

# Lutheran saintpauls CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## News And Notes

St. Paul's monthly newsletter



Women's Group did a fantastic job with Bazaar! Seen here at Graceful Gifts booth Janet Jew, Thelma Sampson, Sandy August and Betty Kerwin More details page 7

### **NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS**

Wednesday at 7 pm Bible Studies with Pastor Jim

10/27 through 12/8 Food Drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas

5th 7 pm Council

9th 8 am Men's Brotherhood in the Parish Hall

9th 9 am Women's Group in the Parish Hall

17th 10:45 am Congregational Meeting

19th 11:30 am Senior Fellowship

27th 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

### **Looking Ahead**

December 1st Advent 1

December 24th Two Christmas Eve Services 4 pm & 7 pm

Yard Sale—Spring 2025 is accepting donations

Marriage Enrichment "Laugh your way to a better marriage"

Book Study with Pastor Jim *Walk Across the Room*

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# Congregational Council



# message from Council

November 2024

Sitting in my office watching the leaves change colors and begin to fall, I look forward to the transition from the cool fall-like weather into the chillier weather of winter. This also signals the time of Thanksgiving and the move into Advent on December 1st.

There is a great deal to be thankful for, particularly here at St. Paul's. The recent Church Bazaar was a resounding success and many thanks to those who put that program together. We just received several new families into our congregation and even had a visit from a time traveler!! Yes, Martin Luther visited the Church on Reformation Sunday. The overall spirit and energy has been growing and you can feel every week within our sanctuary and congregation. For this we are very thankful.

From the Church Council we want to thank you in advance for staying after church on November 17th so that we can conduct necessary Church business, we promise to keep it as short as possible. We will provide a quick update on the State-of-the-Church and review (and approve) the budget for next year. Please be sure to review a copy of this before the meeting and feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

Finally, please plan to join our Thanksgiving service on Wednesday November 27th.

The answer to last month's riddle - - 'm'

God Bless,

*Russ*

Council President



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**St. Paul's Council Nominations.** While our 2025 Congregational meeting may seem a long way off, it is not too early to begin prayerfully thinking about filling one of the seven positions that will become available next May (see table). Please contact Bret Hassel or any of current Council members if you would like to discuss this rewarding and important service.

2024-25 St. Paul's Council		
Position	Representative	Term Ends
President	Russ Werner	2025
Vice President	Bret Hassel	2025
Property	John Murphy	2025
Treasurer	Mike Jennings	2025
Evangelism	John Korsland	2025
Worship and Music	Betty Kerwin	2025
Social Outreach	Sue Bell + team	2025
Stewardship	Joe Dymek	2026
Financial Secretary	John Bell	2026
Secretary	Bob Peters	2026
Youth and Family	Amy Emad & Jane Hershey	2026
Communications	Judy Hewitt + team	2026
Christian Education	Erik Domaas + team	2026

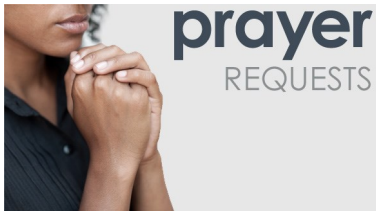
Current members serving one year transition term

New and returning members serving full terms

*Bret Hassel*

Vice President





Contact: Judy Hewitt-Hassel

Judy@stpaulslutheran.info

Prayer Requests stay in the bulletin for six weeks



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## Community of St. Dymas

The Rev. Susan Beck

The Rev. Melody Hession-Sigmon

Currently CSD is providing Word and Sacrament ministry at four facilities:

[Maryland Correctional Institution](#)

- [Jessup](#) (MCIJ, men, Jessup)

[Maryland Correctional Institution](#)

- [Women's](#) (MCIW, women, Jessup)

[Maryland Correctional](#)

[Training Center](#) (MCTC, men, Hagerstown)

[Central Maryland](#)

[Correctional Facility](#) (CMCF, men, Sykesville)

Consider donating to After Care [Stdymasmd.org](http://Stdymasmd.org)

## message from OUR PASTOR

November 2024



By the time you read this newsletter, there will be a decision about the next president of the United States. I hope there is an acceptable transition of power underway no matter who the winner of the election is, and we can say goodbye to the election anxiety that often comes with a presidential election. We live in what seems to be quite divided times in our nation, and that division seems to always peak during an election cycle. I want to encourage everyone here at St. Paul's that during times like these, we express our unity as the body of Christ. The body of Christ includes people with all sorts of different beliefs throughout the world, and we are encouraged by Peter and Jesus to submit ourselves to our earthly authorities no matter who is in power.

