

# CROSS CONNEC IONS

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*November 2024*

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## Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

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.

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### YOUNG IN SPIRIT

November 13 is a Meet and Eat at Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, 4600 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Oak Creek shopping center. Come and enjoy an authentic Mexican lunch and great fellowship!

Looking ahead to December: mark your calendar for Friday, December 6. Prime Time Players is presenting -"That 70's Christmas" with a recreation of the 1974 "Candy Williams Christmas Special. (The story of Candy Williams, a pop star in the '70s, now a retired Chapel Hill resident) 2:00 to 4:00 at Seymour Senior Center, 2521 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. A freewill donation is accepted.

### Pastor's Bible Study: 1-2 Thessalonians

Thursday Mornings at 10:30am! We have just started a new study on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. We will be off on the 14th, returning on November 21st to continue in 1 Thessalonians 2. All are welcome to join!

### Veterans Appreciation at Wednesday Supper

Join us for supper as we honor our veterans on **Wednesday, November 20, at 6:00pm**. Menu includes a choice of meatloaf or chicken tenderloins, also including sides and, of course, dessert.

### Veterans Pictures Wanted for November Fellowship Supper

On November 20th, St Paul's fellowship supper (6:00 - 7:00pm) will pay tribute to Veterans. During this fellowship hour, a Veterans Day remembrance program will be presented. We're planning to personalize our short program by presenting a military tribute slideshow containing images of St Paul's veterans. If you or anyone in your family served in the United States Armed Forces and are willing to share active duty photos while in uniform, here's my request for help in arranging a meaningful slideshow:

- Take a picture of the photo with your phone
- Send the image via email to: [mzykst@gmail.com](mailto:mzykst@gmail.com)
- In the title of the email write "Veteran Picture" and the name of the Veteran
- Please send 3 or 4 images if you have them (I will not use them for anything else)
- Deadline for images is 18 Nov

We hope to make this a memorable evening. . . . Steve Mzyk

### **St. Paul's Readers Meeting Thursday November 21 at 3 pm**

We invite all readers to join us for our discussion of 'The Engineer's Wife' by Tracey Enerson Wood. Katherine Trexler is leading the discussion. This final meeting for 2024 is on Thursday, November 21, at 3 pm in Trinity Hall.

This novel is based upon the remarkable true story of what led up to that first stroll across the great Brooklyn Bridge—by a woman. It is a fictionalized account of the real couple who took on this landmark construction project, Emily and Washington Roebling. Emily's involvement was not intentional; she intends to join the suffragist movement, but a series of tragedies besetting the bridge project interferes. First, her father-in-law dies of tetanus following a work-site crash, necessitating that Washington take over as chief engineer. Then, when her husband himself suffers a worksite accident, Emily must function as his intermediary with a fractious group of workers, investors, and corrupt politicians. Her most trusted ally, showman P.T. Bamum, helps her develop confidence and public speaking skills. We will finalize our list of eight books for 2025 at this meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 16, 2025. Please consider taking part in our monthly meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 3 pm). We always welcome readers—men and women! You are invited to check us out, and you certainly do not need to read the book to come to a meeting. Please contact Katherine Trexler ([katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com)) with any questions. We hope to see you soon!

**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.

### **Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.**

**Devotions:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>  
Send devotions to [assistant@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsdurham.org)

### **Youth Group:**

The youth group is having an afternoon Sunday Fun Day on November 10th, 2024. We will be heading to Box Car Durham after the 11am service for pizza lunch and playing arcade games and returning back to St. Paul's around 3pm. If your youth would like to join in all middle school and high school age youth are encouraged to come. If your youth would like to come please let Megan Cunningham and Joan Albright know via RSVP to the youth email at [youth@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:youth@stpaulsdurham.org). We continue to look forward to another fun year for all middle and high school youth.

**Our Afghan family support team** is so grateful for your generosity in providing diapers for the past several months. We are once again requesting diapers in size 3, 4, and 5 for one of the families. In addition, we are 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).

### 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.

### 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.

### UMD Volunteer Update

#### Amanda Anderson

Moving forward, we're back to the original time frame, 11:30-1:30 pm. We'll help with meal prep before serving lunch just as we did previously, **only four volunteers are needed.** To accommodate our monthly Habitat for Humanity volunteer shift, the UMD shift will be the fourth Saturday of the month.

