

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

March 23rd, 2025

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### **Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God**

*There are no altar flowers during Lent, March 5th- April 6th.*

If you would like to make a recognition through the altar flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium for a form in the lower box. Sign-up for the days(s) you would like and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin. Payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to a staff person.

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### **Wednesday Supper, March 26, Sloppy Joes**

Be sure to join us for our **6:00pm Lenten supper before worship (at 7:00 pm)** on Wednesday, March 26. We will be having Sloppy Joes with potatoes, salad, fruit and dessert.

**Stations of the Cross**, Fridays at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary. I hope that long-time members are looking forward to seeing St. Paul's beautiful collection of the Stations artwork as they will be back up in the Sanctuary for the Lenten season. For those who are new, the Stations follow Jesus from Gethsemane to the tomb with visual depictions of his journey. On Fridays, you can join me to follow Jesus on this path with scripture and prayers that tell the Holy Week story. Following Jesus on this path offers pause for us to contemplate our own lives, in our time and place. Please join me on any of these **Fridays at noon during Lent: March 21, 28, April 4 and 11.** -Pastor Lorrel

**2025 CROP Walk**, where we will gather together with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. **Sunday March 23rd**, starting at the Duke University Chapel with kick-off events starting at **1:30pm**. If you would like to donate to our team please either go to our team page <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-pauls-lutheran-church-of-durham>, scan the QR code below, or talk to our team captains Megan Cunningham and Tracey Dissel.



Join us **Sunday, March 23 for a Special Congregational Meeting** to receive the annual report and elect voting members to the Synod assembly. The meeting will take place during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45am), in Trinity Hall. Annual Reports will be available in the Atrium beginning March 12th.

### **Vacation Bible School Interest Meeting - Sunday, March 30th at 9:45-10:15am**

Please join us for an overview of Vacation Bible School and how you can get involved! VBS will take place July 14-18th and we'll need lots of help to make it a success. Questions? Contact Preschool Director, Candace King at [preschool@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulsdurham.org)

**Hiking Group:** Here is the schedule of upcoming hikes (please note, some have changed):

**Saturday, March 22** – West Point on the Eno Park, 5101 N Roxboro St, Durham

**Saturday, April 5-** Johnston Mill nature preserve, 2713 Mt Sinai Rd, Chapel Hill

**Saturday, April 19-** Eno River State Park - Laurel Bluffs trail, 4770 Pleasant Green Rd, Durham

For each hike, we will plan to meet at church to carpool or caravan to each location. We will depart church at 9:30 AM. If you would rather meet us at a hiking location, please let Vicar Ashley know.

**Adult Sunday School:** Join us for the Sunday School hour (9:45am-10:30am) in Trinity Hall for these thought and action producing sessions. Questions? Contact Megan Cunningham at [mcunni16@gmail.com](mailto:mcunni16@gmail.com).

**March 30th-** Faith Sexism, & Justice: Creation is diverse, as is the body of Christ - led by Lorrel Storm-Jensen

**April 6th-** Faith Sexism, & Justice: God Calls Us to Action in Community - led by Bee Ellertson

## **Growing Through Grief - Tuesdays 4PM - 6PM**

**March 25th-** “Getting the Support WE Need,” with Betsy Barton. Many people offer us advice, their experiences, herbal remedies—you name it. But how do we focus on ourselves and get the support that will work for us?

**April 1st-** “Who Am I Now?” with Betsy Barton. Stones transform after time in a rock tumbler—and so do we, as we go through the upending process of getting the rug swept out from under our feet after a loss. We’ll talk today about being open to new discoveries.

**As we journey through Lent** and reflect on the Bible passages where Jesus says “I AM,” you are invited to participate in a communal art project – whether you think you are an artist or not! Vicar Ashley is collecting pieces of visual artwork (drawings, paintings, photographs, etc) that connect to the various Bible passages where Jesus uses the phrase “I AM.” On Wednesday evenings for midweek Lenten worship, there will be “I AM” coloring sheets and art supplies available if you would like to incorporate artwork into your worship experience and perhaps share what you create as part of the collection. Throughout Lent you will see the collected works of art displayed in the gathering area. If you have any questions, contact Vicar Ashley or Janet Seiz.

**I'm a Lutheran filmmaker named Mikah Meyer**, who was featured in Living Lutheran for my world record, 3-year road trip to all 400+ National Park Service sites, and I'm coming to Durham on **March 27** to screen my film about that journey (and about being a gay Lutheran) at the Carolina Theatre. I'll be coming from Los Angeles to meet people there live and show them a positive representation of a gay Lutheran.

Many thanks, Mikah

**Tickets:** <https://carolinatheatre.org/events/film/banff-centre-mountain-film-festival-day-2/>

If people can't attend they can **watch the short film for FREE** at this link:

<https://www.mikahmeyer.com/documentary>

**St. Paul's Readers:** Please join us at our next book club meeting on **Thursday, April 10, at 3 pm** in the Conference Room. Phil Strom-Jensen leads our discussion of *Time Heals No Wounds: A Baltic Sea Crime Novel* by Hendrik Falkenberg, 2013. (Note date change due to Holy Week.)

This international police procedural mystery follows freshly trained detective Johannes “Hannes” Niehaus and his veteran partner Fritz Janssen as they investigate a woman’s murder linked to dangerous, decades-old cover-ups from the Third Reich. As the death count rises, will Hannes be able to catch the murderer before another innocent life gets caught in the killer’s dark plan?

We warmly welcome all readers to join our informal and friendly book club. Whether you’ve read the book or not, come and check us out! For questions, please contact Katherine Trexler at [katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com).

