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In the language and vernacular of the Church, a saint is a particularly virtuous person, often someone canonized for their life of exemplary witness or service. If they are deceased, we usually think of them as already dwelling in heaven, though in worship we are also surrounded by this great company, the full communion of saints.

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On the festival and feast of All Saints we give thanks for the blessed and faithful departed, especially those most dear to us who have departed this life in faith and fear to the greater dwelling places that Jesus has prepared for those who love and serve him. Many of the readings and hymns for this feast give us comfort in the face of such great losses, promising eternal life beyond the grave. The great vison of heaven continues to sustain us as we are separated from those we so dearly love and as we await the fulfillment of the reign of God.

Yet we and all the baptized children of God are called saints as well. Baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, we are called to witness to the world through our words and deeds. The saints of God, both in ages past and alive and active today, reveal to us the blessedness of which Jesus speaks in Sunday's gospel for All Saints Sunday. Surely we have encountered Christ in people who are poor in spirit, meek, merciful, or pure in heart, and God's compassion shines for us in those who work for peace and those who mourn.

The saints of God both dwelling in heaven and walk by our side on earth are all of God's beloved family of faith, in heaven and on earth. Even as we feast with them at the altar of the Lord, they give us hope for the future, and the courage to live fully the gift of each day. As we give thanks for all the blessed saints we have lost from our sight this year, we pray that we might be united with them in our worship and in our witness our whole life and journeys end. Thanks be to God that we are His in this world and in the next!

OOPS ------ Sorry, Pastor Ryan!

Of course you know we appreciate you and would want the area to know, too, so we sent this fine photo to Times-News for publishing on their Pastor Appreciation page. However, "things happen" and it didn't make it to the press. Along with their (and our) apologies, here is our entry that didn't get printed. Please know this doesn't lessen our appreciation of you. Till next year --------- thanks!!

November 1st, 2026

10:00 a.m.

You are invited to bring a framed photo or memento of loved ones for our All Saints remembrance table.

Please join us for fellowship and a potluck luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 1st.

Church Prayer

Each Sunday Saint Paul offers prayer during corporate worship, building our community for believers around a shared faith. We worship and pray together on behalf of the body of Christ.

Requests are made through the church office and those requests are prayed for each Sunday as we gather together.

Personal Prayer

Each Sunday a letter with prayer requests is mailed to our prayer team. These requests can be placed in the prayer box on a table near the front door, request slip provided, or emailed to me at mutmab43@gmail.com, or by text at 240-727-1798.

Requests are prayed for each day, by the prayer team, in silent meditation, or one-on-one conversation with God.

Because these prayers are often deeply personal, focusing on personal honesty, and often give details unique to the requestor, they are prayed for in a quiet, private space, and are completely confidential.

When requesting prayer, please let us know if both corporate church prayer and private team prayer, is desired.

Kathleen Ball

Prayer Team Coordinator

On October 18th, as part of clergy appreciation month, we honored Father Ryan and our 3 Liturgical deacons, Casey Colledge, Timothy Friend and Mike Macchiarolo. Their ministry and dedication to our church family at St Paul's is invaluable.

Reformation Sunday was celebrated on October 25th at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Cumberland with Father Lark Muncy as our host. The service was a combined effort of our local Lutheran churches. The Rt. Reverend Bill Gohl, Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod provided a very inspirational sermon for this service. The service was followed by a luncheon which was an excellent opportunity for fellowship with our brothers and sisters from Cumberland and the surrounding area. It was great to see St. Paul's so well represented for this occasion. Special thanks to all of those who put their time and effort into making this event possible.

Council will meet again on Tuesday, November 10th at 5:30 PM.

Blessings.

Sue Umstott, Vestry President

$10 Giving Sunday – November 29th

October-December Interfaith Food Pantry

I will include a GIVING SUNDAY envelope in the bulletin on the designated Sunday so if you don't have offering envelopes you can still give for the designated area of focus for that month/quarter.

Thank you for sharing your treasures!!