When speaking about whether the Jews should pay taxes to Rome, Jesus says, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." When Jesus says this, he is avoiding arrest and a riot, but he is also telling us something important. During the time of Jesus's ministry, God's people were living under a governmental authority that was not their own, and there was much discourse about what the Messiah was meant to do. Many thought he would be a military leader who would come and destroy an earthly oppressor. In this case, this oppressor would be Rome; however, instead he came to destroy an even bigger oppressor, and that oppressor is the devil and sin itself. Jesus is telling us that no matter who is ruling on earth, God is ruling in heaven. The money we have may be valuable on earth, but it is useless in heaven. He says to give the money back to Caesar, it has his face on it anyway, and to give your heart to God because that is what matters most.

I am not going to say elections are not important and we should not participate in them. I think the opposite. We should vote in every election; however, Psalm 146 says, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish." Our politicians are not deserving of our faith. In the end, they will always fail us. They will die and perish just as we do. They will fail us because they are human and are fallen as much as anyone and they will let us down and will lead us away from salvation.

Instead put your faith in Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. He will bring us salvation and guide us home to heaven. He will not perish, and he will always endure for us. The plans of our earthly authorities are only temporary, but the plans of Jesus are eternal. Submit your heart to Christ; your heart belongs to him anyway. Continued page 5 --->

*Pastor Jim*

*The Rev. James FitzGerald*

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## Revelation 19

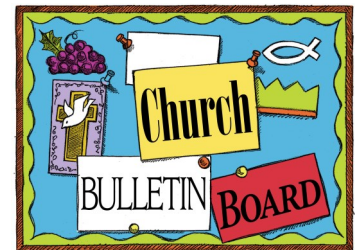
<sup>11</sup> Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He [e]had a name written that no one knew except Himself. <sup>13</sup> He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in [f]fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> Now out of His mouth goes a [g]sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND

LORD OF LORDS.

## Congregational Notices

November 2024



Pastor Jim as Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the church door

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & ACOLYTES

Worship Assistants serve God and St. Paul's by participating in worship services in a number of meaningful ways. It's easy to sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAA2DA0FCC07-worship2> You can always call or email the church office, so please sign up. *Betty Kerwin*

## THANK YOU ST. PAUL

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 9AM-3PM

VENDORS & FOOD

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
11795 ROUTE 216 FULTON, MD 20759



VISIT [WWW.STPAULSLUTHERAN.INFO](http://WWW.STPAULSLUTHERAN.INFO) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Our Holiday Bazaar was a tremendous success! Many thanks to all who stopped by on Saturday. Your support was greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone who donated funds, who donated items, who handcrafted items to sell and who provided so many delicious baked goods. Also, a big thank you to those who helped advertise our event in so many different ways. A special thanks to all who generously gave of their time to make this event possible. We are looking forward to next year!



## Congregational Fellowship

November 2024

### Message from Senior Fellowship

Our next **Senior Fellowship** luncheon will be **November 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 11:30am where we will enjoy our annual turkey dinner. We would love to have anyone young at heart (60 years or older) attend. Once again, we will put together **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes** for children around the world. Samaritan's Purse is a 4-star charity and 100% of what is donated goes to help others. Contact Cathy and Joe Dymek via email or phone ([jcdymek@verizon.net](mailto:jcdymek@verizon.net), 410-531-1057) for more information.



Looking forward to seeing you!

*Joe & Cathy Dymek*



Our church cookbook, **"Favorite Recipes"**, organized by Senior Fellowship will be available at the meeting. The cost of each book will be \$15. Thank you to all who contributed your wonderful, favorite recipes!



# message from Women's Group

November 2024

The Women's group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month for projects, devotions and fellowship. Contact Sandy August for more information about the group. The Women's group did an outstanding job with the Bazaar October 19th!! Follow along below with the photos to get a feeling of what it was like...



Faithful banner roadside greeting oncoming traffic



Fall Holiday Themed display courtesy of Heyser Farms



Festive entrance facing the parsonage



Cashier in training with Scott Glenn



Steve Groff and Valerie Groff at the Silent Auction



Debbie Marston selling pillows

# Women's Group

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November 2024



Joe Dymek and George Strott at the grill for the Brotherhood



John Murphy and Scott Glenn do cashier duties



Loretta and Hanna with Bake Shop treats



Heavenly Brews with Amy Emad and Jane Hersey



Barb Glenn and Karen Jennings at the Vintage Chic booth



Cathy Dymek



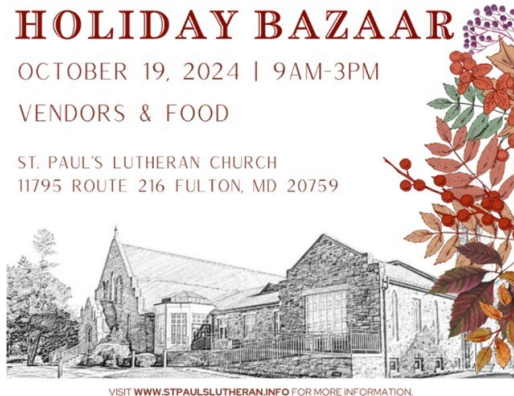
# Continued message from Women's Group

November 2024

## Bazaar Wrap Up!

Our *Holiday Bazaar* was a tremendous success! Many thanks to the following businesses for your support.

