

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13, 2025

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God can be as near as a neighbor, and our opportunities to share God's love are as close as the words that leave our lips. The peace of Christ we exchange in this community we also take with us into the world to share with others.

THE GIFT OF BAPTISM

In holy baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church.

Today, we celebrate God's gift of baptism in worship as we welcome Grace Olson into this community. On behalf of the whole church, we promise support to this new sibling, confess the faith with them, and welcome them into the body of Christ.

SUMMER CHOIR

It's never too late to join the Summer Choir. Come to rehearsal at 9:30 AM in the choir loft to learn a simple anthem to be sung in the service the same morning. Can't make it every week? Come when you can through the end of this month.

HOLY HIKE

Please join us today after worship for our monthly Holy Hike, as we visit Rittenhouse Park at 228 W. Chestnut Hill Road in Newark. This will be a four-to-five mile hike – out and back, along a wooded and flat trail.

BREWING THEOLOGY

Join us at 7 PM on Wednesday, July 16, at the home of Mark and Lynn Deschere, located at 309 Sweet Gum Court in Middletown. Our topic will be the role of faith in modern life. Please RSVP to lynn@deschere.com.

FISH

First off, thank you to all the first-time volunteers who showed up last month to help out when our schedule was upended by the Food Bank's closure on Juneteenth. Many hands made quick work of the unloading and packing, and we appreciate your willingness to pitch in on short notice. Our student contingent is still away for the summer, so if you're available we can use your help with the various events this week – first our Food Bank pickup on Thursday, July 17, at 1 PM, then later that day with the box packing at 6:30 PM. On Friday, July 18, you can join us for the distribution from 2:30 PM until 4 PM. (The latter two activities take place in Fellowship Hall.) You can get more information by calling or emailing Keith Bart ([302-345-6107](tel:302-345-6107) / keith.m.bart@gmail.com).

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM 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.

July 23 "There There" by Tommy Orange

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

Thinking of You: Have you noticed recently that a friend in our congregation hasn't been in church for a while? If so, please take a moment to send them a card to let them know you care. Cards and addresses are located on the table in the back of the narthex.

Prayer Squares: Do you know someone who could use a hug, comfort or love? Take a pocket prayer square from the basket in the rear of the narthex and deliver this reminder that God loves them and so do you!

"GIFTS TO SHARE" SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to allow us to continue to be an inclusive church, which works to have all members involved in activities. You can also find the survey on St. Paul's webpage by clicking on the link "Gifts to Share."



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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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Send prayer requests to:

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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

the church office at office@stpaulsnewarkde.org

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