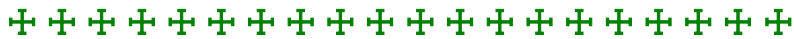


St. Paul's News for the Week of September 22, 2024

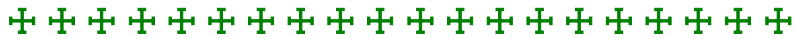
Lectionary 25, Proper 20 (Year B)

In worship we learn the reversals in the kingdom of God: greatness is not defined by wealth, power, or prestige. Rather, all people are welcomed in the name of Christ. The children in our midst are a sign of the hospitality that God offers to all persons regardless of their status in the world. We go forth from our Sunday assemblies to be servants who find greatness in humble service on behalf of those who are often forgotten or rejected in society.



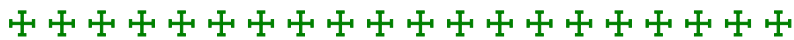
Update from St. Paul's School Board of Directors

We reported in late July that it has been a turbulent spring and summer for the school since the departures of our former director and bookkeeper. We were thankful when we hired Ms. Katelyn Farrell to join the school staff as our new Early Education Director in August. Regrettably, Ms. Farrell resigned from her position here at St. Paul's just two weeks after her arrival to accept a position in a local public-school district. Board members were shocked and dismayed by her sudden departure, which set us back to beginning a new search process. The Board met earlier this week to strategize plans for the future for our school. We established decisive dates to achieve critical milestones that must be met for us to be positioned to offer classes beginning in January. The position description for the director has been re-advertised, and we have received interest already from new candidates. However, we are working on a very tight time frame. We ask you, members of our congregation for help in two ways: First, please pray for success in hiring a director and teachers in order to offer classes again in the spring; and second, if you know of anyone qualified for the position, please reach out to alert them to this opportunity. The position description is available on the school website: <http://www.st-pauls-lutheran-school.org>. Thank you for your support!



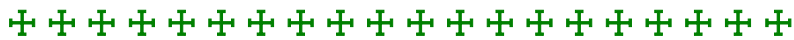
Join Us for Coffee and Conversation

If you attend St. Paul’s, you are invited to participate in our interactive opportunity to chat with fellow members about what’s good and what could use improvement in our church worship, fellowship, and service opportunities this Sunday, September 22. Hosted by the Membership Ministry, as challenged by our Five Year Plan, we want to give you the opportunity to offer suggestions and solutions to help us make our church the best that it can be. Snacks will be provided. Topics will include communications, potential global missions, and endowments.



Adult Forums

On Sunday, September 29, we begin a two-part series “Malta: The Gem of the Mediterranean,” about the history of the Island of Malta. Our own Rick Cassar will cover the island’s history from 5200 BC up to the Crusades, including St. Paul’s landing and a bit of mythology. Join us at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.



LCM Fundraiser Request

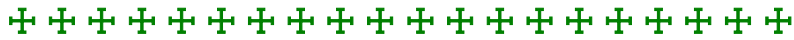
Lutheran Campus Ministry is seeking hand-crafted items, baked goods, event tickets, as well as creative, themed baskets (total value \$50-\$60; items included listed on a small tag) for the raffles that will occur at their annual fundraising event on Saturday, November 2. Other than baked goods which can be dropped off the day of, they are requesting these items be received by Wednesday, October 23. Contact Chaplain Mindy Holland at chaplain@lcmde.org to make arrangements to drop off items or have them picked up. She will be happy to answer any questions, too.



OWLS Cruise Around St. Michael’s

St. Paul’s Older Wiser LutheranS will embark on a narrated, historical, seventy-minute cruise around St. Michael’s, Maryland, this coming Friday, September 27. Those who signed up should meet at the St. Michael’s dock at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum by 12:00 PM. Following the boat ride, the OWLS will enjoy a late lunch/early dinner at the Crab Claw Restaurant at 2:00 PM. Feel free to call

Sue Wallden at 716-480-2224 if you have any questions.



OWLS Experience Delaware History

Plan to join the Older Wiser LutheranS on Thursday, October 17, when they will travel back in time and visit Old Swedes Church and a replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, the ship that brought settlers to the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley.

The tour will start at 12:30 PM at Old Swedes, continue with a tour of the ship at 2 PM, and end with a tour of the Copeland Maritime Center Museum until 3:30 PM. They will then have an early dinner at Iron Hill Brewery at 4 PM. For anyone who would like to carpool, they will meet in the back (school side) parking lot of church at 11:45 AM. The address for Old Swedes is 606 North Church St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Iron Hill Brewery is located at 620 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Reservations, along with payment of \$27 for this tour, are needed by Sunday, September 29. To RSVP, contact Kathy Palmer (elie2220@comcast.net/302-547-5168) and provide your email address and cell phone number. Payment can be made by check, cash, or Venmo. Also let Kathy know if you would like to carpool or if you can drive.



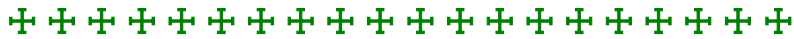
Holy Hike

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike this Sunday, October 13, after worship. Carousel Park is a partly paved, four-mile trail with gentle hills and woodlands, located at 3700 Limestone Road in Wilmington. Questions? Contact hike leader Kathy Palmer ([302-547-5168](tel:302-547-5168)/elie2220@comcast.net).



Brewing Theology

Fun-loving adults, age 21 and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage on Wednesday, October 2, at Delaware Saengerbund. Join us at 7 PM at 49 Salem Church Road in Newark for fun and fellowship.



Books and Banter

St. Paul’s avid readers meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

Upcoming Books:

- September 25 “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown
- October 23 “The Making of Another Major Motion Picture” by Tom Hanks



Worship at Home and Away

When we cannot be together in person, we can still hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 10AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul’s Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org and can be found in the upper right-hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of this worship folder, as well as a copy of the sermon.



In Response to God’s Love

We offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for ministry and mission. For those worshipping at home, we ask you to remember your pledges and to continue making your offering available by mail or online contribution. A QR Code is included in this worship folder which will take you directly to our *Tithe.ly* online giving page. Use the drop-down menu of funds. NOTE: Please consider covering the fees associated with using *Tithe.ly* when you make your online donation.

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