



# Proclamation

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## *Words from The Deacon....*



My Beloved,

It almost unfathomable to think that this year has already passed us by. I was overwhelmed with joy regarding the numbers of beautiful faces that I saw throughout Christmas Weekend.

I know that this is a typical time that we look back on the past year and we may consider making some changes in our lives. We make "resolutions" regarding what we are going to try just a little harder to fix this next year. We may keep up with these resolutions for a month or maybe two, but typically we revert back to the behavior that we were struggling to stay away from. We don't make the necessary changes in our lives that would facilitate the changes that we hope to see in our lives.

What I would challenge you to change this year is the way we approach worship and studying God's Word. We must truly immerse ourselves in reading scripture to find some of the answers that we may be seeking in the world. We must actively pursue this goal. If we are successful in this pursuit, it can only bring a new peace and joy to our lives. We must also be excited to worship and offer our thanks to Our God. He does so much for us, we can only come to Him with Worship and Praise. So, let's try to make our joy more evident in the way we worship this upcoming year.

Finally, the 27th will be a huge day in my life and in the life of the congregation. I will be ordained as an LCMS Pastor at a ceremony that will take place at 4:00 PM at St. Paul's. It will be a grand celebration. I hope that you will all be able to attend this celebration. I will also be signing the call that you have offered me during this ceremony. I will then start my service as your Pastor. Tracie and I are looked forward to a long and joyous service to the members of St. Paul's.

My prayer for you all this year is a joy and peace that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

DVP Pomrenke



# VENTURING CREW

The leaves may have been falling down, but the Venturing crew has been “up...to something” this fall. In September through December, the crew conducted training hikes to get ready for our Summer 2019 expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM along with Boy Scouts from Troop 1785. The crew has been learning backcountry skills and assembling the individual backpacking gear we will need for our twelve-day trek through the 140,000+ acres owned by the Boy Scouts of America in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Our first training hike in September was a rainy day hike around St. Mary’s Lake so we were able to stress test our rain gear right away.

In October, we headed up to Front Royal, VA for the 29th annual V-3 Hike-o-ree. It was another rainy weekend but we were able to practice setting up our tents, preparing our meals and of course, backpacking on Saturday in the lovely Shenandoah National Park.

November found us backpacking on trails locally at Patuxent River Park in Upper Marlboro. It was our first overnight, multi-day hike and temperatures dipped below the freezing mark overnight, but it was SUNNY! Nevertheless, everyone was quite warm after a hot dinner, campfire and diving in to toasty sleeping bags. We wrapped up training in December with another rainy day hike (notice a theme here?) at Cedarville State Forest in Brandywine. We completed our longest single day distance thus far, backpacking nearly eleven miles around the perimeter trails at Cedarville.

We certainly spent a lot of time enjoying God’s great outdoors this fall but the crew also enjoyed going to see a movie together, the December sky at the Charles County planetarium and fellowship at our Halloween and Christmas parties. We once again put up Christmas decorations at one of the local Arc of Southern Maryland group homes and the tree and wreaths in our sanctuary and helped the Southern Maryland Food Bank collect and sort food donations at the Kris Kringle Christmas market at the Charles County Fairgrounds.

If you’re 14 or 13 and completed the 8th grade but under 21 and you’d like to join in on the fun, contact David Nelsen at 301.884.4631 or [danelson@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:danelson@alum.rpi.edu).







## Sunday School News

Just want to thank everyone who helped with our Children's Christmas Program and lunch. It was a wonderful day of fellowship. I was very proud of our Sunday School kids and very appreciative of the support and dedication of our teaching staff.

As we begin 2019, we will be reaching outward to share God's love with others by supporting St. Paul's ministry at the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home by using our creative talents to make gifts for the residents at the Veteran's Home. Gifts will be given out during one of our church's visits in January.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

Thanks for Sharing your Child with us! Mrs. Bowling



# LWML NEWS

We will be holding the first woman's breakfast on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Bring a breakfast dish to share with everyone. It will be a potluck. I will lead devotion and then we can discuss anything we would like see the woman of our congregation involved in.

Any woman who attends a Lutheran church has already met all the qualifications to be a member! So, consider this to be your official invitation to a group that you are already a member of (if you are a woman).

Can you believe that is already the start of a new year?! Looking ahead I wanted to give you the date for the Christian Life Retreat being put on by the LWML Chesapeake District. It will be held in Ocean City on Nov. 1-3, 2019 at the Carousel Hotel. The theme is perseverance. I would love to have some ladies join me. If people plan to go soon enough, we could plan a couple of fund raisers to help offset the cost of attending. Prior planning prevents poor performance!! Let's get together and plan this!!



## **Mission and Ministries**

***What's Going On??***

**January 2019**

Just as our heavenly Father shared the precious gift of His Son.....So too St Paul's has shared with those in our community in need. There have been families fed through food donations, Veterans gifted and reassured that they are thought of, children's Christmas made happier because someone was their angel.... our neighbors know about the church on the hill because ST PAUL'S SHARES!!



From Cindy Werth ...

To My St. Paul's Family,

I am so grateful to all of you for your prayers and support for our family at this very difficult time. The lose of Gary has effected us mentally emotionally and financially but definitely not spiritually. You have been there for us and have helped us in so many ways. We are so blessed to be part of an amazing church family. I want to thank you for being there for us, giving us your hugs, comfort and help whether you prepared meals for us, donated to the meal train or contributed to us financially.

Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward and know that we feel so much love coming from this incredible congregation. May God bless you all and be with you!

# January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
1/3- Judy Rogers 1/9- Eric Maxey 1/9- Jennifer Maxey 1/12- Joshua Gray 1/20-Andrea Morris 1/21 – Jordan Pomrenke 1/22- Aubrey Vickers		1/22- Stephanie Boyer 1/26- Jacob Gray 1/27- Stephanie Stowers 1/30- Ethan Johnson 1/30- Jim Shewbridge				
		01	02	03	04	05
		Happy New Years!				
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School: 9:00 am New Council Members Installation	 Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room	Praise Team Practice 6 pm		Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm		Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 8:30 am Gary Werth Funeral @ 11AM Praise Service @ 5 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31	<div>January 2019</div> <div>HOW MANY Happy New Years 2019 DID YOU SEE? (ANSWER ON THE TOP RIGHT OF THIS PAGE)</div> 	
Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School: 9:00 am  Special Ordination Service / Dinner at 4:00 PM for Pastor Gary R. Pomrenke	 Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room	Praise Team Practice 6 pm		Elder's Meeting @ 6:30PM		





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