, Karyn Carpenter, Holly Hudson, Brandon Akers, Brandi Bubczyk, Tim Hoyt, Rosemary Johnson, Rick Schaefer, Bethany Ferguson, Carol Kahlert, Steve Turek, Melinda Chernesky, Joan Jasmin, Nancy Rose, Dave and Marie Davis, Carol Wissel, Jean Yeakel, David Henry, Brandon Akers, Torie Osborne, Ed Burnham, Teri Geppi, Michael Long, Emily Burnham, Romeo Gauthier, Julie Lewis, Randy Brown, Steve Daugherty, Dustin Leer, Jennifer Monroe, Kevin Murphy, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

PRAYER: Gracious God, the strength of the weak and comfort of all who suffer, hear pleas for help for all who reach out in need. Especially I pray on behalf of those I lift up for your life-giving strength and comforting grace. In the name of Jesus, my Lord. AMEN

Celebrations!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Gerri Martin
8 Lilly Meadowcroft
10 Emmy Neuheisel
10 Cooper Armacost
11 Brad Mountcastle
12 Tim Brown
12 Bob Martin
16 Sandy Baber
16 Katie Graff
16 Wade Hilgartner
17 Patti Schunk
18 Rachel Murphy
21 Meg Jones
26 Nathan Geldmacher
29 Carliana Folfas

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 Leon & Susan Fleming
16 Steve & Barb Utz
18 Brad & Kelly Mountcastle
21 Robin Lowe



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Carolyn Eichler
7 Lorelei Litz
8 Mary Caine
10 Jayme Folfas
12 Kim Knight
15 Vivian Chenoweth
17 Colleen Geldmacher
23 Matthew Moore
26 Andy Geldmacher
29 Kimberly Kelly

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

6 Wade & Carol Hilgartner
9 Jack & Patti Schunk
26 Charles & Sandy Baber

Rally Day and Potluck

You are invited to Rally Day on September 10th!

Come join us for a pot luck, scavenger hunt, and enjoy a treat from the Cow.

Church is providing fried chicken and water.

Please bring a dish to share if you are able.



First Fruit Farms



St Paul's has signed up to volunteer at First Fruits Farm on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 - 11:30am. Everyone is invited to join us for fun and fellowship for a good cause! Please read the information below and complete the waiver form.

For more information, contact Laura Grabowski - LauraWats@Hotmail.com, 202-528-3440.

All volunteers must sign the waiver BEFORE arrival. [Liability Waiver](#)

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

For FAQ's about your visit and more information about First Fruits Farm, please visit [our website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#)! Watch to learn what First Fruits Farm is all about: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG-rRL_FpWA

Men's Fall Dinner

Men's Fall Dinner on Monday, October 23rd at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Maryland.

The ladies of the church will be serving a Dinner of Homemade Italian Cuisine, with a vegetarian selection included. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$15.00 expected. The program for the evening will be prepared and presented by Deacon Don Meyer, staff member at Grace and former Assistant Chaplain at Carroll Lutheran Village.



These semi-annual dinners have become a wonderful opportunity for the men of the churches of our conference to socialize and renew friendships. One hundred twenty four persons were able to gather at our Spring 2023 Dinner. We look forward to welcoming a large group of men and the pastor from your church. When you arrive, please meet in the sanctuary for Greetings and Opening Prayer prior to dinner.

Please contact Leon Fleming with your reservations or any questions.

Outreach

Thank you to everyone who participated in our baby bottle campaign for Alpha Pregnancy. All totaled, St. Paul's donated almost \$200.00 to this program. The money will be used for counseling, baby food, diapers, clothing and baby gear.



We have 2 flea markets left this year and our food grill has been busy! 9/16 and 10/21 are the remaining dates. Our flea market is a community event and having lunch available while you shop is a big plus! Stop by and enjoy a burger, dog or Italian sausage!

Women's Retreat

Registration Begins The First-Ever Holy Girlfriends' Retreat



When: Saturday, October 14th, 10am-4pm

Where: Mar-Lu-Ridge, 3200 Mar Lu Ridge Road, Jefferson, MD 21755

Theme: "Holy Leisure," focusing on Sabbath, Sanctuary, and No-Guilt Resting

Led by Pastor Ellen Lichtfuss

Lunch is provided

Cost is \$20 per person

Handicapped accessible

Carpooling available

Registration Deadline: September 17th

Register online here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449AEAA2FA1FC1-holy>

Paper forms also available upon request

Payment Deadline: October 1st

Mail Payments to: Grace Lutheran Church, c/o Molly Pollasch,
21 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21157 or pay Molly in person.

Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church.

Questions? - Contact Molly Pollasch, 301-606-5620.

Flea Market

Our monthly flea markets continue to be a huge success. Not only as a fund raiser for our church, but as a community "social" event. 40 vendors signed up and prepaid for the entire 7-month season!
Thank you to all our volunteers!

September 16 * October 21

Cost: \$ 25.00 Lawn space, Pavilion space \$30.00

No Rain Date – Non-Refundable – Non Transferable
Time: 8 AM – 2 PM

To reserve your space, please complete our application and return it with your payment to:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 15773 Dover Rd, Upperco, MD 21155
Attn: **Flea Market**



Click link to download application for space: [2023 Flea Market Application](#)

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY Vendors who prepay for the entire 7-month season will be guaranteed the same space each month.
If you have any questions, please email us at fleamarket@stpaulsupperco.org.



Outreach will again operate the food grill at our monthly flea markets.
Come out and enjoy a burger or hot dog and soda for lunch and support the church!

Rent Our Pavilion For Your Next Event!

Rent the Pavilion for your ...
*Family Reunion
*Birthday Party
*Graduation Party or
*Special Event



Reserve Your Date Now!
Only \$100

Conveniently located off Rt 30
~
15773 Dover Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

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

[Click here to download the Pavilion Lease](#)

Please fill out the lease agreement and return to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
15773 Dover Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

VBS 2023 Highlights

VBS was held July 17th -21st. Our 7 students and 6 assistants blasted to the past to learn of God's timeless love.

Patti Schunk, Carol Hilgartner, Gerri Martin, Madison Baber, and Susan Fleming taught them through story, snack & crafts that God's love is Incredible, faithful, invincible, unconditional and real.

Amelia & Christian Neuheisel reinforced the stories with music, while Jake & Josh Lowe traveled in the time machine.

Thanks to all those that donated, volunteered and attended in this year VBS! A great time was had by all!



Mar-Lu-Ridge Fall Retreat

Our Mar-Lu-Ridge Fall Retreat will be November 10 - 12 for all ages.

Come for the weekend, one night, or for the day!

The cost for the entire weekend - Friday, 7 pm through Sunday, 11 am - four meals - is \$125 for adults and youth 3-12 \$60. There is also an option to visit for the day or for one night, if that works better for your schedule. An example would be: Visit for lunch & dinner on Saturday - \$10 day use, \$10 lunch, and \$12 dinner: total of \$32.

More information with a registration form will be sent out later in September.

Any questions please reach out to Sandy, 410-206-0283 or fourbabers@gmail.com.



2024 Youth Gathering

The 2024 Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024
<https://www.elca.org/youthgathering>



Youth currently in 7th grade through 11th grade are eligible. An email has gone out to families with eligible youth. If you did not receive an email, please reach out to Sandy Baber.

Registration for the Gathering starts this September. For budget planning we would like to know who is going from St Paul's by September 1st. As part of the registration process we will request our hotel rooms and then we will make airline reservations near the end of the year. Final payment for everything will be due in April 2024. The plan would be to fly to New Orleans on Monday, July 15th and return late on Saturday, July 20th. Once we get to New Orleans, all events should be within walking distance, if not the Gathering will provide transportation. To give you an idea of our time in New Orleans, our days are spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, as our youth grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

If you have interested youth, a non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due by September 1st. Because of our on-going fundraising efforts and generous friends of St Paul's, this should be the only out of pocket for each St Paul's participant. The cost per person is approximately \$1,200 per person. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy.

FreeRide

FreeRide - November 18-20, 2023

For youth in grades 6th, 7th, & 8th. This is a small group centered event, where middle school youth will be grouped with other youth of the same age/grade.

In addition to the small groups, large group gatherings will introduce the theme progression through worship and music, games will help form this weekend's community, and service projects will invite youth to apply what they're learning to hands-on service. There are also workshops for adult participants.

Cost - \$175 per person includes program, lodging, meals, activities, and a t-shirt! (Scholarships Available - see form on website)

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

Please contact Madison Baber at madpat52@gmail.com if you are interested in going or need more information.