**Volunteers MUST sign up online to participate.** You can Sign up here:

[https://bit.ly/UMD\\_Signup](https://bit.ly/UMD_Signup)

As always, please reach out to me with questions about the logistics of volunteering, [andersona1129@gmail.com](mailto:andersona1129@gmail.com).



### 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](http://durhambeekeepers.org). And talk to Tina Bessias, Theresa Oertel, or Bill Gresham anytime about the hives at St. Paul's!

## Parktown Food Hub Holiday Events

In November we will be holding "Feeding Up To Thanksgiving", a food drive appropriate for single families, large congregations, and everything in between. In the past families have used this list in many ways:

- Take the kids to the grocery store and treat it as a scavenger hunt
- Use the gathering of items as an opportunity to talk with children about why organizations like the Parktown Food Hub exist and how many people live out their values and faith by helping other people
- Work with other families in your neighborhood to gather items on the list
- Encourage members of your congregation or group to bring items for a larger group donation
- Be creative!

We will be receiving items from the Feeding Up To Thanksgiving event throughout November and anytime after Thanksgiving. Check our live calendar at [Your paragraph text](#) for days and times when we will be at the hub ready to receive your donations.



# FEEDING UP TO THANKSGIVING AT THE PARKTOWN FOOD HUB!

Please, no glass containers. For safety and health reasons we cannot have glass containers on our shelves.

Please bring only regular sized cans (usually around 15 oz). Think of containers that would be appropriate for one meal for a family of four. Pop-tops or microwaveable containers (even if they are single serving) are also helpful for some people.

- Canned peas
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned mixed peas and carrots
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup
- Canned beans (black, pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Canned spaghetti with or without meat (Chef Boy-R-Dee type)
- Feminine hygiene items (any kind)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Hamburger Helper or equivalent
- Stuffing mix
- Ramen packages
- Cup-A-Noodles
- Rice (1-pound bags)
- Dry beans (1-lb bags)
- Canned chicken
- Tuna (cans or pouches)
- Peanut butter (plastic containers only)
- Jelly (plastic containers only)
- Shelf-stable milk (fluid or powdered)
- Packaged cookies
- Boxed crackers (Saltines or flavored)



(Cont.) In December we will once again be collecting cash and gift cards. This year the cards will be used for families in emergency situations and to make sure our shelves are stocked so everyone that we serve can receive a maximum amount of support. There are three ways to participate:

- Gift cards - we suggest amounts of \$25 or \$50, but smaller or larger amounts will be joyfully received
- One time cash donations - remember us in your end-of-year giving. You can donate online at <https://soduco.org/donate>
- Recurring donation - recurring donors play an especially important role in the work of organizations like the Parktown Food Hub. Whether it's \$5 per month, \$25 per month, \$250 per month, or even larger amounts, being able to plan around recurring donations is a great gift. You can set up a recurring donation at <https://soduco.org/donate>. All new recurring donors will receive a special gift - a handcrafted crocheted gift, made by me.

Thank you for your kindness, faithfulness, and friendship over the past year. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the year to come, Pastor Sharon Parktown Food Hub

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

- November 12 "Tokens that Tell the Story," with Jim Lewis  
November 19 "Preparing for the Holiday Season in the Midst of Grief,"  
with Margaret Albert and the Duke Bereavement Center Team  
November 26 "Supporting Children and Teens When a Loved One has Died,"  
with Jean Hartford-Todd

### **Fall 2024 Adult Sunday School (Trinity Hall 9:45am-10:30am)**

- November 10 Dwelling in the Word: **Wisdom** with Bill Dahl  
November 17 Dwelling in the Word: **Praise** with Pastor Jan Huntley  
November 24 Dwelling in the Word: **Faithfulness** with Megan Cunningham

### **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.

#### **Recycling Tip:**

You can recycle small Styrofoam items at Publix. They accept foam egg cartons and clean take out trays and cups. There is a bin in front of the store for these FOAM items, For more information check out [www.publix.com](http://www.publix.com)

Anything With a Plug Recycling owner Dennis will bring his truck to Haverty's parking lot on Renaissance Pkwy for free/mobile drop off Saturday, October 19, 11 am-1:00

Much more than electronics is accepted, such as metal, large and small plastics, batteries. Check: [anythingwithaplugrecycling.com](http://anythingwithaplugrecycling.com) for more information on accepted things.

