

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

February 23rd, 2025

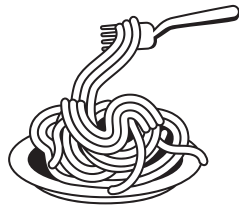
Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in memory of Alice Dietz & Barbara Shade.

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 day(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.

UPDATE! Preschool Pasta Supper Fundraiser has been moved to Wednesday, 2/26, due to winter weather this week.

Enjoy a meal and help the St. Paul's Preschool raise funds for the playground at a Pasta Supper on Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm. The meal will include pasta, meatballs, several sauces, sides and a variety of desserts. All donations will help the Preschool.



Hiking Group:

Vicar Ashley will be starting a hiking/walking group to get together every other Saturday for easy hikes of 2-3 miles. Here is the schedule of upcoming hikes (please note, some have changed):

Saturday, February 22 – Duke Forest (Al Buehler trail system), 3301 Cameron Blvd, Durham

Saturday, March 8 – Brumley Nature Preserve, North section, 3620 Old NC 10, Durham

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

UPDATE! Celebrating Black History Month through film and discussion.

In honor of Black History Month, the Social Ministry Committee will be screening two films, and you're invited! We'll wrap up the month on **February 22nd**, with a **Saturday** evening movie viewing. Come join us at 7:00 for popcorn and other treats while we screen "An Unlikely Friendship" a documentary about the improbable collaboration of two Durham leaders in the summer of 1971. As Durham schools were required to desegregate, Atwater, an outspoken civil rights activist, and Ellis, a local Ku Klux Klan leader, were appointed to lead the planning summit. They emerged from months of tense debates as allies and friends. If time and energy permit, there may be a discussion session after the film. Child care will be available, so come join us!

Adult Sunday School: We hope you can come join us during the Sunday School hour (9:45am to 10:30am) in Trinity Hall for these thought and action producing sessions. If you have any questions or would like to lead one of social ministry based sessions this spring please reach out to Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com.

February 23rd- Faith Sexism, & Justice: All Are Called to Lives of Justice and Abundance - led by Nicoline Strom-Jensen

March 2nd- Faith Sexism, & Justice: Patriarchy and Sexism Cause Injustice for Everyone - led by Nan Treul

March 9th- Faith Sexism, & Justice: Lutheran Insights Promote Gender Justice - led by Vicar Ashley

Growing Through Grief: Tuesdays 4PM - 6PM

February 25- "Grief Humor: The Healing Power of Laughter," with Eloise Jordan

March 4- "Everything Happens for a Reason," with Mandy Murphy

March 11- "Meeting Our Grief," with Betsy Barton. After the numbness wears off, we are left with our loss. Do we befriend it? Confront it? Resist it? Or all three, in turn?

Farewell Luncheon for the Shoafs:

We will be sending Jim and Diana Shoaf off to Greenville, NC (they are moving to be near their children) on **March 2, 2025**. We will say farewell and Godspeed to them at the 11am worship that day and they would like to invite the congregation to a going away reception afterwards. In order to get a head count we are asking that you RSVP to assistant@stpaulsdurham.org by February 20th. Please bring a dessert to share. Contact Martha Dahl if you like to help facilitate this event at mjdahlhouse@gmail.com. Sunday, March 2nd, following the 11am worship service in Trinity Hall. We shall miss them and hope everyone can join us for the event!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 pm. Menu is plain, chocolate chip and gluten free pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce and berries. St Paul's Youth Group is working to provide the meal and all donations will support the Youth Group.

Youth Group Spring Lock-in:

Friday March 7th, 2025 at pm - Saturday March 8th, 2025 at 9:30am

We will be having a spring lock-in, we will get dinner at Frankie's in Raleigh before playing a round or two of putt putt (or laser tag depending on the weather) before being locked into the church for the night. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast will be provided.

Sunday School:

This is a reminder that every Sunday during the Sunday School hour (9:45am to 10:30am) the youth group is meeting in the youth room where we are "Exploring other Religions of the World."

Durham CROP Walk:

We are now into the last month before this year's CROP Hunger Walk, where we will gather together with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. This year the Durham CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday March 23rd, 2025 with kick-off activities starting at 1:30pm in front of the Chapel at Duke. St. Paul's has always been a strong supporter of the CROP Hunger Walk, and our goal this year is to raise \$3,500. If you would like to sign-up to walk, donate to our team, or both you can do so by scanning the QR Code below with your phone's camera and following the instructions on our team page OR by talking to our team captains Megan Cunningham or Tracey Dissel at our table in the atrium between services. We are also accepting any loose change donations to go towards our final goal in the jug on the table on Sundays. CROP Walk specific T-Shirts are available on Saturdays from 10am - 12pm in the mobile classroom at the back of the church parking lot for \$5 per shirt. Thank you for everything you and the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Durham do for the CROP walk each year.



Join other volunteers from St. Paul's at the Urban Ministries of Durham Community Cafe. Four volunteers are needed on the 4th Saturday of every month. During the volunteer shift, you'll help with meal prep and serve lunch. The shift is from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA9A922A1F58-umdsaturday/15087256#/>

As always, please reach out to me, Amanda Anderson, with questions about the logistics of volunteering, andersona1129@gmail.com.

Creation Care

Good news! We will again be collecting small single use batteries (NO Lithium) again. You can place them in the small drawers by the credenza.

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions. Send devotions to assistant@stpaulsdurham.org

Learn about Bees and Beekeeping!

On Thursday nights from **January 16 to March 20**, St. Paul's will host "Bee School." This course is offered every year by the Durham County Beekeepers Association, and it's a great chance to learn more about honey bees. Some people take it as preparation to become beekeepers while others are just "bee curious." The course always fills up, so don't delay if you're interested. Details and registration can be found at durhambeekeepers.org. And talk to Tina Bessias, Theresa Oertel, or Bill Gresham anytime about the hives at St. Paul's!

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.

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

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRlgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Scott is back at the helm of Thursday morning bible study! He will be starting back with the Gospel of John. 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 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

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.

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.

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

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#/#/](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)

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 (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>

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, Rev. Wendy Waugh, and Charlie Bock.

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), Paul DeVries (Brother of Bob DeVries), Gini Rinkus (Friend of the Dominicks), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Huntley), 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), family and friends of Otti Freundt, 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).