Parish Youth Events

Everyone (of all ages) **is welcome to join us for any activity or event!**

Youth Group Night is typically held the 2nd Friday of each month in Immanuel's Social Hall.

We share a meal at 6:30pm then participate in a combination of fun activities and/or community service projects.



The poster features a circular logo on the left with a tree-like design and the text "DELAWARE, MARYLAND, & METRODC YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY". To the right of the logo, the text "2023-2024 YOUTH EVENTS" is displayed in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the poster is divided into two columns. The left column lists two events: "Middle School Event" (November 17-19, 2023) and "High School Event" (February 9-11, 2024), both in white text. The right column lists two events: "Seekers (Grades 3-5)" (March 9-10, 2024) and "Middle School Leadership Retreat" (April 12-14, 2024), also in white text. At the bottom of each column, the location is specified: "at Potomac Park Retreat & Conference Center in Falling Waters, WV" for the left column, and "at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, MD" for the right column.

Event	Dates	Location
<u>Middle School Event</u>	November 17-19, 2023	at Potomac Park Retreat & Conference Center in Falling Waters, WV
<u>High School Event</u>	February 9-11, 2024	
<u>Seekers (Grades 3-5)</u>	March 9-10, 2024	at Mar-Lu-Ridge in Jefferson, MD
<u>Middle School Leadership Retreat</u>	April 12-14, 2024	

Sunday School Events 2023



Sunday School 2023-24

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

15773 Dover Rd · Upperco, MD 21155 · 410-239-3456
www.StPaulsUpperco.org · Office@StPaulsUpperco.org

~9am Church Service In-Person or Livestream ~Children's Sunday School during the service

September 10
10:15am - 12:30pm

Rally Day Potluck at the Church Pavilion
church providing fried chicken and water

Join our scavenger hunt
and enjoy a treat from **The Cow**
(Moo Mobile arrives at 11:30am)



Sunday School starting September 17 during the 9am church service

Sunday School class is held downstairs. This year's theme is 'People of the Bible'.
Class is dismissed after the children's sermon and return to service for communion.

On Fellowship Sundays (typically the 2nd week), the class will focus on a community service craft project. After church, everyone is invited downstairs to participate in the project and to enjoy some refreshments.

Volunteer on Saturday, Oct 7 9-11:30am at First Fruits Farm

www.firstfruitsfarm.org

Help us harvest fruits and vegetables that will be shared with
local food banks, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens.
Signup is required—link on church website.

Christmas Caroling on Sun, Dec 17 bus leaves at 2pm

Meet at the church. If you are not able to go
Christmas caroling, you can still join us
afterwards (~5pm) for a potluck dinner.

Children's Christmas Program and Christmas Eve Services

Practice during SS classes in November.
Final practice after church on Sunday, Dec 3.
Presentation at 9am on Sunday, Dec 10.

Church service on Sunday, December 24 at 9am.
Christmas Eve services at 4pm and 9pm.

Sunday School 2024 events will be published at a later date. *Dates and times are subject to change.
Contact office (410-239-3456 / office@stpaulsupperco.org) or Susan Fleming (443-744-6511 / susanf795@gmail.com)
for more information or to get on our email list and receive updates!

Carroll Lutheran School



Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament!

We invite you to support our 21st Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 29th, 2023, at Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, MD. As a non-profit organization, community donations are vital to CLS.

The tournament offers us the opportunity to provide scholarships to families who need tuition assistance. The scholarship fund allows us to extend the reach of Christian education to the children of our community. In February 2023, a vital member of the CLS community passed away at the age of

90. Robert Fischer was instrumental in the creation of the current school building at 1738 Old Taneytown Road in Westminster. It is with his efforts and his business contacts that he was able to find the acreage and manage the process of blueprints to the creation of the beautiful campus that schools over 110 students each year. In recognition of his dedication to the school, beginning in 2024, this golf tournament will be named The Robert Fischer Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament will continue to raise funds for the scholarship fund, but the scholarship fund will now be a living legacy in Bob's name.

We are seeking sponsors, golfers, and donations for our raffle which will be open to our 80+ players in this annual tournament. All contributions will be recognized in the program booklet at the tournament, on the golf website, and on social media. All donations, in-kind or monetary, are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

If you are interested in a golf registration which includes a continental breakfast, a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, and lunch following the tournament, the fee is \$90 per player and \$360 per foursome.

To register to play golf or to support us with a sponsorship, donation of an item, gift card, or certificate for a service please visit our registration website at www.clsedu.org/golf.

