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SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

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## *Pastor's Ponderings*

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## Go to Galilee

Picture the scene. It's Friday afternoon, Good Friday, actually. There's eerie darkness where there should be bright sunshine. Suddenly, there's an earthquake. Rocks are split and tombs are busting open. Change of scene. It's now Sunday, and St. Mary Magdalene and "the other St. Mary" went to visit the tomb where their beloved friend and Savior Jesus had been buried or three days. Once again the morning is interrupted with an earthquake. An angel with an appearance "like lightning" rolls away the stone and opens the darkness and cold of the tomb. God's decisive work in Jesus demands all the drama that nature can muster up.

The human participates in this story likewise experience extreme emotions because of the events. The guards' fear incapacitates them, and the women leave the tomb "with fear and great joy". And what is the dramatic message that they run to tell? "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; for there you will see him."

The message of Jesus' followers is not only His Resurrection, but the command to "go to Galilee," where they can see the risen Lord.

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry he "went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people" (St. Matthew 4:23).

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It was in Galilee that Jesus called his disciples and began to draw great crowds and tend to their needs. The presence of the living Christ, belongs in the context of the active ministry begun in this land.

As Jesus' followers, we too are called to go, to teach, to proclaim, and to heal in the holy name of Jesus, in all the diverse forms this work can take and in all the distant places we live. Filled with the great and powerful joy of the resurrection, we go to tell of Jesus' presence and to continue Jesus' work, Christ is truly risen my dear brothers and sisters! The Lord is risen!

The Lord is RISEN INDEED!!  
Now go proclaim it as it is TRUE!!

In His Service,  
Fr. Ryan +



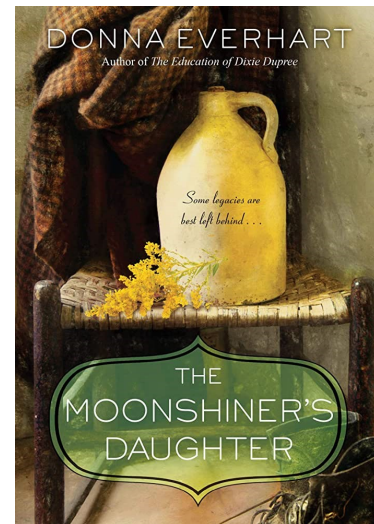
## *From the president.....*

This year, in addition to spring, the month of April brings with it the joy of Easter. Easter is more than just a day of joy, it is a season of joy and a time to celebrate. We have much to celebrate and be thankful for here at St. Paul's as we continue our mission in the community with programs such as Bountiful Blessings and our special Lenten almsgiving box. My appreciation to the committee members, church staff and volunteers for all of your hard work every day to make all we do possible.

The next council meeting will be April 11th at 5:30.

Blessings  
Sue Umstott, Council President

## *The Joy Book Club* is currently reading



*The Moonshiner's Daughter*  
by Donna Everhart.  
The club will meet on Tuesday,  
April 25th for discussion.

## Almsgiving Boxes



During Lent, households were invited to take home an Almsgiving Box, decorate it, and collect money to be donated to those in need.

The boxes will be collected on Good Friday. This year, the donations will go to the Children's League in Cumberland:

<https://thechildrensleague.com/>.



## Vacation Bible School 2023



The Cumberland Area Joint Vacation Bible School 2023 will take place at St. Paul's from **Monday, June 12 through Thursday, June 15 from 5:30 to 7:30pm**. The planning team has met two times and will meet again on Tuesday, April 18 at 5:00pm.

**New for 2023!** There will be a fun, family kick-off for VBS event at Moon Glo Skating Rink on Saturday, June 10 between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Snacks, skate rental, and activities will be provided at no cost to participants.

Please help us with the following items for Bible School craft time. Items can be given to Charity Friend on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week:

Magazines, journals to write in- all shapes and sizes and colors, bandaids all shapes, sizes, colors, 2x2 or 4x4 gauze, pine cones from outside, several boxes of popcorn, stickers- all kinds. Thank you!



## Holy Week

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**-Lenten Vespers at 6:00 p.m.  
in the lower level Luther Chapel.  
Parking is available on the front circle.

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday Mass and  
Stripping of the Altar  
in the nave of St. Paul Church.

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**-  
Cross Walk 12:00  
Meet at The Shrine of SS. Peter and Paul at 12:00 noon. We will participate in *The Way of the Cross* beginning at the shrine, walking to St. Paul, Emmanuel Episcopal Parish and ending at First Presbyterian Church.

Good Friday Vespers 7:00 p.m. in the nave of St. Paul Church.