## **Stephen Ministry and Sharing the Burden**

In the fourth chapter of John, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well and asks her for a drink. This is surprising on several levels. First, Jews normally wouldn't have had any contact with a Samaritan, and especially not women alone. He tells her that while she can give him water to quench his thirst, He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty. He then tells her to call her husband, and she responds that she doesn't have a husband. He responds that she is right in saying, "I have no husband", but that she has had five husbands and the one she has now is not her own. She then calls him a prophet and states that she is waiting for the Messiah. He tells her that the Messiah is He.

In this brief interaction, He never condemns or admonishes her for her past acts, He just listens and speaks truth to her. This is the role of the Stephen Minister. To listen to others without judgement or condemnation. The care receiver is free to say what is on his mind no matter how it might be perceived by others. The care receiver can unburden himself and release the cares he has bottled up.

Jesus also doesn't tell his disciples what she said, or worse her fellow villagers - just as Stephen Ministers keep what they hear from their care receivers confidential. Because of this confidentiality, a Stephen's care receiver is again free to express her inner most fears and concerns. Just as non-judgmental listening is important for the care receiver to unburden her concerns and worries, confidentiality is essential for this as well. These are two attributes of a good friend.

Why do Stephen Ministers do this? In Galatians 6:2, Paul writes, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." It is because of this calling that Stephen Ministers at St. Paul's willingly meet with their care receivers to walk with them and help them bear the burdens that they are experiencing. Stephen Ministers cannot remove or fix the burden, but they can help lessen it by listening to the care receiver, validating the care receiver's feelings, and affirming the care receiver.

It is in this "ministry of presence" that amazing care occurs through the Stephen's Ministers at St. Paul's. By simply being there, listening attentively, validating the concerns, and affirming the care receiver's feelings, Stephen Ministers share their care receiver's burdens.

With this in mind, if you are or know someone who is going through one of life's difficulties, such as the death of a loved one, a serious illness, divorce, problems associated with aging, or loss of a job, contact Pastor Scott, John Foreman, Nan Treul, or Kim Hoke about getting a Stephen Minister. If you would like to become a Stephen Minister, contact one of the same people.

## **Working Adults Group: Upcoming Activities**

### **November:**

When: Saturday November 16th, 2024 starting around 6pm

What: Potluck Dinner and Game night

Where: Nicole Strom-Jensen's House (address to be provided closer to date)

RSVP by: Saturday November 9th, 2024 with a headcount and dish that you will be bringing.

RSVP to: Megan Cunningham ([mcunni16@gmail.com](mailto:mcunni16@gmail.com))

\*Please let me know if you have dietary restrictions or questions\*

### **December:**

When: Saturday December 14th, 2024 starting around 9am until you want to stay

What: Cookie Baking Day

Where: Trinity Hall at church

Details: We will be having a day of baking different holiday cookies and treats. We encourage any children to come along as the youth group will be helping decorate cookies. Everyone will get to take home treats (including all kids), the staff will each be given a tray/tin of cookies and the youth group will be taking some out to local fire stations.

I will have typed up and printed out all recipes so if you have a recipe of a cookie that is not listed below, if you can provide that to me by Saturday November 16th so I can make sure it is typed up and all ingredients are purchased in advance. I will also be providing after the day a book of all the recipes and pictures so everyone can enjoy them again at home if they want.

(Cookie Treat lists: Sugar cookie w/ frosting, Pizzelles, Spritz, Snickerdoodles, Pixies/Crinkles, Mint Chocolate Pinwheels, Mexican Wedding Cakes, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Easy Fudge, Buckeyes, Chocolate No Bakes, Puppy Chow, Chex Mix)

\*I will have all ingredients purchased and in Trinity Hall by the end of the day on Friday December 13th, so if you would like to help with any purchases please let me know prior to that Friday. Or if you would like to put any money toward the purchase of ingredients can be done prior or after the day of baking.\*

I am starting to look into the 2025 schedule of activities, if there is something that you think would be great for the group please let me know and I can look into details and get it on the calendar.

And if you want to remind people or bring a friend, all are welcome. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and have a great week.

## 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)

Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazy, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Pat Casper, Karl Freundt, Anna Snyder, Fran Whitfield, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, Amanda Highben, Nancy Dewhirst, and Angela Zielaskowski.

### Prayers of the Church (Friends)

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), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), 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), Zach Maier (Cousin of Kathy Anderson), 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), Elaine Williamson (Sister-in-Law of Hudgins), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Hunley, Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck and Ruth Parker (Aunt of Pat Casper), Holly Cashwell (Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (Friend of Waughs), George and Pat Rose (Friends of Debbie Fulbright), 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), Dirk Davis (By Debbie Fulbright), 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), Vera Wiggins and Tony Jeeter (By Amy Elkin), Wini Robison (Aunt of Megan Cunningham), Sarah Jolly (sister of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman), Rebecca Taylor and family (friends of Megan Cunningham).