Please remember to support these businesses with your patronage. We are looking forward to next year!



*Anthony's NY Pizza & Pasta*, Clarksville  
*The Butcher's Club*, Maple Lawn  
*Decadent – A Coffee & Dessert Bar*  
*Fulton Wine and Spirits*  
*Harris Teeter*, Maple Lawn  
*Highland Local*, Highland  
*Hudson Coastal*, Maple Lawn  
*Kendall Hardware*, Clarksville  
*Kloby's Smokehouse*, Fulton

*LaPalapa Too*, Fulton  
*Lib's Grill*, Maple Lawn  
*Maple Lawn Wine & Spirits*  
*Mikey & Mel's Famous Deli*  
*Ranazul Restaurant*, Columbia  
*Rapid Sign Center*, ElkrIDGE  
*River Hill Grill*, Clarksville  
*108 Wine & Spirits*, Clarksville  
*Heyser Farms*, Silver Spring



Donna Sealing selling amazing snow globes at her booth Home-spun Country Crafts



Lori Werner and her daughter Sammi Cygan are at their booth, Clay & Crochet.

# Message from Brotherhood

November 2024

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD—November

Our next meetings are scheduled for November 9th and December 14th. The Men's Brotherhood meets the second Saturday of every month in the Parish Hall. Our meetings run from 8 A.M to about 9 A.M., and feature member-provided meals. We welcome all men, young and young at heart, to exchange fellowship, share a brief devotion, and to plan our service agenda. If anyone would like to join us for breakfast at 8 A.M., just drop me a line or just show up- we always manage to serve everyone! I hope you can join us at our next meeting in the Parish Hall.

*Erik Domaas*, President

[edomas@gmail.com](mailto:edomas@gmail.com)



Loretta and Hanna enjoy brisk sales at the Bake Shop



Vintage Chic open for business

How quickly this month has flown by as always for this time of year. The Holiday Bazaar was a smashing success and All Saints Sunday is almost upon us as I write this article. For November I wanted to share some recent additions to the Archive courtesy of Charles and Judy Iager. Since we are celebrating Pastor Jim, Hanna and Eden's first year anniversary, it is most fitting that I have an article from Charles and Judy about another graduate pastor called by St. Paul's.

### St. Paul's Calls Graduate Pastor

Theodore Menter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Menter, of Pemberville, Ohio was among the graduates of Theological Seminary at Capital University, Columbus Ohio, on June 6, has been called as pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulton

He will be ordained into Lutheran Ministry on June 13 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in his hometown, and will attend the Eastern District Convention of the American Lutheran Church from June 21-25, arriving here on June 25, to take up temporary residence at 1014 Phillip Powers Drive, Laurel, pending construction of a new parsonage.

The new minister will be installed at St. Paul's Church on Sunday, June 27, at 3 p. m. and all neighboring congregations have been invited to attend the services. There will be no morning worship services at the church on this day.

The Reverend Albert Horn, of Baltimore, will deliver the installation sermon and the Reverend Richard Hefner, of St. John's Church, Pfeiffer's Corner will act as liturgist.

Mr. Menter was graduated from Capital University in 1950 and interned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Berea, Ohio from September 1952 to September 1953. He is married to the former Margaret Hurdelbrink, of Pemberville, Ohio, and they have one son, David, age 2.

Ground will be broken for the new parsonage, which will be located adjacent to the church, immediately after

the morning worship service on June 13, with the Rev. Albert R. Horn of Baltimore, officiating.

The 9-room, 2-story, stone dwelling, which will match the church, will be constructed by James O. Williams of Brunt Mills.



