

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

December 8th, 2024

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim & Ida Elliott by Theresa & Christian Oertel.

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.

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

December 8th- **2024 Annual Congregation Meeting**

December 15th-Dwelling in the Word: Mission with Vicar Ashley

December 22nd - Dwelling in the Word: Hope with Megan Cunningham

December 29th- **NO CLASS**

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.

Youth Group: December Event - Friday December 13th, 6pm thru Saturday December 14th to about 2pm
The high school youth group will be enjoying a fun winter evening with dinner, fellowship around the firepit, a lock-in (with snacks and breakfast included), decorating Christmas cookies with the younger kids, and taking the decorated cookies to local fire stations. All middle school and high school age youth are encouraged to come for the fun. If you have any questions or would like more information please reach out to either Joan Albright or Megan Cunningham through the youth mailbox at youth@stpaulsdurham.org.
And as a reminder if you would like to be in the loop and all youth group related communication please reach out again to youth@stpaulsdurham.org.

Working Adult Group, Youth Group, Children's ministry:

A Sweet Treat Day is Coming Soon So Mark Your Calendars - December 14th, 2024. Working Adults and Parents of preschool through high school age kids. On December 14th, 2024 from 10am to about 1pm in Trinity Hall the working adult group will be having a holiday cookie baking day and during that time the high school youth group teenagers will be helping all preschool and elementary age kids with decorating Christmas cookies. Everyone will be going home with some sweet holiday treats and the decorated cookies will be taken by the high school youth group to some local fire stations.

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.

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

St. Paul's 2024 Annual Congregation Meeting will be Sunday December 8th, 2024 During the Sunday School Hour:

Attention ALL St. Paul's members will be having our annual congregation meeting on December 8th, 2024 during the Sunday school hour (9:45am - 10:30am). We will be voting on 3 very important items so we request that all members that are able to please come in person and vote. We will be voting on the 2025 budget approval, 3 new 2025 council members, and the recent constitution updates. Please note that at this time we will not be offering a zoom/online option so we ask that you please be in person. If you have any questions prior to this meeting you can reach out to the congregation president Joan Albright, congregation secretary Megan Cunningham, or Pastor Scott Anderson.

The Giving Tree: There is a Christmas tree in the atrium which is decorated with envelopes. You may choose an envelope, then purchase the requested gift card and return it in the provided envelope. Food Lion gift cards (\$25, \$50) are requested for the Parktown Food Hub. Target or Walmart gift cards (\$25, \$50) will go to Burton Elementary School. All envelopes with gift cards inside may be returned to the offering plate or put in the Finance Office wall slot in the staff hallway. Deadline for giving is **Sunday, December 8th.**

Advent Soup Supper

Don't forget to come to the Advent Soup Supper, Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00pm, before the worship service. A variety of soups, salad, breads and dessert will be provided.

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 will be posted on the bulletin board by Sunday, December 8. It is most appreciated if you will sign-up in advance 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 are interested in bringing a dessert to the dinner, would like to offer help or have any questions. Martha Dahl phone: 847-612-6687 or email: mjdahlhouse@gmail.com.

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>

Growing Through Grief - Tuesdays 4PM - 6PM

December 10 Cello Concert with Debbie Davis

December 17 "Final Thoughts," with Bill Dahl

December 24 NO MEETING due to the Christmas Holiday

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.

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.

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

Dropped Stich:

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

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

"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/1FAIpQLSeVeZMiAt0AqyxLQN0cOn4DNQcu8mxvWtchraVrEp8rxblr5A/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).