

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Gambrills and Crofton

FALL, 2009

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

St. Paul's fall and winter worship schedule of three services each Sunday, 8:15, 9:45 (Contemporary), and 11:00 a.m. will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services. Sunday School will also begin on September 13th, 9:30 a.m.

I hope you all had a good summer, and found some time to relax and have some fun. As we begin our new program year here at St. Paul's there are many exciting things happening that will help us move forward in mission and ministry. The Fellowship Hall is close to being completed, and if you haven't had the chance go down and take a peek. Not only do we have a great new area for Fellowship and Sunday School, but also, the new look will help visitors have a good first impression of our building, especially when they bring their kids for Sunday School. This year will also bring some changes to Sunday School, after many years of working hard to create a great program Jane Felsentreger has stepped down, and Heidi Wood is taking over as our new education director. Heidi is really excited about this, and she has been working hard over the summer to develop a program that will continue to draw children to our Sunday School. Please give Heidi your encouragement and keep her and our Sunday School in your prayers. We have also begun taking photos for a new photo directory (if you haven't made an appointment yet, please do so), which will help us to get to know each other a little better. Along with that is the fact that soon we will once again be receiving some new members into our fellowship, this is a great blessing, as they join us in moving forward to proclaim the Gospel. Our elders are working on putting together a new list of our member's special talents and gifts (if you haven't returned yours yet, please, please bring it in). Along with these things our regular music, fellowship, small groups, and youth activities will continue to move forward and help us grow in our faith and our life together.

As you read all these things I would hope you realize how truly blessed we have been here at St. Paul's as we go about the Lord's work. When I look at all of those things I know that as your Pastor, I could not have accomplished any of this without the help and talents of our leadership and all of you. Our Lord continues to empower us through His Word and Sacraments, and He is the One who leads us forward by faith. These are exciting and challenging times for us, but as we continue to work together, we know the Lord will bless us and be with us as we commit ourselves to doing His work.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom Krepps



Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency and need to talk to Pastor Krepps when there is no one in the office, please call pastor at home at 410-451-1862 or his cell: 410-533-2963.

Quick Reference Dates

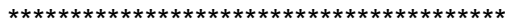
- September 7 - Labor Day (Office Closed)
- September 8 - Elders' Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- September 9 - First Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m. (pg. 2)
Ladies' Night Out (pg. 4)
- September 11 & 12 - Photo Day!
- September 13 - Photo Day!
SPY, Pool Party 1-4 p.m. (pg. 5)
- September 16 - Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- September 20 - LWML Salad Potluck, Noon (pg. 5)
- September 23 - Book Club, 7:30 p.m. (pg. 6)
- September 25 - Photo Day!
- September 26 - St. Paul's Bread/Dessert Booth (pg. 5)
Photo Day!
- September 27 - Photo Day!
- October 3 & 4 - Quilt Show and Sale (pg. 4)
- October 5 - Altar Guild Meeting (pg. 5)
- October 7, 8, 9 - St. Paul's Rummage Sale (5)
- October 10 - Oktoberfest! (pg. 4)

- Note: . Bible Study - Monday, 9:30 a.m.
 . Quilters - Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.-noon
 . Needleworkers, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
 . Worship Team, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 . St. Pauli's Girls, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
 . Choir, Friday, 7:00 p.m.
 . Woodworkers, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.



Note to Parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday evening September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On the first night we will go over the rules and guidelines for Confirmation, so one parent must attend the class with their child that night. Any questions please speak to Pastor Krepps.



Summer Food Drive

The Empty/Partially Empty Nesters have been collecting funds to shop for the Crofton Christian Caring Council food bank during the summer months because when children are not in school there is a greater need. We will continue collecting through Sunday, September 13th. As you may know, there are colorful boxes where you can drop money and we will do the shopping for you.

A BIG THANK YOU for your generous giving during the summer! If you have any questions, please ask Jane and/or Ted Felsentreger. Thank you!



St. Paul's Photo Directory News!!

