



Praise & Patter – November 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. *Ephesians 2:4-9 (NKJV)*

On October 31 we will gather for the annual celebration of Reformation Day. As Lutheran Christians, we join many Protestant Christians around the world in commemorating Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. More importantly, Reformation Day is a time to remind ourselves of the good news of Jesus Christ – we are saved by God's grace through faith.

I don't know about you, but it seems to me that there are many times when these words – “we are saved by grace through faith” – simply roll off our lips or are read from the Bible without much passion, thought, or understanding. And yet, these words form a strong foundation for our Christian faith. We believe that God's own son, Jesus, died on the cross for us and rose from the dead three days later. In doing so, he defeated the power of death and the devil, so that we can have new life – now and eternally. There is nothing we have done or can do or will do to earn this wonderful gift of grace. It is by faith that we receive God's grace, which makes us certain that our sins are forgiven and we can live forever in his kingdom.

When we trust and believe in this good news it sets us free to practice the Great Commandment. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” *Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)*

We live in a culture that claims to be full of grace and love, but too often fails to practice these beliefs in daily life. We have embraced confusion and division instead of clarity and unity. It is incredibly easy to broadcast our opinions or spread false information with the advent of the Internet and social media. Those who disagree with us are “them” and if someone takes a stand we disagree with on a particular issue, we simply cancel them.

As Christians, we are called to be different. Did you know that we have a long history of sharing God's grace and love? In the days of the Roman Empire, even under intense persecution, Christians founded hospitals to care for people who needed help. From the second century until today, Christians rushed into plague infected areas to aid the sick and the dying while many others fled. It was Christians who led the charge in England and the United States to end the slave trade. In these actions and many others, Christians have reflected the light of Christ for the world to see.

In our day, we see Christians “loving God and neighbor” by providing food to the hungry, homes for refugees, welcome for addicts, and relief for victims of natural disasters. Others share God's grace and love through buying a meal for the family behind them in line, or taking someone who can't drive to a doctor's appointment.

I encourage you to find ways to share God's grace and love in a world that has become anxious, depressed, and hopeless. There are so many people around us who need to hear the good news of Jesus.

We can rest assured that God has made our eternal lives completely secure through his son, Jesus Christ. God has also made our earthly lives completely secure in him. As we approach this Reformation Day, let us rediscover the passion and the comfort found in the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Lee

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

In-Person – Masks are not required in our building. For those who wish to continue to wear masks, please do so. We want everyone to feel as comfortable and safe as possible. We understand that the comfort levels of each family may be different. Please keep this in mind as you enter the building and respect the decisions of others regarding masks and social distancing.

Live Stream – www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org

Facebook Live – www.facebook.com/stpaulsfunkstown

Tithes and Offerings

Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening. Speak your words into the depth of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. We seek to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, and to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. *Amen. (Episcopal Diocese of Washington DC).*

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 pm.

September Receipts	\$21,364.06
September Expenses	\$18,427.42
Principal paid on debt	\$2,117.55

Bible Study is held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited! Please come as you are able (weekly attendance is wonderful but not required).

Prayer Ministry

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



Our prayers are with:

The family of Valerie M. Iseminger.

The family of Pamela Grimes.

The family of Elmer T. Ecton, Sr.

- November 7 Rebecca Wolford, Andrew Wolford, David Wolford, Marlina Wolford, Greg & Pam Young, Derk Young-Davis
- November 14 Carmela Anjos, Sara Jane Baker, Audrey Baker, Fred and Victoria Baker, Natalie Billman, Carol Biser
- November 21 George Bowden, Roger and Judy Bowers, Rodger and Andrea Bowers, Hal and Linda Brandenburg, Richard and Elaine Brandenburg, Whitney, Ben, Mason and Harper Breakall, Gene & Victoria Breeden, Madge Brown
- November 28 Pastor Lee, Tori, Timothy and Matthew Brumback, Helen Bussard, Laura Cavey, Gerald Clark, Betty Cline, Delroy and Rose Cline, Ed and Jean Clopper, Chris, Adam and James Collins

Newsletter News:

The deadline to receive information for the November newsletter is NOON on November 16th.

Meeting this deadline ensures we can publish the December Newsletter by the end of November.

Noisy Offering will be on November 14. We will provide containers in the Narthex to receive your offering.

Night Out will be held on Tuesday November 16 at Bistro 11 (old Hempen Hill) at 6:00 pm. Come and have a relaxing, casual dinner and fellowship with your fellow disciples. Remember, all men and women of the congregation (and your friends) are invited to participate.

Our Daily Bread booklet for September, October and November are available for pick up.

