

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

December 15th, 2024

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Hitch Havill & Rachel Harter.

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.

Christmas Dinner will be December 18, at 6:00pm

We hope to see everyone at our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00pm; Advent worship service to follow. Our main course choices this year will be salmon or ham. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. It is most appreciated if you will sign-up no later than Sunday, December 15, to let us know your preference for the main course. This is needed to help with purchasing and preparing the meal. Please contact Martha Dahl if you would like to offer help or have any questions. Phone: 847-612-6687 or Email: mjdahlhouse@gmail.com

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

December 15th-Dwelling in the Word: Mission with Vicar Ashley
December 22nd - Dwelling in the Word: Hope with Megan Cunningham
December 29th- **NO CLASS**

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=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

Growing Through Grief - Tuesdays 4PM - 6PM

December 17 “Final Thoughts,” with Bill Dahl

December 24 **NO MEETING** due to the Christmas Holiday

December 31 “Where Are You Today?” with Bill Dahl

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!

Preschool registration opens for members of St. Paul's for the 2025/2026 school year on January 7th, 2025. Classes are offered for children 10-months-old to 4-years-old. Class offerings and registration information can be found at <https://stpaulspreschooldurham.weebly.com/enrollment.html>. Feel free to email Candace King at preschool@stpaulsdurham.org if you have any questions.

There will be no Children's Sunday School on December 22 and 29. We will resume on January 5.

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.

Dropped Stich:

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

St. Paul's would like to officially welcome four new members to the congregation! We'd like to introduce to you:

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Thank you for joining our community!

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. The schedule is going to be released in the coming weeks so please be on the lookout.

Our Afghan family support team is so grateful for your generosity in providing diapers for the past several months. One of our Afghan families is still in need of **size 1 infant diapers** and wipes. In addition, if anyone can donate a **sewing machine**, that would be greatly appreciated. These mothers make all of their families clothes by hand, so a sewing machine will go a long way. 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 (or by phone, see church directory).

Parktown Food Hub is hiring!

The Parktown Food Hub's founder and director has decided it is time to say goodbye. The Board of Directors is looking to hire two passionate individuals, a Program Director and an Officer Manager, who want to continue the Hub's great work while bringing their own ideas, energy, knowledge, and skills. Both positions are part-time but salaried and do not include benefits. We hope to attract serious applicants who respect, value and understand the importance of this work. For more information, go to the following link: <https://soduco.org/job-descriptions>

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 Ted Turner, director of music at 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.

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

"Adopt a Duke Lutheran" Program

The Adopt a Duke Lutheran program fosters deeper connections between students and our partner churches by matching church families with students.

The "adopted" student may appreciate rides to the store or airport, help getting to know Durham a little bit better, take them to a worship service with you, go out for a meal or coffee, etc. You can decide how much time you'd like to spend together and how you might be helpful and supportive of your student.

If you are interested, please use the link below to fill out a quick form so that we can match you as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ellen Lavery at

laverye@hotmail.com.

Take the Adopt a Duke Lutheran Survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVeZMiAt0AgyxLQN0cOn4DNQcu8mxvWtchraVrEp8rxblr5A/viewform?usp=sf_link

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)

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)

The family of Pat Casper, whose aunt Ruth passed away last week; 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), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), 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), and Cori Otto Lindsey (daughter-in-law of Alta Lindsey).