Vote for Carroll Lutheran School as Carroll's Best Private School!

Carroll Lutheran School has been nominated as Best Private School in Carroll County in the Carroll County Times Best of Carroll Contest. Voting is open now and you can vote once each day until August 20th. Please visit [Carroll's Best Contest](#) to cast your vote for CLS as the best private school in Carroll County!

Enrollment for 2023/2024!

Applications are still being accepted for the upcoming school year. For more information, please visit [CLS Admissions](#) or call the school office at 410-848-1050.

Staying Connected to Carroll Lutheran School!

Please visit our website throughout the summer months for updates on events and happenings at the school. Our photo album will be updated in the coming weeks with pictures of all of the year-end events.

For more information on how you can support CLS, please visit the link below or contact Bonnie Higgins at development@clsedu.org.

Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting

Reports:

Pastor's Report, Pastor Ellen Reported:

- Preparing sermons and children's messages, preaching and presiding at 9 worship services on 5 Sundays
- Co-facilitating Parish-wide Bible study at St. Paul's on Women of the Bible – 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays beginning April 19 th through the summer months, 7 pm
- Attending monthly Council meetings at Jerusalem, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and Immanuel
- Attending Stephen Ministry meeting facilitated by Connie Dattilio -- May 16
- Participating in a prayer meeting at St. Paul's – May 18
- Helping Susan Fleming promote the Parish @ Hampstead Day --May 20
- Participating in St. Paul's worship & music committee meeting – May 22
- Attending special Parish Council meeting on the 2024 budget – May 31
- Participating Christian Education & Vacation Bible School meetings at Immanuel
- Attending Erich Ganjon's visitation at Myers Durboraw, Westminster – June 8
- Attended Parish End-of-School Year Picnic at St. Paul's -- June
- Participating in DE-MD Synod Assembly – June 9 & 1
- Participating in weekly Scripture study sessions with other clergy – every Tuesday morning in Gettysburg
- Visiting Olivia's House in Hanover with Stephen Ministry – June 14
- Meeting with Pastor Norma Schenning to discuss mutual ministry – June 16
- Attending Immanuel's community breakfast – June 17
- Attending St. Paul's Flea Market – June 17
- Helped with Clean Up Day at St. Abrahams – June 17
- Making 16 pastoral care visits with our homebound parish members, and those in care facilities, and 10 pastoral phone calls
- Updating the Parish Visitation List and Log
- Attending two (2) clergy team staff meetings
- Assisting with Social Ministry's food distribution at Immanuel every Wednesday
- Attending monthly Social Ministry meetings at Immanuel

Pastor's Report, Pastor Dot Reported:

- During the month of May through June, I presided over 7 regular worship services. Began work on the next Pastoral Rotation schedule, worked with Pastor Norma on Parish budget for 2024, assisted with bulletins, a Monthly Update, and other administrative items as necessary or requested.
- Attended one Westminster Conference meeting, meetings with the Bishop's staff, our own Pastoral Team meetings, Stephen Ministry meeting, congregational council meeting, and 8 pastoral counseling (some by phone and some in person), attended a funeral visitation, funerals/Memorial Services, 6 home communions with shut-ins, 1 hospital visit, and many phone calls and emails.
- Supported Deacon Don and Pastor Ellen, as possible in a Youth activity, the Women of the Bible Study at St. Paul's.
- Still looking ahead to streamlining some of the paperwork systems, computer systems, etc. Working with Pastor Ellen on visitations (she carried most of the work this past month), met with two prospective members for two different churches and one baptism counseling.
- Briefly attended one work day at St. Abrahams and stopped in at the St. Paul's flea market.
- Took two weeks vacation time to take care of my husband, Bill, following his knee replacement surgery. Thank you all for your generosity in prayers and patience with us as he continues that healing process. Looking forward to our move to Westminster between July 7 th and July 15 th .
- Blessed to be serving on our continuing journey together as the Resurrection Lutheran Parish, our Pastoral Team, and the individual churches that make up this Parish.