We are developing an updated membership photo directory for St. Paul's members and friends. Every St. Paul's family that is photographed will receive an 8x10 photo portrait along with a new St. Paul's photo directory – FREE! We need everyone's participation so that our directory is as up to date and complete as possible. You might even want to order photo Christmas greeting cards when you get your photo taken. Please be sure to make your appointment with the Bay Living Photography representatives who will be on site at St. Paul's in early August. Questions?? Contact Penny Courtney 410-969-9156. **If for some reason you have missed the flyers/announcements, please call Brenda or Joe Minnich at 410-303-0741 to make an appointment.**



Ladies' Night Out

The Ladies' Night Out group invites all ladies to join us for dinner out on any or all of the dates listed below. If you have any questions you can call Andrea Krepps at 410-451-1862. Hope to see you there, why not bring a friend—it's a great way to introduce new people to our church family.

- September 9 - BBQ at Chris Schneider's home
At 5:30 p.m.
- October 14 - Old Stein Inn, Edgewater
(Bring calendar and restaurant suggestions.)
- November 11 - Pomo Grille, Bowie

Note: For the above restaurants either meet there at 6:30 p.m. or carpool at church at 5:50 p.m. There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can indicate yes/no to carpool.



Special Service Project

A special St. Paul's service project (open to the entire congregation): Preparing and serving meals for 30 guests at the Light House Shelter, 206 West St., Annapolis. **Carpool from church at 4:50 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and we return to church at approximately 7-7:30 p.m.** Prior to going there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex to donate items needed. Cash donations are welcome. Questions, call Andrea (410-451-1862).

The whole congregation is welcome to participate!

Friday, October 30, 2009



Prayer Requests

Lesley Aaron – Helen Brom
 Jennifer Agrillo – Sue Senasack
 Colin Armstrong – Karen Johnson
 Lambert Barnett – MaryAnne Folk
 Ellen Bauer – Rosemary Bauer
 Beth Blanchard – Kate Hausner
 Olivia Booth – Senasack
 Rena Branin – Helen Brom
 Kathy Brown – Jackie Abend
 Heather Calhoun
 Peta Capello – Zac Huffman
 Ethan Casey – Harley Coleman
 Lauren Chelenza – Craig and Jessie Silbert
 Robert Clark – Sheila Fogarty
 Bill Corwin
 Mary Craig – Linda Craig
 Gwen Cusick – Sue Senasack
 Faviere Daniel – Berez family
 Mona DePew – Marilyn Harris
 Rev. Andy Dougherty – Ted Felsentreger
 Joyce Dowdy – Sue Senasack
 Alan Dreibelbis
 Dylan – Sheila Miller
 Erich Fallstich
 Madeline Fuchs – Donna Larkin
 Capers Gambrell – Suzie Wilson
 Evelyn Garbe – Lee Greico
 Ashley Gartner – Jan Christensen
 Valerie Gillen – Heidi Wood
 The Goff Family – Sue Senasack
 Nita & Vernon Grebe – Helen Brom
 Fred Grieco – Andrea Krepps
 Gary Grieco – Andrea Krepps
 Mary Griggs – Linda Craig
 Rick Guth – Kathy Kirchoefer
 Carl Hamann – Kimberly Miller
 Graham Harris
 Heather Hildreth – Rosalie Mills
 Amy Howle – Helen Brom
 Sheila Jeanette – Marilyn Harrie
 Jean Jenstrom – Patrice Jenstrom

Michael Kidwell – Theresa Fangmeyer
 Joan Kneibert – Rita Hartzell
 George Koerper – Marj Kane
 Sue Kyhos – Jackie Abend
 Katie Kyle – Linda and Zac Huffman
 Pearl Jean Lengel – Jackie Abend
 Danielle Lenihan – Andrea Krepps
 Donna Lenihan – Andrea Krepps
 Brantley & Noni Marshall – Helen Brom
 Mary McClain – Karen Johnson
 Cookie McFarland – Andrea Krepps
 Bill Millios – Zac and Linda Huffman
 Pat Mitchell – Helen Brom
 Phil & Connie Myer
 Lori O'Dell – Jackie Abend
 Brett O'Hara
 Allen Perrie – Zac Huffman
 Lauren Petit – Zac & Linda Huffman
 Rogene Poffenberger
 Mae Potteiger – Jackie Abend
 Mr. Quinsberry – Karen Johnson
 Chuck Richoz
 June Rudnicky – Ted Felsentreger
 Dick Schneider
 Jennifer Sellers – Senasacks
 Lura Sellers – Senasacks
 Michelle Shy – Marilyn Harris
 Anna Siemer – Chris Schneider
 Kelly Slaten – Jeff Folk
 Warren Smith – Rita Hartzell
 Tom Specht – Jane Felsentreger
 Richard Stencil – Sue Senasack
 Nikki Stevenson – Marilyn Harris
 Frank Street – MaryAnne Folk
 Dawn Sylvester – Sandra Richoz
 Samantha Taylor – Helen Brom
 Nancy Thoemke – Sue Senasack
 Gil Tribby
 Carl Trump – Ted Felsentreger
 Kenny Ward – Jennifer Hummel
 Carl Winkler