## **CREATION CARE YARD SALE LALAPALOOZA, May 10, 2025 (rain date May 17 ) 9:00am-12:00pm**

In honor of Earth Day, preserving resources, recycling, and community connection, there will be a community yard sale in our church parking lot. Each seller will maintain their own table and be responsible for their own selling of their items. A \$20.00 deposit will reserve the selling space and that deposit will be returned when the area is cleaned up and the sale ends. Further information to come or contact Marcia Redman.

**Children's Sunday school** is meeting each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, downstairs in the Genesis room (near the downstairs kitchen). All children are welcome and encouraged to join us for a time of Bible stories, crafts, cooking, and fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carole Ostrowski or Betty Hinshaw.

**Pastor's Bible Study: Book of John by Amy-Jill Levine.** We are continuing with the Book of John. Copies are available under the TV in the Atrium. We meet Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the conference room and via Zoom. Notes and Zoom link are emailed early in the week. All are welcome to join!

**Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays on Zoom from 10-11.**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>  
Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

**Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.** Send devotions to [assistant@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsdurham.org)

**PASTA for PARKTOWN! Help Stock St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!**

Donate boxes of dry pasta to the bin beneath the bulletin board in the Atrium. These boxes are given to hungry families at the Parktown area by the Food Hub. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative and it is accomplished through your generosity.

**Join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's!**

Interested participating in worship or learn more about music? You should join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, handbells from 6:30-7:15 and choir from 7:15-8:30. Ensembles normally perform at the 11:00 service but occasionally at the 8:30 service. Ability to read music not required. If interested, contact Susan Beschorner, interim director of music at [music@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:music@stpaulsdurham.org)

**Sign-up Genius Links:** Please consider volunteering to assist in worship. Click the link to sign-up.

**Sunday Worship:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/>

Available Opportunities: lector, worship assistant, altar guild, communion assistant, and usher.

If you'd like to volunteer without using the website call or email Heather and she will add you to the list. (919-489-3214 or [assistant@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsdurham.org))

**Dropped Stitch:** Meetings on the last Friday of each month at 1 pm in the church atrium where the sofas reside.

**Jewelry Making:** Joyce Veazey is offering an opportunity to learn jewelry making! Just bring yourself, If you are interested, contact Joyce to set up a time meet with her. Please refer to the church directory for contact info.

**Nurturing Committee Ministry** has volunteers that are available to provide transportation to doctor's appointments, chemo appointments, or church activities if you cannot drive yourself. Please contact Marcia Redman, 919-797-0501, and you will be provided with a driver's name. There are many volunteers who care!

**Our Afghan family support team** would like to express our joy and gratitude for all of the generosity from our congregation. Our Afghan families now need of **sizes 3, 4, & 5 diapers and wipes**. We are also looking for a few more women drivers to help with getting families to their medical appointments. The families we support live just a few blocks from St. Paul's. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sally Hart, [sallyshart1@gmail.com](mailto:sallyshart1@gmail.com) (or by phone, see church directory).

## PRAYER REQUEST EDITS

To streamline the process and help reduce errors, please visit the following link to add/remove people on the prayer list. <https://forms.gle/28wAjDpzQhEufuXu8>

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## PRAYER LIST

### Prayers of the Church (Members)

Judy Schlegel, Marcia Wilson, Greg Hudgins, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazy, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Pat Casper, Anna Snyder, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, and Rev. Wendy Waugh.

### Prayers of the Church (Friends)

Cliff Manley (Friend of Kathy Anderson), Ben Wright (Bill Elkin's father), Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner (Tony Perotte's Mother and Uncle), Diane Johnson (Penni Perotte's friend), Tim and Sue Williams (Friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (Sister of Anna Snyder), Sayge Lindsay (Grandson of Alta Lindsay), MJ Chevalier (Sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (Mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (Friend of Robin Winfree), Jacki Stevens and daughter (Friends of Joan Pepper), Armenia and Artsakh (Friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (Parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (Mother of Sean Slane), Gini Rinkus (Friend of the Dominicks), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Hunley), Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Holly Cashwell (Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (Friend of Waughs), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Jack Taylor (Cousin of Dean and Marcia Redman), Debra Jetton (Sister of Bill Wilson), Penny Wagner (Niece of Marcia Wilson), Cole Cashwell (Grandson of Pat Cashwell), Scott Duncan (Stepfather of Bill Elkin), Dave and Missy Pepper (Brother and Family of Joan Pepper), Chuck Johnson and Family (Husband and Family of Leslie Johnson), Vernice Knudsen (Mother of Ken Knudsen), Olga Niktin (By Patrick Chappel), Joan Mayfield (Aunt of Pat Casper), Wini Robison (Aunt of Megan Cunningham), Sarah Jolly (sister of Marlene Coulter), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman), Robin Brooks (Niece of Marlene Coulter), Eileen Kunca (friend of the Dominicks), Codell Jones (mother of Tracy Dissell), Kim and John Blatz (Friends of Pat Cashwell), Lou Millin and family (father of Grant Millin), Adam Jenkins (son of Phyllis & Larry Jenkins), the sister of Rev. David Sloop, Vanessa and Jorge Ramos (friends of Debbie Fullbright), Anne Fetrow (sister of Joan Pepper).

## Easter Designations

We are offering two opportunities to make Easter designations in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Lilies— they will grace the sanctuary with their beauty on April 20th. They can be picked up by their owners following the last service on Easter Day.

### DESIGNATIONS

# \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies

# \_\_\_\_\_ Designations to Lutheran World Relief

PLEASE use a separate form when listing designations (ex: one for Lilies, one for LWR)

EACH Designation is \$15.00.

Have the bulletin notation read: (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God.

In honor of:

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In memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your payment with this form. All designations will be listed in the bulletins on April 20th, 2025.

**Have forms to the church by Monday, April 7th, 2025.**