

**St. Paul's News for the  
Week of November 24, 2024**

**Lectionary 34, Proper 29 (Year B) – Christ the King**

**We proclaim Christ our king as he goes to the throne of the cross. We acclaim him as he sheds his blood. We acknowledge him as our Lord as he gives himself to us in bread and cup. Christ is our king as he reigns from the tree, sharing our fears and experiencing our frailties. In the reign of God, the powerful one does not intimidate the weak, but cares for them. In the reign of God, the person of authority does not use others, but seeks them out and crowns them with mercy.**



**Today We Commemorate**

**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America--Sunday, November 24, 2024**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.



**Hilltop Thanksgiving Basket Sunday**

Sunday, November 24, is the big day! It's Thanksgiving basket Sunday for families at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Please remember to bring your donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing to the Fellowship Hall by 10 AM. Your donations will be sorted, packed, and transported to Hilltop. Please see Janet or Eric Mease for more information.



## **A Message from Pastor Barbara and Gary**

Thank you so much for the beautiful send-off in worship and fellowship. And Gary and I deeply appreciate your lovely card, beautiful quilt, and extravagantly generous check! All God's blessings in this new season of ministry.



## **Membership Ministry New Photo Directory**

The Membership Ministry Team continues with phase two of the process of creating a new membership directory. During the month of November, we invite you to have your photo taken in Fellowship Hall just before and after the 10 AM service. Or you have the option of submitting your favorite headshot of you as a single, a couple, or a family. For questions or to submit a photo, contact Linda Grund at [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com) or 302-738-5491.



## **Christmas Gift Cards**

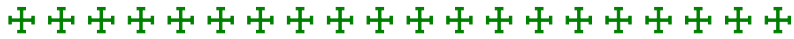
Every Advent season we receive requests for Christmas gift cards from some of our neighbors to help them purchase gifts for their families. Please consider contributing a gift card or two from Walmart, Target, or other retail store of your choosing. Just put it in an envelope marked "Gift Cards" and place it in the Sunday offering plate, or make a donation through *Tithe.ly* using the QR Code found at the end of this bulletin.

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## **Youtheran Holiday Gathering**

The Young Lutherans of the Delmarva North Conference will meet to put together Thanksgiving baskets for Hilltop this Sunday, November 24, at 5 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 2033 Graves Road in Hockessin. Questions? Contact Pastor Zachary Wright ([pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com)).



## Adult Forum

Join us in Advent for a four-part series on New Sweden: The Lutheran Colony in North America. Pastor Greg Johnson will lead the sessions beginning with “The Planting of New Sweden: A history of Courage and Faith.” We start at 8:30 AM on Sunday, December 1, in the Blue Room.

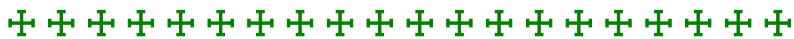


## Here and Beyond

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your pledge for "HERE" in 2025 - and "BEYOND", in the form of an Endowment gift. Then return it in the next few weeks. Why the urgency? We'd like to be able to tell our new pastor that we've reached our goal prior to their arrival - a "Welcome!" gift for them - and us - to celebrate the start of their pastorate.

We are happy to report that as of November 17, we have fifty-three pledges total with \$275,980 going to the HERE campaign and another \$14,470 for BEYOND.

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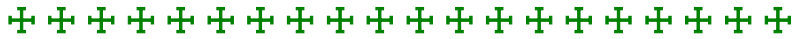
## Holy Hike

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike next on Sunday, December 15, after worship, at the Judge Morris Estate. The 4.5 mile trail, located at 76 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark, is wooded and mostly flat. Questions? Contact hike leader Linda Grund at 302-824-5780 or [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com).



## Brewing Theology

Fun-loving adults, age twenty-one and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage Wednesday, December 11. Join us at 7 PM at the home of Rick and Kris Cassar, located at 438 Pierce Run in Newark, for fun and fellowship.



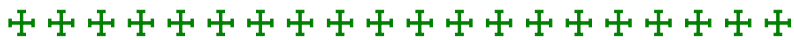
### **Books and Banter**

St. Paul's avid readers will not meet in November. Instead, we'll gather for conversation and fellowship at Sue Wallden's home on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 PM. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sue at [slwallden@gmail.com](mailto:slwallden@gmail.com) by Monday, December 9.

Upcoming Books:

December 11 "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (*Second Wednesday this month*).

January 22 "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (*Back to fourth Wednesday*).



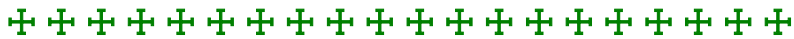
### **Building Security**

Please do not leave doors unlocked and unattended at any time. Please make sure the back door is closed behind you when you enter or leave the building. Ushers will be attending the back door on Sunday until ten minutes after our worship begins. If you arrive after that time, you will need to enter by the front door.



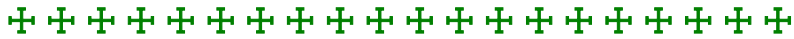
### **St. Paul's New Pastor**

The Reverend Cris Frigm was extended the call to be our new pastor on Sunday, November 3. Highly recommended by the Call Committee and Congregational Council, he received a unanimous vote in favor (102-0) from the members present at the congregational meeting held after worship on All Saints Sunday. Pastor Cris will begin his ministry here at St. Paul's on Monday, December 9, and his first Sunday with us will be the Third Sunday of Advent, December 15.



### **Pastoral Concerns**

Moving forward until our new pastor starts mid-December, Pastors Greg Johnson and Tara Magoon will be available to handle pastoral concerns. You can reach Pastor Greg by calling 302-563-5150, or if he is not available, Pastor Tara by calling Grace Lutheran Church, 302-239-6481.



### 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](http://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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