Newsletter/News Brief

The 15th of each month will be the deadline for the following month's issue of the News Brief and/or Newsletter. Articles and announcements are due by noon that day, in writing.

Please pray for our members serving in the military:

Randy Barletta, Brian Barnett, Jr., Brian Clapp, Staffan Ehrlander, William Gaefcke, Wayne Grigsby, Jason Kline, Mike Knowles, Joshua Moreland, Justin Paesch, Joseph Schmidt, Ray Swanson, and Brian Wolford and their families.

Prayer Lists

Beginning in mid-September, names will stay on the St. Paul's Prayer List for four weeks. If you want the name to remain longer, you will need to contact Sheila in the church office to extend for an additional four week period.

Relatedly, the same guideline will apply for our Military Prayer List with one exception. St. Paul's members and family members who are deployed in hostile areas will remain on the Military Prayer List until they return to the U.S. or other safe havens. Please, when you place someone on the military list, indicate where they are stationed.

Thanks for your help,
St. Paul's Elders

Via de Cristo Weekends Approaching

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the Via de Cristo fall weekends! Come and join fellow members of this community as we live, sing, commune, pray and soak up God's grace together. The weekend fosters a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and is truly a gift from God. I attended last fall and it was more than I ever imagined. I want to share this with you – my brothers and sisters in Christ. The weekends are held in Upper Marlboro and the cost is taken care of by the VdC community so there is no fee to you. Come and see!! For more information and a registration form, or if you just want to know more, please contact me. Men: October 1-4. Women: October 8-11. Kris Davies, h-443-292-4918, w-301-261-3800.

OKTOBERFEST is Coming!

Mark your calendars!! St. Paul's will be the site once again of an OKTOBERFEST celebration on Saturday afternoon, October 10th. The Ecumenical Choir will host this fun German festival as a fundraiser for their 2010 choir trip to Spain. Authentic German foods – sausages, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and beers – will be offered for sale. There will be German music and fun for all!! Save the date! Ein Prosit!

Monday Morning Bible Study

The Monday Morning Bible Study Group meets every Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. starting on September 14th.

This fall the group will begin studying the gospel of John. Scripture is read followed by an informal discussion. The group's spiritual advisor, Pastor Krepps, joins us for the last 10-15 minutes and answers our questions and tries to deal with our confusions. Everyone is welcome – women and men – to attend the Bible Study Group. Guaranteed is an interesting discussion and wonderful fellowship.

St. Paul's Quilters

The old saying goes "time flies when you're having fun." There's another saying "the older you get the faster the time goes by." Birthdays don't count in our quilting group, but we sure do have fun. Our Annual Quilt Show and Sale is happening on October 3rd (10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.) and October 4th (8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.).

We are ready to have a fine display of quilts again this year. The patterns are endless, the colors are striking, and the talent in our group is unbelievable - we don't have a magic wand either - everyone works at home putting show quilts together. Our weekly Show and Tell has become almost as interesting as refreshment time. Some members of the congregation have helped us again this year.

Most of our fabric is donated and when boxes come to us, we accept them graciously, not knowing what we will find. Sometimes we try to finish what someone else has started. Last year we had some stuffed animals, pumpkins, wall hangings, table runners, cloth coasters, Christmas tree ornaments, and tree skirts. We have also tried to follow the suggestions from last year's comment sheet, and will have aprons (men & women) oven mitts and pot holder sets, large Christmas tree skirts, and quilts for men.

