

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

September 1, 2024

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 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.

Growing Thru Grief

Offers grief support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Meetings are at 4-6PM, all are welcome.

September Schedule

September 3 Bill Gresham will be the speaker
September 10 “Embracing Life as it is: Lessons from Wabi-Sabi and Haiku” with Tim Auman
September 17 “What is Conscious Grieving?” with Mandy Murphy
September 24 “Entering into Grief” with Mandy Murphy

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.

The Women of the ELCA is offering some information to consider this election year.

As we prepare for this election year it is good to think about our role in politics. If you are interested please go to this link: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Calledtobepolitical.pdf>

Worship Notes

We will continue using “Now the Feast and Celebration” setting until September 15. On September 15 we will switch back to Setting One in the ELW

Dropped Stich: On Break Until September

Pastor's Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

Thursday Mornings at 10:30am! This week we will be in Chapter 10. Notes will be emailed a few days prior to the 22nd.

Tongue and Thimble

Our quilting group creates small quilts which are distributed to nurseries at local hospitals for critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/ Music room in Genesis Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Rally Day: September 8th, 2024

During the Sunday School hour we will be hosting St. Paul's Ministry Fair with light refreshments, where you will get the opportunity to see all the ministries available to you. Learn more on how you can participate. For any questions or interest in helping, please reach out to Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com

Working Adult Group Upcoming Events

- **“Dancing in Lughnasa”** St. Paul's very own Amanda Anderson will be starring in “Dancing in Lughnasa”! The show runs Sept. 19th - 29th at the Firebox Theater in Wake Forest. Tickets are on sale now at <https://fireboxtheatre.com/> Tickets are general admission and seats only 65 people, so get your tickets fast. If going as a group would be preferred, please let me know and I can get you in contact with anyone else that would be interested. Located at The Graham: 306 S. White Street, Suite 200, Wake Forest NC 27587
- **“Festa Italiana NC”** Saturday September 21st, 2024 at 11 am Festa Italiana NC was founded by a small group of Italian-Americans in the Triangle. Proud of their heritage and nostalgic for the Italian Street Festivals they grew up with, they organized the first-ever Festa Italiana in 2018. Since then it has become a much anticipated annual event celebrating Italian culture, music, food, wine and more. <https://festanc.org/> Contact Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com for more info **if multiple people would like, we can talk about carpooling**

In the mailbox...

Dear friends, Tracy and I are thankful for St. Paul's Support and love following my surgery. We received the delicious meals and get-well cards as gifts of friendship and love from a generous congregation. We'll never forget.

In Christ, Rick Lischer

Youth Group Events:

Youth Group Sunday School starts back up on **September 15th** from **9:45-10:30am** and will meet downstairs in the youth room. ALL youth that are confirmed this fall are required to be at every class from Sept 15th - Oct 27th. Please talk with Joan directly ahead of time if you youth will not be at a class.

This year's activities, dinner with congregation, and service participation will be discussed during one of these Sundays so youth are encouraged to come with ideas about what they want out of this year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joan Albright at joan.albright@duke.edu

- **Rally Day Table Set-up & Table Participation** - Need at least **2 youth** (ALL are encouraged to come anytime between 9am and 2pm to set up the table as well as represent the youth). Please have your youth coordinate with each other via the group text chat as to when everyone will meet up in Trinity Hall for set-up.
- **Youth Gathering Bulletin Board** - **ALL youth** that went to New Orleans will need to work together to set-up the bulletin board with pictures and descriptions of our trip. Pictures will already be printed, so please have the youth coordinate with Joan about when and how the bulletin board will be put together.
- **Youth Group Post Gathering Dinner with Congregation** - **ALL youth** from New Orleans trip will be required to attend and participate at the Wednesday night supper on Sept. 18th. This will be a chance to talk to members of the congregation about the trip and their favorite things. Youth will need to work together to create a slideshow (PowerPoint) to show pictures so that discussion can be prompted while the pictures are up on the screen.

We look forward to the continued opportunities this school year brings to grow with your youth in their faith journeys.

Many Blessings, Youth Group Leadership Team.

Save the date! October 30th Trunk or Treat!

Hot dog supper at 5pm and Trunk or Treating at 6pm

From the Preschool

It's that time of year to re-link your VIC Card to the pre-school! Linked VIC Cards allow the preschool to receive a percentage of your sales from Harris Teeter. Our number is **3049** and can be linked at any Harris Teeter or online. Friends and family may link too!

Attention, calling all potential children's Sunday school teachers.

This will be our last year as lead Sunday school teachers (September 2024-May 2025). To ensure the future of children's Sunday school and a smooth transition, we would like some interested volunteers to assist this year. Come get acquainted with the youngest members of St. Paul's and see what Sunday School is all about. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this vital ministry of the church you can contact Betty Hinshaw and Carole Ostrowski for more information.

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

September 15 Constitution revision Q&A Session with Steve Myzk
September 22 24-25 Finance & Stewardship Q&A Session - finance & Stewardship Committee leaders
September 29 Using Biblical worldview and curriculum to discuss struggles kids face - Stephanie Knudsen
October 6 Social Ministry Updates and Outreach Q&A Session - Bee Ellertson

Jewelry Making with Joyce Veazey (supplies provided)

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.

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.

Devotions: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Send devotions to vicar@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#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/)

Available Opportunities: lector, worship assistant, altar guild, communion assistant, and usher.

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! 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. Ability to read music not required. If interested, contact Ted Turner, director of music at music@stpaulsdurham.org

UMD Volunteer Update

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, I changed the UMD shift to the fourth Saturday of the month starting in September.

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

https://bit.ly/UMD_Signup

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

Our **Afghan family support team** is so grateful for your generosity in providing diapers for the past several months. The 2 families have a good supply for the time being, so we will let you know when that changes.

We could use help with funding school supplies. Six of the children are already back in school at Hope Valley Elementary, which shifted to a year-round schedule this year. We purchased supplies for them but foresee more expenses ahead when the other 6 return to school (Githens Middle and Jordan High) at the end of August. As always, thank you for your generosity in sharing with these families.

If you would like to contribute, you may do so through the pew envelope in offering plate or send a check to the church office, designating "school supplies for Afghan families".

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>

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 and Otti Freundt, Anna Snyder, Fran Whitfield, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, Amanda Highben., Rick Lischer, Ron Brown, Marilyn Hawley, and Dean Redman.

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), Lynn Hladak (Grandmother to Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Cole Cashwell (Grandson of Pat Cashwell), Twila Dahl (Sister-in-law of Bill and Martha Dahl), 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), Harvey Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Linda Larson (friend of Marcy and Ron Brown).