

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

January 19th, 2025

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

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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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**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](mailto:mcunni16@gmail.com).

January 19th: Video and Discussion around Creation Care led by Tina Bessias

January 26th: Finding our place in creation led by Megan Cunningham or a team member of the caring for creation team.

February 2nd: Climate change as a public health crisis led by Megan Cunningham or a team member of the Caring for Creation team.

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

January 21st: Artie Hendricks, Chaplain at Duke Hospital, topic to be announced

January 28th: Lynn Heath, "Three Secrets of Resilience"

February 4th: Aaron Klink (title TBD)

### **Events for Martin Luther King Jr. Day:**

-On Sunday, Jan. 20, an ecumenical worship service in honor of Dr. King will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary, at 3:30 pm. If you would like to car-pool, please get in touch with Bee Ellertson.

-The **Social Ministry Committee** would like to invite you to participate in the ELCA's National Day of Racial Healing on Tuesday, January 21 (the day after MLK Day). The event will include live Zoom events throughout the day, from 11AM to 3PM. The content will include a variety of workshops and opportunities for reflection. The topics of the workshops include educational opportunities on the lived experiences of people with various racial and ethnic identities; how people are working to address racism in their communities and beyond; and how we as Lutheran Christians can be actively antiracist. The panelists include ELCA churchwide staff, bishops, authors, artists, pastors, theologians, and others actively involved in doing the work of racial justice.

You can find more information about the event here:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/racial-justice-ministries/national-day-of-racial-healing>

-For anyone interested service opportunities, the Social Ministry Committee suggests that you use the Sign-up Genius links for either the Parktown Food Hub or the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. Both of these organizations provide much-needed resources to our neighbors in need. They could use our help not only now, but throughout the year.

Thank you for helping us commemorate the remarkable life and vital legacy of Dr. King.

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, 2700 Angier Avenue, Durham, NC

Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina - Volunteer Console

[volunteer.foodbankcenc.org](http://volunteer.foodbankcenc.org)

Parktown Food Hub: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a9aa2ba1f58-parktown#/>

Parktown Food Hub volunteer opportunities

[signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

### **Keep Durham Beautiful: Service Opportunity**

Join us the week of January 20th for an assortment of service projects to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be several different service options and dates available.

See opportunities at the link below, and stay tuned as we add more throughout the next couple of weeks!

[https://keepdurhambeautiful.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?](https://keepdurhambeautiful.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e21318aa3faf422ec323577dd&id=c282964aec&e=798892be16)

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## 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:

Saturday, January 25 – Sandy Creek Park, 3510 Sandy Creek Dr, Durham

Saturday, February 8 – Occoneechee Speedway, 320 Elizabeth Brady Rd, Hillsborough

Saturday, February 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.

**The next Youth Group event** will be on Sunday January 26th, 2025 after 11am service. We will be going to Bowlero-Durham for lunch and a few hours of bowling. We will be getting back to the church around 3pm. The church will be paying for everything so youth will not need to bring any money.

The teenagers have been informed either via the group chat or in person at church this morning.

If your youth(s) would like to attend please let Joan or myself know via email or have your teen respond in the group chat. We hope all youth are able to join us as this was a ton of fun last year. [youth@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:youth@stpaulsdurham.org)

Thank you, Joan and Megan

## 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!

## Help build our children's library!

In an effort to provide opportunities to connect young people to God in ways that are accessible and relevant to them, Vicar Ashley has put together an Amazon wish list. This wish list is full of new children's books that you can purchase and donate to the library to help update our children's section if you are so inclined. Thank you for considering contributing to our children's ministry and library in this way.

Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RFMU34AJJWU?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RFMU34AJJWU?ref_=wl_share)

**St. Paul's Readers:** Please join us at our next book club meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2024, at 3 pm in the Conference Room. Ellen Lavery will lead our discussion of *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, 2021. This novel is an emotional, rousing, and incredible tale based upon a true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. As Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience of transporting these giraffes from the Atlantic Ocean to the San Diego Zoo. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, his narrative explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late. We are an informal, lowkey group who love to discuss books and their effect upon us. We invite all readers to come check us out even if you have not read the book. For questions, please contact Katherine Trexler ([katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com)).

## UMD (Urban Ministries of Durham) 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).

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

**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

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

We are continuing in 1 Thessalonians. 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!

**Dropped Stich:**

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

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Durham, NC** is seeking an experienced Ministry Assistant to coordinate the administrative functions of the pastor's office. The person in this role will work with church staff, leaders and members to achieve the church's mission objectives. The person will be extending the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church to our members and the surrounding community. In addition, this role will help coordinate and design church communications including social media, church website, newsletters and texts.

The successful candidate will be self-motivated with a professional demeanor and presence, positive attitude, strong work ethic, the ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality, and excellent communication and interpersonal skills. He/she must possess strong organizational skills, proficiency with Google Workspace, Microsoft Office Suite and desktop publishing. Web page skills and social media knowledge is a plus. This person must be able to multitask, be flexible and relate well to other church staff, congregants, and visitors. This is a part time hourly position of approximately 27 hours per week.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter outlining their interest in the position and the gifts and skills they possess along with a resume and salary requirements. No phone calls. Applications will be accepted by e-mail only and will be reviewed as received. Please send cover letter and resume to: [hr@gracelutheranchurch.net](mailto:hr@gracelutheranchurch.net).

**Our Afghan family support team** would like to give express our joy and gratitude for all of the generosity of our community. A sewing machine has been provided for these hard working women! Our Afghan families do still need of **size 1 and 2 infant diapers** and wipes. 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).

**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 Ted Turner, director of music at [music@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto: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.

## **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))

## **Spring Adult Sunday School Leader Request:**

I am starting to put together the spring semester adult Sunday school schedule and am in need of discussion leaders. We will be taking a look at the bible and our ELCA understanding within different aspects of social ministry. All sessions are from the ELCA so no preparation or creation will be needed, just a calling to lead the discussions. If you have a calling to lead a session or 2 please reach out directly to Megan Cunningham at [mcunni16@gmail.com](mailto:mcunni16@gmail.com). The schedule is going to be released in the coming weeks so please be on the lookout.

## **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/28wA;DpzQhEufuXu8>

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## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Prayers of the Church (Members)**

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), Pastor Fred and Gail Eichner (friends of the Foremans).