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- Attend Hampstead day with a booth for the parrish
- Ordered the memorial tree markers
- Delivered bread to the visitors

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Mountcastle Reported:

- Synod mission check for half the year has been cut and sent to the synod office

Committee Reports

Outreach, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- We are again supporting the Alpha Pregnancy center in Reisterstown. Baby bottles were distributed on Mother's Day and returned on Father's Day. The money collected will be used for counseling, medical supplies, formula, diapers, toys, etc.
- Another giant bag of canceled stamps was delivered to the Cross Keys Village. They were extremely happy to receive our donation and sent a thank you note.
- May 20th Flea Market Grill:
 - Income: \$ 991.00
 - Expenses: \$ 361.85 (Includes \$25.00 gift card from BJ's)
 - Net Profit: \$ 629.15
- June 17th Flea Market Grill: Will report next month
 - Income:
 - Expenses: (Includes \$25.00 gift card from BJ's)
 - New Profit:

Flea Market, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- June's flea market had 71 lawn spaces sold (\$1,775) and all 6 pavilion spaces sold (\$180).
- So far, our Flea Market has made \$11,460 this year!

Property Report, Ms. Fleming reported:

- Still watering the new trees, all look good
- Scheduled boiler inspection
- Scheduled tunings for piano and organ

Old Business

- Memorial tree dedication day
- The plaques have an estimated 4-6 month delivery

New Business

- Parish budget, Sandy Baber- joint parish council member for St. Paul's- presented the draft budget
- The council discussed the budget and brought up questions about the line items

MOTION: to approve the Resurrection Lutheran Parish Budget and send it back to the joint council by Ms. Lewis. Seconded by Ms. Geldmacher. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Check keys
- A document will be made to keep track of the owners of the current keys
- Pastoral Team Insulation- September 17 at Christmas Tree Park

Highlights from the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting

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- Preparing sermons and children's messages, preaching and presiding at 7 worship services on 4 Sundays
- Created/edited Parish Update for July, including pastoral message, and distributed by email to all subscribers.
- Co-facilitating Parish-wide Bible study at St. Paul's on Women of the Bible – 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays beginning April 19 th and ongoing until we decide to take a break!
- Attending monthly Council meetings at Jerusalem, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and Immanuel
- Dinner meeting with the Pastors Schenning to discuss mutual ministry – June 23
- Participating in Parish worship & music committee meeting at St. Paul's– June 29
- Participating in Vacation Bible School planning meetings at Immanuel, including helping decorate
- Participating in Vacation Bible School planning meetings at St. Pauls – June 26 and July 8
- Gwyn Hann's Visitation at Eline Funeral Home – July 5
- Helping represent Immanuel's VBS in Manchester Fireman's Parade – July 5
- Participating in weekly Scripture study sessions with other clergy – every Tuesday morning in Gettysburg

- Attending Community Picnic at St. Abrahams - July 8 Bible Storytime with Rachel Murphy for VBS at Immanuel, July 19 - 13, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- Attending Immanuel's community breakfast - July 15
- Attending St. Paul's Flea Market - July 15
- Helping with St. Paul's VBS week where needed, July 17-21, 9am - 12pm
- 10 pastoral care visits to our homebound parish members (Holy Communion), to those in care facilities, and those in hospital. 15 pastoral care phone calls
- Updating the Parish Visitation List and Log
- Attending two (2) clergy team staff meetings
- Assisting with Immanuel's food distribution every Wednesday, 10-11:30 am
- It's been a busy and fun 4-5 weeks since my last report. Seems like I've been living and breathing Vacation Bible School during this time – planning, decorating, storytelling, singing, praying. The Parish Update beginning with the July issue is now my responsibility. Also have focused on providing pastoral care for all 5 congregations, both routine and emergency visits. I continue to work on improving and refining my sermon writing and preaching skills, and children's messages. Always a work in progress!

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- Attended one Westminster Conference meeting, meetings with the Bishop staff, our own Pastoral Team Meetings, Stephen Ministry meeting, congregation council meeting, and 10 pastoral counseling (some by phone and some in person) attended a funeral visitation, presided at three funeral, memorial services, 9 home communions with shut-ins, four hospital visits, and many phone calls and emails
- Supported Decon Don and Pastor Ellen, as possible in a Youth activity, the Women of the Bible Study at St. Paul's, and support them at Immanuel VBS
- Still looking ahead to streamlining some of the paperwork systems, computer systems. Still working with Pastor Ellen on visitations (she carried most of the work this past month), met with two prospective members for two different churches and one baptism counseling. Briefly attended one work day at St. Abrahams and stopped in at the St. Paul's flea market and St. Abrahams Community Picnic
- Took two weeks of unexpected vacation time to take care of my husband, Bill, following his knee

replacement surgery and one week for moving, although I did some work during each of these weeks. Thank you for your generosity in prayers and patience with us as he continues that healing process. Our move is almost complete. The new address is:

