

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

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Who is welcome in your community of faith? And how would they know that they are? Today's readings ask us to think about hospitality, especially as it is practiced at the table. The feast of God's radical grace calls us into this place and connects friends and strangers with each other.

OUR MUSICIANS TODAY

Joanne Hench is substituting for Mike Bareham, while he is on his last Sunday of sabbatical. Lori Davis is our soloist this morning. Also, last week should have included Leah Wardell as part of the Hench family singers.

COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR

Everyone is cordially invited to Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday, September 7, to participate in our annual Ministry Fair. Representatives from St. Paul's various ministries, organizations, and partnerships will be on hand to speak with you about what they do and how you can get involved. And yes, there will be food!

REHEARSALS RESUME THIS WEEK

St. Paul's ministry of music gears up for the fall with rehearsals starting this Thursday, September 4. Adults (high school age and up) are invited to share their vocal and instrumental talents with us. Rehearsals are held in the sanctuary.

6:30-8:00 PM Handbell Ensemble 8:00-9:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

FESTIVAL CHOIR MEMBERS SOUGHT

This fall brings an exciting opportunity for St. Paul's singers, and you are invited to join in our song! On All Saints Sunday, November 2, we will present Faure's "Requiem" as edited by John Rutter. Join the Sanctuary Choir on Thursday rehearsals and learn this exceptional masterwork, to be performed with a chamber orchestra. You will also be prepared to sing on Reformation Sunday!

ADULT FORUM RESUMES NEXT WEEK

Historian and veteran Gary Kulik (and husband of Pastor Barbara Melosh), will speak about his recent book, *Conscientious Objectors at War: The Vietnam War's Forgotten Medics*, Texas Tech University Press, 2025. Kulik will offer a brief history of "non-combatant" conscientious objection and explain his own decision, rooted in Roman Catholic social teaching, to so serve. Class starts at 8:30 AM on September 7, in the Blue Room.

WE ARE AMERICA MARCHERS COMMUNITY EVENT

Everyone is invited to join the We Are America Marchers on Monday, September 8, from 6 PM to 7 PM at Calvary Baptist Church, 215 E. Delaware Avenue in Newark Delaware, for the "Together We Sing, Together We Resist" event.

Movements for social progress have always been powerfully moved forward by lifting voices in song. Come and join song leaders, Karen Barker, Amy Biddle, and the Marchers group to sing songs of freedom, protest, community and healing. No special ability needed...together we will sound Great!

OLD SWEDES HISTORIC SITE HARP CONCERT

On Sunday, September 14, Old Swedes Historic Site is pleased to present harpist Anne Sullivan in concert at 2 PM. The program will feature music written for harp by Rota, Zabel and Pierné, and familiar favorites by Handel, Debussy, Rachmaninoff. A feature of the program is "Theme and Variations on a Swedish Folk Tune," by Swedish harpist and composer Anton Edvard Pratté (1796-1875)," the Harpking of the North."

The concert begins at 2 PM, with a reception to follow. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Tickets are available at the door or online: www.oldsweedes.org/events. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students ages 6 through 17. Plenty of secure parking on site: 606 N. Church St., Wilmington, DE 19801. For more information, call 302-652-5629 or email: admin@oldsweedes.org.

SIGN UP FOR THE KENYONS MEAL TRAIN

Help us come together to support Ian and Victoria as they welcome their daughter into the world! We would love to set up a month of dinners so that the Kenyon's can focus on taking care of themselves and their new baby. Please note the dates

are based on baby's current due date and are subject to change. Sign up at this URL: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zgdndr/> or reach out to Jordan & Phillip Gerecke for help signing up (family.gerecke@gmail.com).

OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS

On Wednesday, September 17, the OWLS are flocking to a tour of the Nemours Estate. The Estate includes the elegant 7-room Mansion, a Chauffeur's Garage, a Bell Tower with full carillon, and 200 acres of French-inspired formal gardens. It was the home of philanthropist Alfred I. duPont (founder of the Alfred I. duPont Charitable Trust for Children's Health and Nemours Children's Hospitals). The tour is being privately led for our group at 10:00 AM. Cost for our group of at least 15 is \$10 (50% off senior admission). We can meet for shared rides from St. Paul's at 9:20 AM. Please respond with a reservation by Sunday, September 7. Tickets will be purchased for you and it will be payable up to the day of the event to Greg Johnson. For those who want to join, we are suggesting lunch together at Elizabeth's Restaurant in Greenville.

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.

September 24 "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini

HOPE LUTHERAN ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Hope Lutheran is holding their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27, from 10 AM to 3 PM at 230 Christiana Road in New Castle. Please join them for children's crafts, a petting zoo, build your own scarecrow, fun for the whole family. Includes a pumpkin patch, fall flowers, silent auction, and food will be available. They are looking for additional vendors, crafters, and donations valued at \$20 or more for the auction. Please contact Joan G. at 302-563-6141 or Jesrn0925@aol.com.



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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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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

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Send prayer requests to:

prayonstpauls@gmail.com

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