Annual Congregational Meeting: will take place on **Sunday, November 21** immediately after worship. Agenda items for that meeting include reviewing and voting on the 2022 Faith Spending Plan and electing new council members. All voting members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The council is currently seeking congregation members who are willing to serve on council. The primary commitment is to attend the monthly meeting, typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. If you would be willing to serve, or have any questions about what is involved in being on the council, please speak to outgoing council members (Travis Fouche, Peggy Hebb, Donna Schmidt and Becky Wolford) or any other member of the congregational council.



Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 24 at 7:00 pm will be hosted here at St. Paul's. Leaders from Emmanuel United Methodist and St. Andrew's United Methodist will be participating. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we give thanks to God for all our blessings.

Property Committee: Anyone interested in helping to decorate the church for the Christmas Season, please plan to meet at the church 8:00 am on Saturday, November 27th. There will be lots to do, so the more the merrier and the less time it will take. Please see Judy Bowers for more information.

DON'T FORGET: Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday, November 6. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed and you'll wake up refreshed from the extra hour of sleep and ready to worship here at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 7. See you then!

Potter's Bowl: Sunday, November 7, 2 - 5 pm, Hagerstown Elks Lodge #378, 11063 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown. Tickets are now available for the 2021 Potter's Bowl! This year the event will be a walk-through style event. Select your bowl, pick your soup, then enjoy at home! Simply select and purchase your ticket for your desired time of entrance. Each ticket will be good for one (1) hand crafted artisan soup bowl, two (2) quarts of soup of your choice, one (1) quart of coleslaw, and a dessert. Sanitation stations will be set up for the event, face masks are encouraged. Proceeds benefit the Community Free Clinic. **Tickets** are \$50 each and must be purchased before October 29. For more information, contact Tyler or Nicole, Community Free Clinic, 301 733 9234, email [**info@mycommunityfreeclinic.org**](mailto:info@mycommunityfreeclinic.org)

Annual Dinner Auction for Habitat for Humanity, Saturday, November 13, 5 - 9 pm, Cortland Mansion 9411 Cortland Drive. Hagerstown. The Annual Dinner Auction is Habitat for Humanity's premier event that hosts supporters and business partners from across Washington County. The 2021 Dinner Auction is back in person. All proceeds from the Dinner Auction help Habitat build, renovate, and repair homes in Washington County. Go to <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/habfohumowascou/event/833669/> for tickets or to make a donation.

November Birthdays

2	Nancy James	11	Ronald Brown	19	Betty Cline*
3	Susan Logan Robert Nigh	12	Lorraine Troxell* Derek Davis	20	Timothy Brumback
6	Dru McNamee	14	Samantha Secrest	25	William Hatton*
7	Diana Smith Brianna Price	16	Nelda Prather* Marsha Secrest Cory Shank	27	Matthew Ritter
8	Laura Cavey*	17	Sara Renner	28	Robert Doyle
9	Donna Schmidt	18	Elliott Reichard	29	Stephanie Schminkey
10	John (Michael) Doarnberger Jeannette Smith*			30	Brian Hebb

*=80 years and over

November Anniversaries

2	Dan & Charlotte Miller	12	Robert & Penny Kline
3	Jim & Jean Duffey Chris & Stacy Purnell	14	Don & Cheryl Obitts
9	Ronald & Robin Brown		

Up Coming Events

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Crossways Bible Study at 10:00 am

November 7 – Daylight Savings Time. Fall Back

November 9 – Council Meeting 7:00 pm

November 14 – Noisy Offering

November 16 – Newsletter Deadline and Night Out at Bistro 11 (old Hemphen Hill) at 6:00 pm

November 21 – Annual Congregational Meeting after worship

November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Paul's

November 27 – Decorate Church 8:00 am

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Church Secretary: Carol Ann Rossman

Pastor: Lee Brumback ▪ 540-335-1710 ▪ prlee@stpaulsfunkstownmd.org

Director of Music: Cara Price

Council President: Travis Fouche 301-730-8926



2021 Christmas Flower Fund

It is our tradition, members of the congregation are given the opportunity to purchase Poinsettias or to make a monetary donation towards the cost of the sanctuary decorations for Christmas. Those who choose to *purchase* Poinsettias are reminded the flowers are *yours to take home* on Christmas Eve.

If you wish to participate, please complete this form.

The cost of the Poinsettia is \$10.00 each.

A Christmas Gift (Please Print Clearly)

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Env. #: _____

I wish to purchase _____ (number of flowers), and I will take the flowers home on Christmas Eve following either service. Plants will be labeled with your name.

I wish to make a DONATION (\$6.00 minimum) of \$_____ toward the cost of decorations. I am **NOT** taking the flowers home.

Questions: Please contact Judy Bowers.

Deadline for orders is Sunday November 28.

Return this form, along with payment or donation, either to an usher by putting it in the offering plate, dropping it off to the church office or by mailing it to:

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