○ 31 Washington Lane, Apt. H, Westminster, MD 21157

- Blessed to be serving on our continuing journey together as the Resurrection Lutheran Parish, our Pastoral Team, and the individual church that make up this Parish

President's Report, Ms. Fleming Reported:

- VBS
- Led Bible Study
- Attended St. Paul's worship and music meeting
- Attended the Parish worship meeting

Treasurer's Report, Ms. Mountcastle Reported:

- Ms. Fleming will send the check for the monuments for the tree dedications
- Parking lot lining company received the payment

Committee Reports

Outreach, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- All collected baby bottles were delivered to Alpha Pregnancy
- June 17th Flea Market Grill:
 - Income: \$748.00
 - Expenses: \$330.20 (Includes \$25.00 gift card from BJ's)
 - Net Profit: \$417.80
- July 15th Flea Market Grill:
 - Income: \$728.00
 - Expenses: \$351.94
 - Net Profit: \$376.06

*THESE FUNDS GO TO OUTREACH

Flea Market, Ms. Lyons Reported:

- July 15th flea market was another full house! 76 lawn spaces were sold (\$1,900.00) some twice due to cancellations and all 6 pavilion spaces were sold (\$180.00). One vendor requested a 4-month refund due to his space restrictions. (-\$100.00). So far this year, our flea market has made \$12,750.00 for the church.

***THESE FUNDS GO TO CURRENT**

- THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN ANY WAY SO THAT THIS CHURCH FUNDRAISER IS A SUCCESS. SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB KNIGHT WHO PARKS CARS, SERVES COFFEE, AND HELPS IN THE FOOD GRILL!! HE'S OUR TRIPLE CROWN!

Property Report, Ms. Fleming reported:

- Had piano tuned
- Organ serviced
- Boiler inspected- per state law
- A/C leak repaired/inspected by modern comfort

Parish Music and Worship, Ms. Caine Reported:









- Pastoral Rotation Updates – They are still a work in progress. The pastoral team is working on fine tuning everything!
- Blessing of Trees - Immanuel - 2nd Sunday
- Sunday, December 17 th – caroling event at St. Paul's. Leave around 2pm and carol at several locations and then potluck back at church.
- Thursday, December 21 - Blue Christmas Service at Jerusalem
- Christmas Eve Services - Sunday December 24th. We will have regular morning services (4th Sunday in Advent)
- It was unanimously decided that no congregations would like to have Christmas Day Services.
- Installation:
 - Sunday, September 17 at 3pm at Christmas Tree Park Large Pavillion with Bishop Gohl and Pastor Robin Litton.
 - Each church will need to bring something to represent the Pastoral Ministry of the Church.
 - Churches will provide food- Connie Dattilio is heading up the charge for the potluck.

Good of the Church

- The Mutual Ministry team has been formed and will meet on August 15, the pastoral team is invited to attend this meeting- our representative is Kelly Mountcastle



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9am – Worship <i>Food Collection</i>	4 	5	6  Bible Study 7:00pm	7	8 Joint Youth Group 	9
10 9am – Worship 2nd Offering - <i>Shepherd's Staff</i>  Rally Day and Potluck	11	12	13	14  Prayer Ministry Meeting 7:00pm	15	16 Flea Market 8:00am – 2:00pm 
17 9am – Worship & Sunday School Installation of Our Pastoral Team 3pm 	18	19  Council Meeting 7:00pm	20  Bible Study 7:00pm	21	22	23
24 9am – Worship & Sunday School	25	26	27	28	29	30



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am – Worship & Sunday School Food Collection			Bible Study  Bible Study 7:00pm			FIRST FRUITS FARM  First Fruit Farm – 9:00am
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am – Worship & Sunday School 2nd Offering - Union Seminary Students Fellowship				 Prayer Ministry Meeting 7:00pm	 Joint Youth Group	 Women's Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge 10:00am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9am – Worship & Sunday School		 Council Meeting - 7:00pm	Bible Study  Bible Study 7:00pm			 Flea Market – 8:30
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am – Worship & Sunday School	 Men's Fall Dinner 6:30pm		Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm			
29	30	31				
9am – Worship & Sunday School  Trunk-or-Treat						

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