



ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

News and Announcements

Sunday, September 17, 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our *Life, Together* series continues this Sunday to focus on the theme from our readings: "Mirroring Mercy." In our focus passage from the Gospel, God's boundless mercy is revealed in Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Whether you are joining us in person or online, we would love to know you are here, and how we can connect with you in the midst of our life together. You can use your device to scan the QR code ([or click on the image](#)) to the right that will take you to an online info and attendance form.



SCAN ME

As we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in all of our worship services today, please know that you are welcome at this Table. We practice an open table at St. Paul's, where all are invited to receive the gifts of God's grace in bread and wine, without precondition, membership status, or frequency of worship. The Spirit who gathers us as a community, also gathers you to receive bread and wine.

Crab Feast Fundraiser is Fast Approaching

The **Creative Fundraising Committee** will be hosting our annual **Crab Feast** in Spangler Hall on **Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 6-9 p.m.** We will have steamed crabs and offer rotisserie chicken for non-crab eaters. Please come and enjoy the feast with crab soup, corn on the cob, pasta salad, sliced tomatoes, coleslaw, a variety of desserts, iced tea, and lemonade. You are welcome to BYOB (beer or wine)! We will also have door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. To reserve your tickets, you can [email Bonnie Murphy](#).



This event will only be possible if we have help. Please consider assisting with setup, cleanup, and/or distribution of crabs and other food items during the event. If you can donate an hour or more of your time to help make the crab feast a success, please [email Bonnie Murphy](#). Thank you!

Adult tickets are \$55 for those eating crabs, and \$20 for those eating chicken. Kid (12 and under) tickets are \$20 for those eating crabs, and \$15 for those eating chicken nuggets.

Worship Assistants Needed

As we enter the fall season of worship services and prepare for Advent and Christmas, we could use more people to help read the lessons and lead prayers at the lectern. It does not require a significant time commitment, but it can be a meaningful way to serve St. Paul's and deepen your own worship experience. We especially need readers for the 11 a.m. service, although we would also welcome new readers at the 9 a.m. service. Please [connect with Sue DePasquale](#) if you are interested in serving at 11 a.m. or [email Debi Maas](#) if you are interested in 9 a.m. worship.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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This Coming Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, September 17 - Contemporary Worship w/ Council on the Spot @ 9:00 a.m. (Spangler Hall) ~ Praise Team Rehearsal (Spangler Hall) and GIFT Hour (SH Classrooms) @ 10:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship w/ Council on the Spot @ 11:00 a.m. (historic sanctuary + Facebook Live)

Monday, September 18 - Pastor Ed's Public Office Hours @ 12:30 p.m. (Timonium Panera Bread)

Tuesday, September 19 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 p.m. (historic sanctuary) ~ Congregational Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. (SH Youth Room)

Thursday, September 21 - Quilting Group @ 1:00 p.m. (SH Youth Room)

Sunday, September 24 - Contemporary Worship @ 9:00 a.m. (Spangler Hall) ~ Praise Team Rehearsal (Spangler Hall) and GIFT Hour (SH Classrooms) @ 10:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship @ 11:00 a.m. (historic sanctuary + Facebook Live)

Annual Craft Fair

Our annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. inside Spangler Hall and outside on the church lawn, so make sure to add this to your calendar! For those who would like to share and sell their own creations, tables are available for both inside spaces (\$25, or \$30 with a table) and outside spaces (\$20, or \$25 with a table).

For info and to apply, please [email Bonnie Murphy](mailto:bonnie.murphy@st-pauls.org) or call 410-560-6175. **Application Deadline: Friday, October 13, 2023 unless we run out of space!**

Baking Casseroles for Our Daily Bread

For almost 30 years, St. Paul's volunteers have baked nutritious casseroles for [Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen \(ODB\)](#), which is a program of Catholic Charities. Over the years, the Social Ministry Committee has been coordinating this program at St. Paul's and delivering our casseroles to the downtown site in Baltimore each month. ODB has grown to serve over 900 homeless individuals and families living in poverty, providing them a hot, sit-down lunch each day with casseroles baked by St. Paul's and many other area churches.

We are looking for more St. Paul's bakers to prepare a casserole every few months. You would determine what month(s) you'd bake and follow an easy Chicken and Rice casserole recipe baked in a foil pan supplied by the church. Bake, cool, and refrigerate or freeze the casserole, and then deliver it to Spangler Hall. *If you would like to be a baker, we welcome you!* Please respond to Anne South by email at asouth@mica.edu or call 410-821-6694 indicating that you would like to participate, or if you have any questions about the program!



Praying for Our Community

Prayer List: James Albright, Sara Brown, Jim Buechting, Claudenia Burgemeister, Gabriel DeJesus, Joe DePasquale, Lois Ditman, Buffy Elliott, Christine Ferciot, Joe & Cindy Feinour, Susan Frank, Sue Gardner, Dave Grooms, Gurkin family, Wayne Harman, Barbara Hoban, Annette Howard, Zachary Hueter, TR James, Jeri Johnson, Kendall Kelly, Maureen Kelly, Ed Kemp, Melissa Krofka, Kathy Lumsden, Luke Markins, Mike McDuffen, Le Mebust, Donna & Mike Nagrabski, Samantha Nagrabski, Nikki Ortuglio, Pyles family, Walt Radek, William Randall, Sara Reynolds, Rich Rosario, Nancy Runkle, Jack Sayan, Olga Schmidt, Marianna Shea, Joan Sheckells, Walter Sprinkle, Dee Taylor, Michael Taylor, Renate' Taylor, Pat Thompson, Paul & Dot Tucker-Houk, David Visscher, Pat Wagner, Jeani & Marsha Wagner, Lois Jean West, George White, Tom Wilhide, Dee Zimmer

Grieving: the Musachio/DePasquale family upon the death of John's father

(Additions to the Prayer List this week are listed in italics)