

ANNOUNCEMENTS *for the good of the church*

October 6, 2024

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

The Altar Flowers are presented in memory of Anita Johnson by her daughter, Betty Hinshaw and family.

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.

Upcoming Pastors

October 6th Pastor Amanda Highben
October 13th Pastor Jan Huntley
October 20th Pastor Jan Huntley
October 27th Pastor Amanda Highben

Substitute Musician

October 6th Jenny Bower

Thank you to all our substitute pastors and musicians!

Growing Thru Grief

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

Fall Schedule

October 8 "Surrendering to Grief, Part 1" with Mandy Murphy
October 15 "Surrendering to Grief, Part 2" with Mandy Murphy
October 22 "Transforming Through Grief" with Mandy Murphy

Hurricane Helene Relief

In addition to offering prayer and support for those affected, here are some ways to help:

- Assemble Clean Up Kits or Kids' Comfort Buckets for Lutheran Disaster Relief:
<https://ldrcarolinas.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/Clean%20Up%20Buckets%20and%20Childrens%20Comfort%20Kits.pdf>
- Donate to the NC Synod Disaster Fund. These funds are used for local congregations and camps in recovery, and will stay in North Carolina. Link: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=96379>
- Donate to Lutheran Disaster Relief Carolinas: These funds are used in both Carolinas to recover from the hurricane – where needed most. Please note "LDR Carolinas" on the Memo Line.
<https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>
- Donate to Lutheran Disaster Response: provides for both unmet short-term needs and long-term recovery. <https://elca.org/disaster>

Check your email for a more extensive list from Vicar Ashley.

Oktoberfest, Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 pm

All are invited to join the fun at our annual Oktoberfest celebration on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00 pm. We again will have live music by the Croasdaile band The Rusty Pipes. Beer is generously being donated by the Bluschke's Der Nachbar. Menu will include sauerbraten, bratwurst, chicken schnitzel, many German sides and desserts. If you can help with the preparations or clean-up, please contact Martha Dahl at email: mjdahlhouse@gmail.com or phone: 847-612-6687.

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.

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

October 6 **Social Ministry** Updates and Outreach Q&A Session - Bee Ellertson
October 13 Dwelling in the Word: **Prayer** with Bill Dahl
October 20 Dwelling in the Word: **Light** with Vicar Ashley
October 27 **Reformation** with Morris Casper

St. Paul's Readers Book Club

Our next book is *Humankind: A Hopeful History* by Rutger Bregman, for our next gathering on October 17.

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of most months at 3 pm. It is an informal gathering to talk about our book for the month, led by a facilitator. We try to select books from different genres to stretch our horizons and extend our appeal. For questions or more information, please contact Katherine Trexler katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com

Working Adult Group

“Fall Fest: Pumpkin carving with goats at Spring Haven Farms in Chapel Hill” Oct. 19th 10-12pm
Location: 5306 Homer Ruffin Road, Chapel Hill NC 27516 Cost: \$14.95 + tax (ages 4+)/person & \$8-\$16/pumpkin per size (small, medium, or large). You can either venmo/zelle Megan Cunningham for tickets or visit this link to purchase yourself: <https://www.springhavenfarm.com/copy-of-events-1>
October 19th, 11AM - 12 PM or later if we want.

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.

Save the date! October 30th Trunk or Treat!

Hot dog supper at 6pm and Trunk or Treating at 6:30pm.

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.

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

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 (or by phone, see church directory).

UMD (Urban Ministries of Durham) Volunteer Update

Four volunteers are needed, the fourth Saturday of each month from 11:30am-1:30pm. We'll help with meal prep before serving lunch.

Volunteers MUST sign up online to participate: https://bit.ly/UMD_Signup

Questions? Contact Amanda: andersona1129@gmail.com.

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.

Dropped Stich: Meetings resuming starting September 27th

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

Pastor's Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

Thursday Mornings at 10:30am! This week we will continue in Mark 13-15. Notes will be emailed early in the week.

Cross Connections this month

Our newsletter, Cross Connections, will be sent out late this month. Thanks for your patience!

Souls to the Polls!

Did you know that since the last presidential election in 2020, North Carolina has implemented voting laws that can present barriers to some citizens? For many years, our friends at St. Joseph's AME church have organized a "Souls to the Polls" event on the first Sunday of early voting. This festive parade raises awareness about early voting and helps spread information about voting requirements and opportunities. You are invited! Please join other St. Paul's members on **October 20th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** when, with flags waving, the car caravan will travel from St. Joseph's to NCCU's School of Law early voting precinct. (Since it's Early Voting, you can cast your ballot without worrying about being at a specific precinct.) This caravan helps promote the importance of voting in such a polarized and dynamic election. If you would like more information or have questions please reach out to either Bee Ellertson (bellertson@icloud.com) or Megan Cunningham (mcunni16@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

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>

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions. 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#/>

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

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

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), Harvey Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman).