



Praise & Patter – May 2021

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“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of his glory and grace.” (words by Helen H. Lemmel) When our boys were younger, Tori & I sang these words to them every night as we tucked them into bed. This song offers a word of encouragement to all of us and reminds us where we place our faith and trust.

We live in anxious and fearful times – a global pandemic, explosive partisan politics, economic uncertainty, and job losses. Because each of us is unique, the way we deal with anxiety and fear is different. Some deny the fear and anxiety (even though it affects our words and actions). Others withdraw from community and become depressed. Still others express their emotions by attacking and blaming others.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: “I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return” (2 Timothy 1:12). Like Paul and Timothy, we put our faith and trust in God, who has chosen and claimed us as his children. We trust in God, who holds us in his hands, and fills us with the Holy Spirit. We don't need to fear anything in this world. And, no matter how loudly and often social media, news media, government leaders, or other voices proclaim gloom and doom, we can be confident and put our faith and trust in God.

Jesus once said to Peter, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.” The church is a community of believers who gather to encourage and walk alongside one another. The church is a place to stay rooted in the scriptures and focused upon Jesus.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther talked about the importance of encouragement among believers in his explanation of the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” He turned the negative *you shall not* into a positive *we are to*. “We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light” (Small Catechism).

Luther regarded the practice of encouragement as one way the Gospel proclaims life and hope in the midst of darkness. He commended the practice of “mutual conversation and consolation” by citing Matthew 18:20, “...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Luther envisioned a community of friends, called together to listen to the Good News and challenged to be a mouthpiece of that Good News to one another in speech, comfort, and friendship.

In Romans, Paul encourages us: “love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor” (Romans 12:10). We, too, can be examples of hope and encouragement for one another and the community of people around us. As we journey through the Easter Season toward the Feast of Pentecost, let us exhibit a spirit of encouragement. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to breathe new hope into our lives and the lives of others.

Pastor Lee

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP at 9:00 AM EACH SUNDAY!

In-Person – No reservations or health forms required.

+ Masks must be worn at all times when in the building. If you can't wear a mask, please stay home and join us online.

Live Stream – www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org

Facebook Live – www.facebook.com/stpaulsfunkstown

Conference Call – Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 581-113-3494#

Tithes and Offerings

God of the Universe, your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents, and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THANK YOU for your faithful & generous giving, which helps us to share the good news of Jesus. Please visit our website www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org and click GIVE to learn about electronic giving options. You can also mail your offerings to the church or drop them off during office hours, which are 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Offerings received in March \$30,514.17

Expenses paid in March \$18,763.55

Principal paid on debt: \$2,046.20

Faith Formation

Crossways Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM -- in person and by telephone.

Our Daily Bread booklets for March, April, May are available for pick up.



The family of **Paul Hollingshead**, who died on April 14, 2021.

The family of **Ralph Shifler**, who died January 28, 2021.

The family of **Fred Wing**, who died on April 12, 2021

Prayer Ministry: Remember these brothers and sisters in Christ in your daily prayers:

- May 2 Michelle, Sarah, Hannah and Erin Copenhaver; Hannah Sue Cramer, Michael Cramer; Susan, Jessica and Jennifer Crampton; Nancy Crampton; Paul, Pam and Lance Crampton; Tayrn Crampton; Paul Crampton, III;
- May 9 Tony, Mina and Joshua Davis; William and Tina Davis; Derek and Katlyn Davis; Teresa Davis; Jean Daywalt, Lewis Dellinger, Jr.; John and Cindy Dickinson
- May 16 Marsha and Joshua Dieterich; Michael Doarnberger; Jeffrey Doarnberger; Robert, Julie and Brock Doyle; Curt & Inge Dudda, Jim and Jean Duffey; Tony Dyer; Saralynn Dyer
- May 23 Carol Eavey, Elizabeth Everhart; Mary Ann Eckstine, Karin Engstrom, Barb Fishack, Kendra Forcino; Michael, Kerri, Kennadi, Kamilyn, & Michael Fotta Jr.; Travis Fouche; and Travis & Jennifer Fournier
- May 30 Catherine Fox; Lennie Frey; Stephanie Frey; Spencer Frey; Shirley Gardner; Hilary, Paige & Peyton Gesell; Guy & Janice Greene; Brenda, Sierra and Brianna Oberholzer;

May Birthdays

1	Ann-Dee Nichels Emmett Kable	13	Peggy Hebb Judy Morningstar	24	Anneliese Moats
6	Amy Renner Mark Renner	15	William Davis	25	John Timm*
7	Helen Troxell*	16	James White*	26	Anneke Tingle
9	Adam Collins	19	Whitney Breakall Brock Doyle Doris Doub*	28	Fred Baker
		21	Kali Myers	29	Joshua Dieterich
				31	Jill Ritter

*=80 years and over

May Anniversaries

2	Steve & Debbie Reichard	13	Ben & Whitney Breakall	24	Sam & Michelle Sarvey
3	Ray & Marlene Barger	15	Ron & Dru McNamee	28	Guy & Janice Greene
8	Robert & Jenna Moats				

Newsletter News

The deadline to receive information for the June newsletter is NOON on May 18th. Your meeting this deadline ensures we can publish the June Newsletter by the end of May.

Signup Charts: The Signup charts for 2021 Altar Flowers, Eternal Light and Communion Elements are posted on the bulletin board. Altar Flowers are \$60.00 for both vases or \$30.00 for one. Please indicate if you are purchasing one or both. The Eternal Light and Communion Elements are \$10.00 per week.

Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly (June 4-5) – This year's assembly will be held virtually, beginning on June 4 at 6:30 PM and closing on June 5 at 12:30 PM. Our congregation is eligible to send 4 voting members. If you are interested, please contact the church office by May 1.

Up Coming Events:

May 11 – Council Meeting

May 18 – Newsletter Deadline

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

If your marriage has had some struggles during the Coronavirus, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others just need some time away to just be a couple; so now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years.

The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need. Simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which Weekend will work for you:

October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys

October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the Weekend. Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, find your chosen Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or call: 724-325-3166.

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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