



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Praise & Patter – May 2022

On May 1, 2022 the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a special worship and luncheon to celebrate 251 years of ministry in the community of Funkstown, Maryland. A lot has changed since our humble beginnings in 1771. The plan for a village to be named "Jerusalem" was unveiled by Mr. Jacob Funck in 1767. Bounded on three sides by the Antietam creek, the town would have 177 lots. In 1768, Mr. Funck deeded two lots for the purpose of establishing a burial ground and church. No church was built on these parcels. Today, they are known as the "old part" of Funkstown cemetery.

In the early days, the Lutherans in Funkstown shared a church with the Reformed people in the village and a minister from St. John's Lutheran, Hagerstown. In 1771, the Reformed and Lutheran people purchased lot 156 "for building and creating a church and school house for public worship." They constructed a log church building in the summer of 1771.

On special occasions like anniversaries it is natural to reflect upon the past. It is a time to remember the good times and the not-so happy times. Like many other congregations, St. Paul's came into being through the vision of a small number of people, dedicated to following Jesus. There must have been a great deal of excitement in the community when the founders came together to build the first place of worship. They shared a vision and the passion to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus – to "teach, baptize, and share the gospel" in a new place. As the first building began to take shape to the glory of God, the community of believers continued growing in faith.

For over 250 years, the people of God in this place have celebrated the gifts of baptism, marriage, confirmation, graduation, and special seasons of the church year – welcoming babies, children, teens, and adults of all ages. On many occasions the church was filled to the brim with people, serving as the center of the community for social gatherings that often led to life-long friendships. And, I would guess that at least a few men and women met their future spouse at one of the church sponsored events.

This congregation has been a source of strength and support during difficult times. Together, the people of God have witnessed the loss and upheaval of a Civil War, two World wars, Korea, Vietnam, and a war on terrorism. We have mourned the tragic loss of life at home and overseas. We have wept over the loss of loved ones, offered prayers for the sick, and navigated a global pandemic. And yet, we are always mindful that the hope of new life found in Jesus Christ.

The strength of Christian community is what keeps us moving forward and placing our faith in God. We need each other, especially in a world that ignores or denies God's power and grace. The Apostle Paul refers to the church as the body of Christ. He says: "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit." *1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

It is my prayer that we will continue to trust in God on a daily basis and rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for the blessings of the past and present, so that we can boldly go into the future. Let us continue to share the good news of Jesus in daily life so that others may come to know the grace and hope he brings to a broken world. And, let us trust that God continues to be the one true source of guidance and strength in times of hardship and pain, joy and celebration.

I look forward to seeing what amazing things God has prepared for our future. *Pastor Lee*

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

In-Person – 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.

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Tithes and Offerings

Father, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer our thanksgiving and call upon your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. Receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth in this world. Amen.

THANK YOU for your faithful and 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.

March Receipts \$ 22,351.34

March Expenses \$ 19,142.92

Noisy Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month. Our Noisy Offering for May will go to REACH Emergency Fund.

Second Mile offering for May will go to VBS.

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:

May 1	Virginia Simon, Anna Jean Smith, Jeannette Smith, Diana Smith, Jennifer Smith, David, Amanda, Rachel and Laura Smith, Lynn and Linda Spalding;
May 8	Sarah Stahl, Richard Stallings, Betty Lou Stoup, Sarah Jane Sullivan, Whitney and Rachel Sylvester
May 15	John and Barbara Timm, Barbara Tingle, Anne Toms, Leslie, Linda, Sarah and Emily Tritsch, Donna Trovinger, Lorraine Troxell, Helen Troxell, David and Jean Unger, Erica Unger, Jim and Donna Unger
May 22	Gladys Unger, Clay, Susan, Alexis and Zachary Unge, Gerald, Nina, Jonathan and Andrew Volz, Barry and Judy Warrenfeltz, Suzanne Watson
May 29	Beverly Welch, Linda Welch, Margaret White, Bonnie Jean White

Newsletter News The deadline to receive information for the June newsletter is NOON on May 17, so we can publish it by the end of May.

Night Out will be held on Tuesday **May 17**, at Trackside 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.

May Birthdays

1	Ann-Dee Nichels Emmett Kable	15	William Davis	24	Anneliese Moats
6	Amy Renner Mark Renner	16	James White*	25	John Timm*
7	Helen Troxell*	19	Whitney Breakall Brock Doyle Doris Doub* Alexis Jenkins	26	Anneke Tingle
9	Adam Collins	21	Kali Myers Steve Blash	28	Fred Baker
13	Peggy Hebb Judy Morningstar*			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 Steve & Michele Blash	28	Guy & Janice Greene
8	Robert & Jenna Moats				

2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall.

10th Annual HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope, June 4th (Challenge Hike June 11) The HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope is HARC's biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds will benefit HARC programs, with a significant portion going to **Micah's Backpack**, which provides nutritious food to hungry children every weekend of the school year in Washington County. This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the HARC Hike along with Learn more at <https://harccoalition.org/hike/> or contact our Hike Team leaders:

Rev. Ed Poling - elpoling1@gmail.com / 301-331-9388

Kathy Powderly - director@harccoalition.org / 301-766-9005

Funkstown Clean-up SATURDAY MAY 28 from 8am-1pm This service is available only to Funkstown residents and/or a water/sewer customer. Proof of identification will be required (i.e. driver's license, water bill) Ministry Leaders/Team members, please start going through your storage areas. Any unwanted/unused items and junk that seems to be accrued in your area can be boxed/bagged and placed in the old pastor's office. We will dispose of the unwanted junk on May 28.

Vacation Bible School will be hosted at St. Paul's June 20-24 from 5:30-8:15pm. VBS participant registration is open! You can register your children directly on our website at www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org/events. A light supper is served. We are looking for Station and Crew Leaders. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall. We are starting to collect cardboard boxes for Vacation Bible School. They can be any shape, size and color! Please make sure they are properly broken down and not crushed. You can place your boxes in the fellowship hall and we will move them! Thank You!

Need For Volunteers/A Church Sponsor: The Mental Health Center of Western Maryland is currently looking for a church that would be willing to adopt the clients that participate in the Adult Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP). They would like for someone to come in every couple of months or so to do a craft of activity with the clients and to possibly sponsor a Christmas party for them during the holidays. They are very open to suggestions or other options or ideas. If you are interested, please contact Tamara Warfield via email at tslayman@thementalehealthcenter.net or by phone at 301-791-3045 x177.

Up Coming Events

May 3, 10, 17, 24

May 8

May 10

May 17

May 28

May 30

Crossways Bible Study at 10:00 am

Noisy Offering

Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Noon, Newsletter Deadline

Night Out, 6:00 pm

Funkstown Clean Up, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Memorial Day, church office closed

Church Office Hours

Church Secretary

Pastor

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Council President

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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