**Easter Saturday** 10:00 a.m.

**All available hands are needed to help clean brass and Easter items and also to decorate for Easter Sunday.**



We will gather at 9:00 a.m. Easter morning to share breakfast. Please plan to bring a breakfast casserole, fruit or baked good. The church will provide coffee and juice. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



Following breakfast, an Easter egg hunt will be held beginning at 9:30.



Easter mass begins at 10:00.



## Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Twenty -one individuals have taken the PLACE Spiritual Gifts Assessment. Most recently, it was done on March 10 and 11. It has been a wonderful way for us to build relationships and get to know one another. If you or someone you know would like to participate, stay tuned for the next opportunity to be announced in The Spire. Questions? Contact Debbie Streicher ( 703-303-7255 or [dstreicher52@gmail.com](mailto:dstreicher52@gmail.com)) .



The Taking Faith Home Message heard just before the benediction each week is now available on a YouTube channel. Families are encouraged to use the video with children to encourage caring conversations, prayers, and blessings in the home.  
<https://www.youtube.com/@TFH-Rosita-Debbie>



## HARK HOW THE SONGSTERS Purcell's Gems

Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*After the Puritan repression of Oliver Cromwell's regime, the restoration of Charles II inspired a renaissance of English music for the court, churches and theatres, especially under Henry Purcell, John Blow and others. The Baroque trumpet will star in both the instrumental and choral music on this performance.*

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## **Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Scholastic Tuition Fund**

On April 15<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's Lutheran Church will begin accepting applications for the Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Scholastic Tuition Fund for the 2023-2024 academic year. Instructions and the application form can be found by visiting [www.stpaulcumberland.org](http://www.stpaulcumberland.org) or by requesting the information from the church office. The scholarship is competitive and available only to members of St. Paul's. The award can be used for the payment of tuition only at an accredited institution offering a 2 or 4 year degree, graduate degree, technical or vocational training. In order to establish the applicant as a member, the applicant must have communed **and** contributed – in their own name - at least once in the past year. Additional questions should be directed to [stpaulsscholarship2015@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsscholarship2015@gmail.com).

**Applications are due by June 15, 2023.**

## **Bowersox and Frick Scholarship Information**

Separate letter of application must be submitted for each scholarship.

Address all applications to the Scholarship Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON JUNE 23rd.**

The **GLADYS FRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is available for young adults who are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church or whose parents are members. To qualify as an applicant you must be a current high school graduate accepted at a four-year college, two-year junior college, community college, nursing school or accredited trade school.

This award shall be made to the applicant who has the highest level of scholastic achievement during his/her senior year in high school.

Please include the following information:

- a) name and telephone number
- b) home address and college address (if known)
- c) senior year transcript
- d) any comment you, the applicant, wish to make (list school at which you have been accepted.)

The **BOWERSOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is available for all members of St. Paul's or for young adults whose parents are members. To qualify as an applicant, you must be a high school graduate, accepted by either a graduate school, a four-year college, a two-year college, a community college, nursing school or an accredited trade school either as a part-time or as a full-time student.

This award shall be made on the basis of need and the expressed determination of the student to gain this educational experience.