Rev. Theodore Menter  
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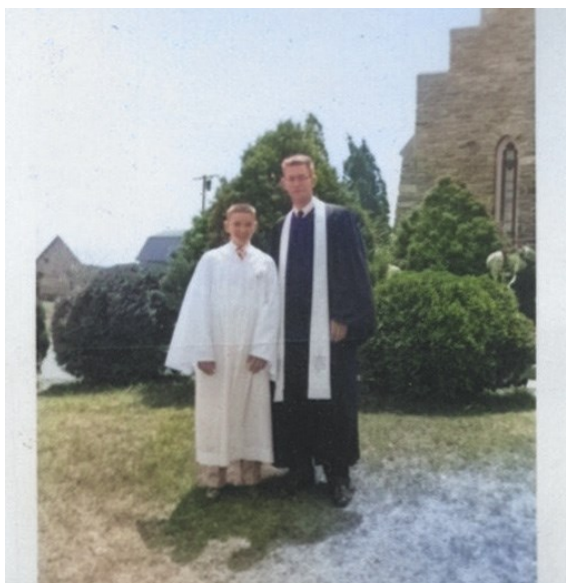
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## Message from Archives *(continued)*

Honoring the past while looking forward to the future



Charles Iager and Pastor Ted Menter Confirmation Day April 29, 1956



**Pastor Menter April 29, 1956 Confirmation Class**

**Back Row:** ?, ?, Charles Iager and Carl Mauck

**Front Row:** ?, Shirley Craver, ?, ?, and Maria Hall

### **1956—April 29 in alphabetical order**

Patrick Stacy Bowles, Shirley Patricia Carver, Marie Annette Hall, Charles E. Iager, Jr., Carl Otis Mauck, George Mitchell, Randy Riley, Judith Ann Vandergriff, and Brenda Lee Wehland

Respectfully submitted,

*Kerry Griffin*

Archivist



Silent Auction Baskets



# Message from Social Outreach

How you can show Christ's love—Nov. 2024



## October Grassroots Meal

Many St. Paul's volunteers supported the Saturday, October 26, 2024 Grassroots Day Resource Center (DRC) meal: Carole Manges purchased food needed for the meal; Judy Hewitt (ServSafe Kitchen Manager), Sara Berschet, John Bell, and Russ Werner prepared the meal; and Pastor Joe and Carol Lettrich, Janey Jew, and Erik Domaas delivered and served the meal. The menu included chicken and cheese enchiladas, cilantro lime rice, black beans, tossed salad, apples, clementines, cookies, iced tea, and lemonade. The meal was very well received and fed approximately fifty-five people at Grassroots DRC in Jessup, MD. The leftover food was taken to Grassroots Shelter in Columbia, MD, enough to feed an additional fifty-five people.

Thank you very much to all the volunteers who supported this meal and helped make it a great success! Your efforts not only provided a delicious, warm meal, but sent a message of kindness and hope to our community members in need.

### *Sue Bell*

Next Social Outreach event - **Grassroots Meal - Saturday, December 21, 2024**: Volunteers are still needed to help serve the meal (11:30 am - 3:00 pm). Please sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD45ADAA2DA0FCC07-49766230-splc#>

or contact Sue Bell ([sue@stpaulslutheran.info](mailto:sue@stpaulslutheran.info)) if you'd like to help.

*Thanks in advance for your support!*

### *Sue Bell*

#### Chair



Sara Berschet and John Bell prepare enchiladas for the October Grassroots



Erik Domaas, John Bell, and Janet Jew load the food to transport to Grassroots.

# Message from Social Outreach *(continued)*

How you can show Christ's love—October 2024

## St. Paul's Holiday Food Drive

27 October - 8 December 2024

We are holding a Holiday Food Drive from 10/24/24 - 12/8/24 to collect non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets for local families in need. Please place food items on the table in the parish hall.

Most Needed Items:

- mashed potato mix
- canned yams/sweet potatoes
- stuffing mix
- gravy/gravy mix
- cornbread muffin mix
- canned soup
- peanut butter
- canned fruit/vegetables
- applesauce
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- gelatin or pudding mix
- cake mix/brownie mix & frosting
- instant oatmeal
- Hot chocolate mix and mini marshmallows



Erik Domaas, Janet Jew, Carol Lettrich, and Pastor Joe serving meals at Grassroots.

We will also be purchasing gift cards for grocery stores or Walmart to include with the food basket for the purchase of fresh food. If you are interested in contributing towards the gift cards, please make a note on your check that your donation is "For Food Baskets" or use the "Food Basket" pull-down if you are making an electronic donation via the St. Paul's website.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

*Sue Bell*

Chair



Pastor Joe and Carol at Grassroots.



Janet Jew washing dishes at Grassroots.

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Council Meeting

November 5th 7pm

### Men's Brotherhood

October 9th 8am

### Women's Group

October 9th 9am

### Social Outreach

December 21st Grassroots 8:30 am meal prep with delivery to the center and serving at 11:30 am till 3:00 pm.

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

November 19th 11:30 am

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Marriage Enrichment! A series to Laugh your way to a better marriage!

Book Study *Walk Across the Room*

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Congregational Meeting

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Thanksgiving Service

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### Social

### MEDIA



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Articles for the December newsletter are due November 23, 2024