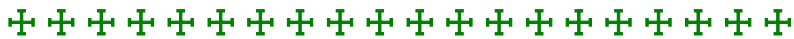


**St. Paul's News for the
Week of September 08, 2024**

Lectionary 23, Proper 18 (Year B)

In today's gospel, Jesus heals a deaf and mute man using the word *ephphatha*, which means "be opened." The author of James exhorts the community of faith to guard against favoritism among its members. In baptism we have died to any distinctions that would separate us from each other. Likewise, at the Lord's table each one of us received the free gift of Christ equally and without discrimination. Through word, bath, and meal, God opens our minds and hearts to the healing and liberating gospel of Christ.



LCM Fundraiser

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware will hold their annual fundraising event on Saturday, November 2. It will be hosted by the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Wilmington. They hope you will join them for free food and other festivities, including raffle baskets, auction items, student testimonies, and the signature style of our own Bishop William Gohl. More information forthcoming!

For now, LCM 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 raffle. Other than baked goods which can be dropped off the day of the event, 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 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.



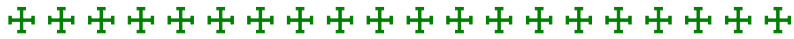
Holy Hike

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike on Sunday, September 15, after worship. The Newark Reservoir/Redd Park Trail is a paved, wooded, mostly flat 2.6 miles, located at 250 Old Paper Mill Road in Newark. Questions? Contact hike leader, Laura Blenderman (302-220-6708/ljblander@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, September 18, at Autumn Arch Beer Project. Join us at 7 PM at 810 Pencader Drive 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



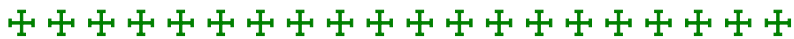
Adult Forums Return

Starting this Sunday, September 8, we welcome back Victoria Kenyon, PhD candidate at the University of Delaware, to tell us about church architecture. She's calling her 3-part discussions "Church Architecture 101: From the Medieval to Mid-Century: an overview of some basic terms and the development of church design over time." Join in the fun starting at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.



Ministry Fair

Join us after worship this Sunday, September 8, for coffee and fellowship, as well as exploration of the many opportunities to get involved at St. Paul's. Come and learn more about our various ministries and committees from those already involved.



Amazing Grace Seminar

A new member seminar will be held after worship this Sunday, September 8. Following a visit to the ministry fair, join those interested in joining St. Paul's as members for a 90-minute discussion, complete with light refreshments.



Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Sandwich Supper

The Stewardship Committee invites you to join in giving our upcoming Stewardship Campaign a jump-start at a Sub Sandwich Supper on Saturday, September 14, at 5 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come and learn about the 2024 campaign, “Here and Beyond,” receive a pledge card, and ask questions. If you’d like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or email to Rich Wallden, rwsilvercoins@gmail.com by Monday, September 9.



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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