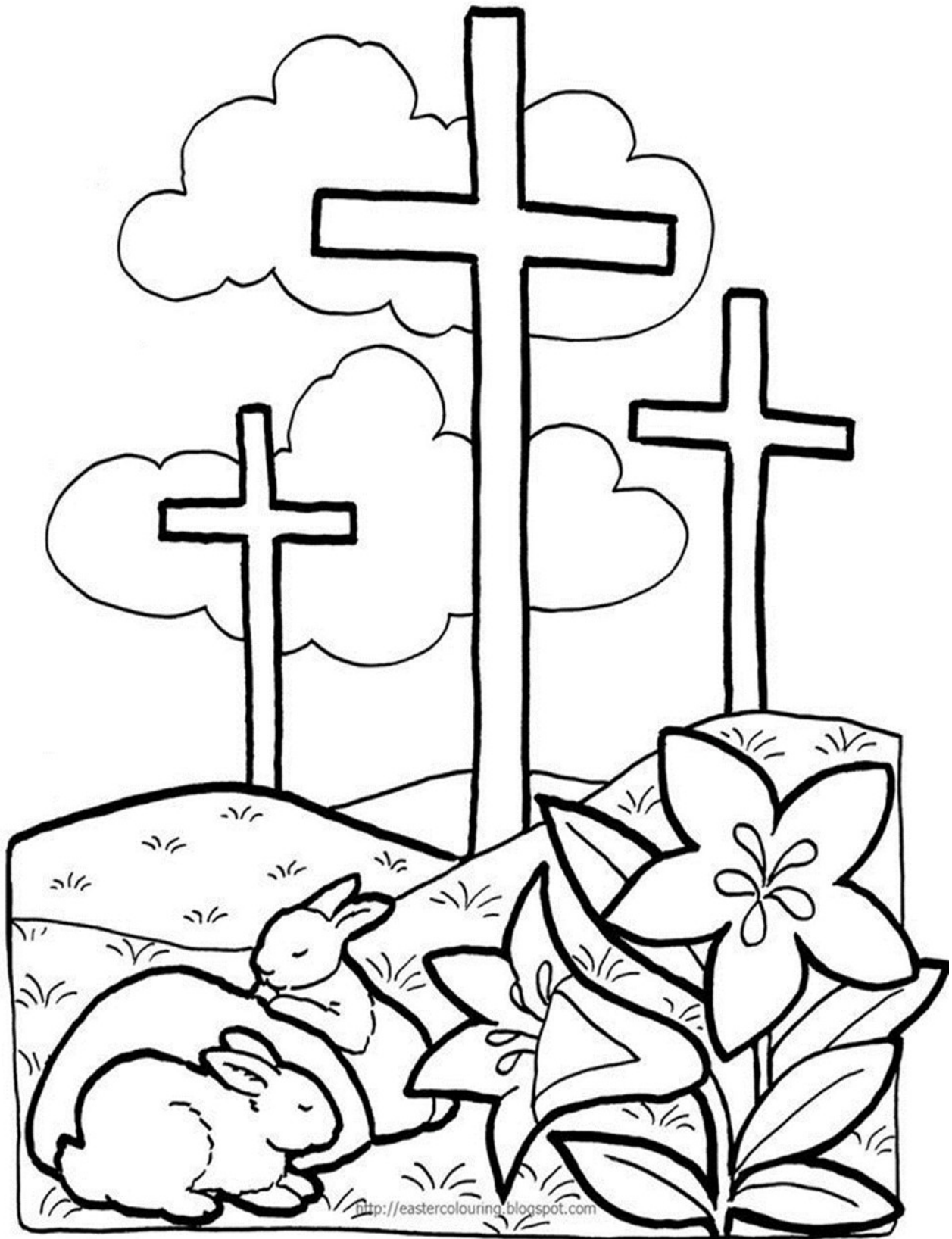
Please include the following information:

- a) name and telephone number
- b) home address and college address (if known)
- c) major course of study
- d) the degree for which you, the applicant, are a candidate and the date it is expected to be awarded
- e) last semester's grade transcripts
- f) list school at which you have been accepted
- g) expected cost for the year
- h) the amount you, the applicant, expect to earn
- i) any loan which you, the applicant, or your parents have previously obtained for the purpose of defraying schooling costs
- j) a statement concerning the need for assistance
- k) any comment you, the applicant, wish to make



## **April birthday and anniversary celebrations**

- 2 – Daniel Highland  
9 – Patty Graham  
12 – Linda Zeller  
18 - 1960 - Sabra (Hast) and Art Isom  
**First couple married in current sanctuary**  
20 – Dot Rhoads  
22 - Gary Miller  
29 – Kathleen Ball





<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM  11:00 AM	<b>April 2</b> Book Study Joint Blessing of the palms at the library Worship	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00-3:00	<b>April 15</b> Mountainside Baroque Choral Retreat
<b>Monday</b> 5:30-7:00 6:30-8:30	<b>April 3</b> New Members class Let's Beautify Cumberland meeting	<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	<b>April 16-New Members</b> Book Study Worship Adult and Youth LOFT
<b>Wednesday</b> 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>April 5</b> Bell rehearsal Vespers Choir rehearsal	<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 17</b> Bountiful Blessings delivery
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 PM	<b>April 6</b> Maundy Thursday Mass and stripping of the altar	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>April 18</b> VBS Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 7</b> <b>Beginnings Closed</b> Crosswalk Good Friday Vespers	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>April 19</b> Bell rehearsal Vespers Choir rehearsal
12:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>April 8</b> <b>April 9-Easter Sunday</b> Easter breakfast Easter Egg hunt Easter worship	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>April 22</b> Dementia support group
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 AM		<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM	<b>April 23</b> Book Study Worship Adult and Youth LOFT Mountainside Baroque Performance
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>April 10</b> <b>Office Closed</b> New Members Class	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 25</b> Joy Book Club-location TBA
<b>Monday</b>  5:30-7:00	<b>April 12</b> Council Meeting	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>April 26</b> Bell rehearsal Vespers Choir rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 PM	<b>April 13</b> Bell rehearsal Vespers Choir rehearsal	<b>Thursday</b> 4:00-6:00	<b>April 27</b> Bountiful Blessings
<b>Wednesday</b> 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>April 14</b> Bountiful Blessings	<b>Saturday</b> 10:00-12:00	<b>April 29</b> Potomac Concert Band music sorting in fellowship hall
<b>Thursday</b> 4:00-6:00			