Casey Colledge, Stewardship Chairperson

From the Treasurer's Desk: A Recap of the Giving Sundays

In the first quarter of 2026, $2,131 was collected for St. Paul's Building Fund. This money helped to replace two of the ten large air conditioning units throughout the building. Due to the cost of each air conditioning units, their replacement is an ongoing project. Currently, four units have been replaced.

In the second quarter, the Union Rescue Mission received $1,438 from the Sunday Giving envelopes, in addition to the $750 given by the Vestry on behalf of St. Paul's congregation. The total of $2,188 was sent to the Union Rescue Mission to use for their valuable work in the community.

Bountiful Blessings collected $1,606 in the third quarter. These funds will be used to purchase core items (toilet paper, cleaners, laundry detergent, dish detergent, hair care, dental care, paper towels, bath soap and trash bags) to be distributed to recipients. In addition, holiday gift bags will be provided to each recipient in December.

For the first month of the fourth quarter, we have collected $372 for the Food Pantry. We will send a check in November to help families during the holidays. The remainder of the money collected will be sent at the beginning of January 2027.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for giving a little extra this year to help these worthy causes.

Stephanie Wade, Treasurer

St. Paul's Brass from Carlisle, PA will join us
for worship on Sunday, November 15th.
Invite family and friends as we welcome them back to St. Paul Church!

A paint and sip event with Beth Hilliker will be held on
Tuesday, December 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the
upper level coffee house at St. Paul Church.
The cost is $25.00 which includes paint supplies and instruction for
creating the image shown. No skill is needed to participate.
Please sign up on the bulletin board.
BYOB and a small snack to share.

thank you

Dear Friends,
Thank you so very much for the lovely card and the gift card that you presented to me at the luncheon on Sunday. I am overwhelmed by your kindness, love and generosity.
It is an honor, a blessing and a great privilege to be able to serve as one of your liturgical deacons. I am deeply humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve all of the wonderful people at Saint Paul.
Many blessings to you all.
Peace!
Mike

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Congregation,

Mama Kay's Survivors walk team and Making Strides Against
Breast Cancer want to say two big words to the congregation of St. Paul.

Thank you!

At our luncheon on October 4th, between cash donations and money raised at the dessert auction, you all donated $1201.00 to the walk. That, added to what you gave at the spring luncheon and the sponsorship of the church, brings the total given in 2026, by our friends here at St. Paul, to $2,719.00.

Our walk was October 10th and we will continue to raise money until December 1st. At the end of the year I will share our final tally with you. But, once again, a large percentage of what we have been able to raise will have been done with your help. You all are wonderful!

We are extremely grateful for all your help in our efforts to care for the victims and find a cure for a disease that has touched so many of our lives.

Thank you so very, very, much,

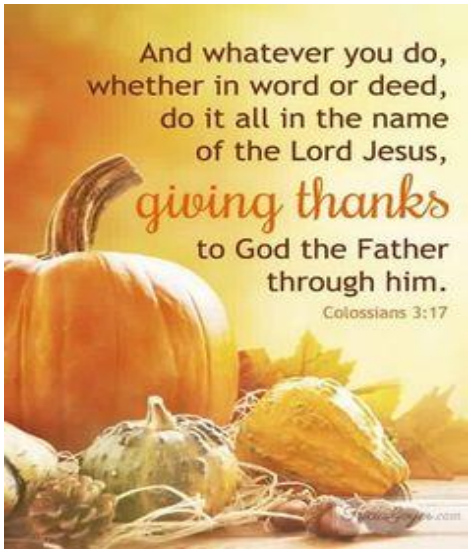
Mama Kay's Survivors
The Tharp Family
Jay and Kay Cochrane

Children of the Congregation!

Our music director, Mark Steiner, would like to have
a children's choir sing during Christmas Eve worship.
Please contact Mark at mwsteiner@breezeline.net, call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board if your family would like to participate.
A rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th following worship.
We will meet in the choir room; a light snack for children will be provided.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

4 – Mia Jean Broadwater
16 - Travis & Liz Medcalf – anniversary



Family Worship and Fun

The children of St. Paul Lutheran and their parents and grandparents are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month. We start with a family dinner, move to family worship in the small chapel, then back upstairs for a craft activity. We start at 6:00 p.m. and are usually finished in an hour and a half.

Our next event is on November 17th.

Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Bountiful Blessings

We are asking for donations of tissues. If you are able to help assist our community neighbors in this way, please put donations in the box located near the parking lot entrance. Thank you!

Please bring a pie and join us on Thanksgiving Eve for fellowship. We'll enjoy social time and pie in the lower level library following Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist at 6:00 p.m.

The eastern United States is an island. Boating numerous rivers, creeks, bays, Great lakes, canals, Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic Ocean, the "island" can be circumnavigated in a year. What does it take to prepare for and complete this year?

The Great Loop and Sip Presentation by Nancy Reed
Friday November 6 at 6pm in the Coffee House.
Please sign up on the bulletin board.
BYOB and a snack to share.

Please lend your helping hands! The Worship and Music Committee invites you to assist with preparation prior to and during Sunday worship. Please see Timmy Friend, Pastor Ryan or Debbie Szymanski if you can help with one of the opportunities below.

Altar Guild-The Altar Guild is a volunteer group whose ministry is to care for the altar, paraments, vessels and altar linens of the church. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards and also prepare the Luther Chapel altar for summer and Wednesday eucharistic vespers services. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish.

The pastor is the head of the Guild but he cannot do all that must be done in preparation for all of the services.

The Altar Guild plays an important role and must be reliable and dependable. The pastor sets the rules, the style and the tone of the services by his preference for flowers and placement of the vessels used during a service.

Lector-The Lector reads the Sunday scriptures during worship. The readings are emailed during the week and are ready in a notebook on the lectern.

iPad streaming and recording-Worship is streamed into the family room on the lower level and recorded for those unable to attend worship. Please see Casey Colledge if you are able to serve as a substitute for her.

Coloring page for kids of all ages!

Sunday **November 1**
8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal-Choir room
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Potluck luncheon

Monday **November 2**
No Beginnings classes-Parent/Teacher conferences
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00-8:00 Drawing class-Coffee house
7:00 p.m. LBC! Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday **November 3**
No Beginnings classes-Election Day

Wednesday **November 4**
5:00 p.m. Hand bell rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Luther Chapel
7:00 p.m. Potomac Concert Band rehearsal-Fellowship Hall

Thursday **November 5**
5:30 p.m. Confirmation instruction

Friday **November 6**
6:00 p.m. Great Loop and Sip-coffee house

Saturday **November 7**
11:00-12:00 Shake Your Soul

Sunday **November 8**
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Book Study-Fellowship hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal-Choir room

Monday **November 9**
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Chapel prayers
6:00-8:00 Drawing class-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday **November 10**
5:30 p.m. Council Meeting- Fellowship Hall

Wednesday **November 11**
5:00 p.m. Hand bell rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Luther Chapel
7:00 p.m. Potomac Concert Band rehearsal-Fellowship Hall

Thursday **November 12**
4:00-6:00 Bountiful Blessings
5:30 p.m. Confirmation instruction

Saturday **November 14**
10:00 a.m. Grief Support group-coffee house
12:00-1:00 Shake Your Soul

Sunday **November 15**
8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal-choir room
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Book study

Monday **November 16**
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00-8:00 Drawing class-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday **November 17**
6:00 p.m. Family Worship and Fun

Wednesday **November 18**
5:00 p.m. Hand bell rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Luther Chapel
7:00 p.m. Potomac Concert Band rehearsal-Fellowship Hall

Thursday **November 19**
5:30 p.m. Confirmation instruction

Friday **November 20**
3:30-5:30 Fellowship Hall reserved

Saturday **November 21**
2:00-4:00 Fellowship Hall reserved

Sunday **November 22**
8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal-Choir room
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Book Study

Monday **November 23**
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting
6:00-8:00 Drawing class-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday **November 25**
Beginnings ½ Day of School
5:00 p.m. Hand bell rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Vespers-Luther Chapel
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Pie Social-Library

Saturday **November 28**
10:00 a.m. Grief Support group

Sunday **November 29**
8:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal-Choir room
10:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers

Monday **November 30**
Beginnings-No School
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00-8:00 Drawing class-Fellowship Hall