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## **NC Synod News**

Bishop Smith has announced his early retirement. So, this year the Synod Assembly will include the election of a bishop.

## **Welcome Heather Cain**

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Heather Cain to be the new church secretary.!

Heather begins her position with us on November 6. She will be working from 9 am until 1pm Monday through Friday each week.

Heather is an artistic person with much experience in office support and scheduling. Her duties will include managing the congregation calendar, sending out parish news and devotions, producing or supervising the production of weekly announcements, bulletins and monthly Cross Connections. She will eventually be responsible for ordering supplies, the upkeep of the Parish Register and weekly mailing to our home bound members. To communicate with Heather send emails to [assistant@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsdurham.org). She will be using the desk in the reception office.

Please welcome Heather when you see her.

## **Save the Date!!**

Christmas Dinner is Wednesday, December 18, 2024. More information to come. .

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

Interested participating in worship? Want to learn more about music? Or perhaps you simply want to keep up your musical knowledge and abilities. You should join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's! It's a great way to achieve all of these things, and be part of a community.

Choir and handbell ensembles will be resuming on August 28th and September 4th respectively. 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. Some ability to read sheet music is required for handbells. Ability to read music is also a plus for choir, but not required.

If interested, contact Ted Turner, director of music at [music@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:music@stpaulsdurham.org)

## Pastor's Corner

November is usually a quiet month of planning. We put together the Advent schedule and prepare for Christmas. But, this year is very different.

Our friend and mainstay, Susan Esposito has retired. We pray for her health to recover and we pray for her in every way. She was with us for over 38 years and she provided continuity and stability at St. Paul's. We knew that at some point she would retire, but it is impossible to replace her. So we won't.

We will be hiring a part time secretary to perform clerical duties and be available to assist with communication. We will assign the assistant@stpaulsdurham.org email address to this person. We will let you know when the shift takes place. In the mean time, I would ask you all to communicate with me, the Vicar or our property manager Clark Brunner. Hopefully we will have someone in place shortly.

We plan to honor Susan in the way we are able at this time. A love offering will be collected by November 17th . Cards of thanksgiving and notes of encouragement will be collected until then. A collection basket will be on the round table in the Atrium. Vicar Ashley will be video recording well wishes on Sunday the 10th and 17th . Look for her to video your comments. Donations may be made online at the Donate button on the website, mark them for Susan. Also, checks can be sent to St. Paul's also marked for Susan. Susan's absence means so many things will fall through the cracks and we ask your patience.

I also want to thank you all for the gift of Sabbatical. My two months away were a blessing. I was able to rest and refresh which will be very much needed in the coming months. I will be putting together a presentation on our two month journey in a few weeks and will find a time to share it with you all. May the God of grace guide us in the coming months.

## Vicar's Ticker

Now that I have passed the 3-month mark in my internship and Pastor Scott is back, I feel so grateful for the help I've received in these last 2 months from so many of you. When I first started at St. Paul's, I heard that "we love our interns here," and I have certainly found that my experience has proven this, time and again. So, thank you!

I was thrilled to join you all for your Oktoberfest gathering last month. My husband and I got married on October 17, 2021 - in Wisconsin, which has very strong German heritage. We decided that every year we would have an Oktoberfest gathering to commemorate our anniversary. It was really wonderful that at St. Paul's you all already had the Oktoberfest planned for the day before our anniversary this year, so we didn't have to plan our own! We had a great time spending time with you all, and enjoying the music and food.

A few weeks ago, Pastor Scott and I traveled to Hickory, NC to attend an internship conference. It was a good opportunity to connect with others outside of our immediate area, with people coming in from all over the southeast region. I found it energizing to be able to hear from others and share my own experiences.

In the last month, I was saddened to learn of the passing of both Otti and Karl Freundt, within two weeks of each other. When I started in August, Otti and Karl's home was one of the first places I went on a visit with Pastor Scott. I was delighted by their hospitality and warmth. As I've reflected since their passing I have been struck by the strength of their faith and how they lived as Christians in their kindness and compassion toward others.