This is our fourth year for the sale in the Fellowship Hall and last year someone commented "I had no idea you had such a display."

Come early, bring your list for gifts whether it is for Christmas, birthday, wedding, new neighbor, baby gift or simply a little thank you. **Mark you calendar now!!!!**

Dorothy Clark

Altar Guild

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Monday, October 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We'll discuss Advent, Christmas and next year's schedule, and we'll have our photo taken for the new pictorial directory.

St. Paul's Bread Booth

When: Saturday, September 26th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Where: Crofton Craft Fair, Crofton Country Club

Our Bread Booth is not just a Bread Booth anymore. We have expanded into a Bread and Dessert Booth so get out your favorite cupcake and cookie recipes if you're not a bread maker. Please package cookies in groups of six (6) if possible and cupcakes individually. **Please remember to let us know what kind of bread/dessert you made and if there are nuts or raisins in them.**

As usual, you can drop them off in the church kitchen by Friday, September 25th by 2:45 p.m. or bring them by my house (1745 Ullswater Place, Crofton, off of Urby Dr.) during the week before, or after 8:00 a.m. Saturday, or call me, Patrice Jenstrom (410-721-2726), for a pick up. Matching funds will be applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

HELP!!
Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars! St. Paul's Rummage Sale will be on Thursday, October 8th (8am-5pm) and Friday, October 9th (8-11:30am). Set up will be on Wednesday, October 7th (8am-until)...an hour or two would be very helpful. We can also use help on Friday to pack up after the sale – **we especially need a few men to help load the truck.** Please do not bring your donations before Sunday, October 4th, as we don't have storage space. To offer help or if you have questions, please call Dot Holston at 410-721-3145. Matching funds will be applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

LWML Salad Potluck

On Sunday, September 20th following the late service, the LWML will have a salad potluck in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us. Bring your favorite salad and enjoy the fellowship. **All ladies are invited!**

SPY Events

Sept. 13th Join us at the Hausners' for a pool party on Sunday, September 13th from 1- 4: p.m.
Oct. 30th This is our opportunity to share a meal with 30 guests at the Light House Shelter. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to volunteer (food, drivers, and servers are needed.) Meet Friday, October 30th at 5:50 p.m. at church.

Thank You,
Andrea Krepps
410-451-1862

Back-to-School Backpacks

On Monday, August 10th, 14 properly filled backpacks were delivered to Odention Elementary School. All extra supplies were given to the school for the teachers' use. The Empty/Partially Empty Nesters thank you for your support and contribution to this service project. The project is sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services.

Special thanks to Penny Courtney, Linda Huffman, and Marj Kane for helping pack the backpacks for their delivery.

Again a job well done by the congregation of St. Paul's

Jane and Ted Felsentreger
Co-ordinators for the
Empty/Partially Empty Nesters



Ladies of St. Paul's

Make Nadia smile! We have committed to financially supporting through Compassion International a young lady who lives in Mexico. We would like to send her a letter every month and are looking for volunteers. Please sign up in the Narthex and take the information you need to contact **Nadia Valerio Santos**. If you have questions, please call Patrice Jenstrom at 410-721-2726. We have sign ups through April – please help in **September, October, etc!**

Helen's Helping Hand Lending Closet

Helen's Helping Hand Lending Closet is now open at St. Paul's! We now have a lending closet open downstairs in memory of Mrs. Helen Lehtonen with a wheelchair, walker, and crutches. For information on borrowing equipment please call Patrice Jenstrom at 410-721-2726 or the church at 410-721-2332. Blessings!

The Book Club

Want to read a good book? St. Paul's Book Club is coming back! We are planning on meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month to discuss our favorite reads. Our first meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd, at Kate Hausner's home (2374 Mt. Tabor Rd., Gambrills). We will be discussing the book The Shack by William Paul Young. If you like to read and enjoy discussing a variety of books, please plan to come. Don't hesitate if you have not read or finished this month's book. You are welcome to come for fellowship and an enjoyable evening. Questions? Please call Kate Hausner (410-721-9685) or Sandi Corwin (410-721-2165). See you in September!