(Cont.) Between Hurricane Helene, the deaths of Karl and Otti, and the overall tone of the election, this past month has been full of heaviness. I keep coming back to the word “heaviness,” and have used it in recent sermons. Dictionary.com let me know that having a “heavy heart” is a phrase that has been in use since the 14th century. The only usage of “heavy heart” as an English translation of a biblical phrase that I could find was from Proverbs 25:20: “Like vinegar on a wound is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” To me, this says that it’s OK for us to acknowledge that we won’t always feel like singing songs of joy. We will sometimes be heavy hearted when we experience the stress of storms, losses, and the uncertainty of the future. Jesus calls us to come to him just as we are - heaviness and all. In Matthew 11:28 he says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” He doesn’t tell us to check our baggage at the door. He welcomes us to bring our heaviness to him. May we all find a lightening of our heaviness as we seek the rest that Jesus promises.

In the last month I’ve been putting together a Bible study for Thursday mornings that looks into the books of 1-2 Thessalonians. I thought this would be interesting because 1 Thessalonians is an “undisputed” letter of Paul, while 2 Thessalonians remains “disputed.” This means that scholars generally agree that the first letter was written by Paul, but there’s a lot who believe the second letter was written by someone else. 1 Thessalonians is the oldest book of the New Testament, so it also gives us some really early glimpses at what it was like to be a follower of Christ immediately after his death and resurrection. If you’ve ever wanted to join the Thursday morning Bible study, this would be a great time as we’re starting this new study.

## Duke Lutherans



Together with our siblings in Christ from St. Paul's and Grace, we packed 10 flood buckets and 585 hygiene kits for our Western NC neighbors!



## Youth Corner Cross Connections November 2024

You may have noticed the youth group more and more around the church this fall. The group has been up to so many things and we can't wait to share our latest experiences. We started the fall in Sunday school by starting to discuss the differences and similarities between Lutheranism and a whole host of otherworldly religions. We are taking this time on Sunday mornings to expand our understanding and knowledge of just a sampling of different forms of religion such as Judaism, Muslim, Islam, Buddhism, and even different forms of Christianity. We will even attend some of these other religions or denominations by attending different worship services.



Some of the group helped revitalize the outdoor Noah's Ark play structure for the preschool by helping George Seiz and painting the inside. Megan Herring, Ben Hodges, Sarah Herring, and Adsila Getz rolled up their sleeves on Saturday, October 5th, and painted the inside, check out some of our results in these pictures. It is a joy to see how a few hours on a Saturday morning will provide a fun and colorful place for the children of our preschool to play and expand their ever-growing minds.



Speaking of ever-growing minds, can you believe it that on Sunday, October 27th, 4 of the youth, Adsila Getz, Ben Hodges, James Albright, and Sarah Herring were confirmed with an affirmation of their baptism. During confirmation, these 4 made their public profession of their faith in front of not only their families but also their family in Christ at St. Paul's.





*Ben Hodges*

We want to thank everyone for all the support and love you have provided to these 4 as they took this step in their faith journeys. In the coming months, you will get to see the youth helping to teach and encourage our younger members of St. Paul's by doing a once-a-month Sunday afternoon activity. We will get to enjoy lunch and play board games or help decorate Christmas cookies as just a few activities.



*Adsila Getz*

We know how important it is to have the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ so it is our goal to help the church grow and we are excited to help the younger group see that as well. Be on the lookout for more pictures and announcements of all the upcoming events we have going on in the next few months.

### **Preschool News:**

Dear Members of St. Pauls,

Preschool is partnering with Scholastic Book Clubs! That means you can have access to expertly curated, affordable books that help boost your child's reading skills, build your home library, and maybe even create moments of quality time you can share together. Books are available for purchase as low as \$2. A perfect time to snag some gifts or stocking stuffers for the holidays.



*Sarah Herring*

(Cont.) Plus place an order of \$25 or more and you can pick a FREE \$5 book (use code READS at checkout).

Family Order Due Date: 11/29/2024

Shop Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/KDKVV>

Shop Flyers: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers>

Every order benefits our church, helping us earn FREE books and resources that every child can enjoy.

Thanks so much for your support!

Candace

Director, St. Paul's Preschool & PMO

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**Memorials Given in October:**

**In Memory of Otti Freundt**

Susan Barker

Cindy Womble

Janet & Roger Sparks

Dean & Marcia Redman

**In Memory of Karl Freundt**

Ryan Kulp

Cindy Womble

Dean and Marcia Redman

**In Memory of Otti & Karl**

Robin Winfree