



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## News & Notes

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### Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Thursday evening service 7:00PM each week

### Our Devotions Group, Tuesday, November 7th 10-11am

### Adult Sunday School 9:45am with Dave Shank



### *Farm to Table Turkey Supper*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017 6pm**

**WHO: EVERYONE**, young and old, in St. Paul's Congregation plus their friends, relatives, neighbors, etc. We urge you to invite everyone whom you think may be interested in having a great meal and fellowship together.

**COST: \$12 ADULTS (Advance); \$15 at the door.**

**CHILDREN (Twelve and under free with paying adult.)**

Tickets may be purchased from Jim Grooms or Ken Keefer after Sunday service or John Murphy after

### Upcoming Events:

- NOV 3&5 PLEDGE DRIVE
- NOV 5 YOUTH NIGHT 6:30PM
- NOV 7 DEVOTIONS GROUP 10AM
- NOV 11 FARM TO TABLE DINNER 6PM
- NOV 12 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9:45AM
- NOV 19 PASTOR BERGER "FOOD FOR THE POOR"
- NOV 19 YOUTH FESTIVAL OF TREES
- NOV 22 THANGSGIVING SERVICE 7PM SANCTUARY

### Congregational meeting

All voting members are encouraged to attend our Congregational Meeting on November 12, 2017. The meeting will be at 9:45am and the main topic of discussion will be the 2018 budget.

### Food for the Poor Visitor

Pastor Berger was scheduled to join us in September, but due to hurricane Irma hitting his home in Florida he needed to reschedule his visit. So, please join us on Thursday, November 16 and Sunday November 19 to hear more about the ministry of Food for the Poor!

### Thanksgiving Eve worship

November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm! All are welcome!

### Reformation book orders

The Reformation Bookstore is set up in the Parish Hall for the month of October and it will be set up until after worship on November 5. Please look over the books that are available and place your order by November 5!

### Youth Schedule—

November 5 Youth Night from 6:30pm-8:00pm

November 19 Set up for the Festival of Trees <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The youth group will have a tree set up at the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Festival of Trees held Thanksgiving weekend at the State Fair grounds. If you are attending this event, please look for our tree, which will be decorated with symbols of the Christian Faith!

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### Pastor's Corner



“If you are  
not allowed  
to laugh in  
heaven, I  
don't want to  
go there.”

Martin Luther

November, the month of Thanksgiving. While this should not be the only month out of 12 when we take the time to thank God for all we have been given, it is the month where we have a holiday set aside to do just that. (Well, it's a day set aside, and we give thanks during the day and hopefully don't let the shopping frenzy that begins that afternoon or evening take control of us, making us forget what we have just done)!

As a congregation, we will gather in our Sanctuary on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. This is a time for us to give thanks and gather around the communion table as a worshipping community before we spend the next day with family and friends around the dinner table.

There are many things going on in the world today that can leave us with anxiety and uncertainty about how things will progress. There is violence going on in our country and around the world. There have been hurricanes, wildfires and earthquakes that have left people without homes. There is a level of tension that seems to be mounting in the politics of our country and in the world. There is just a lot of uncertainty. But, not everything going on is bad!

As this is the time set aside for giving thanks, I would like to share with you some of the things I am thankful for this year here at St. Paul's!

First, for our staff. While Pastor Gerry has now moved into semi-retirement and he isn't around quite as much, he is still a very important part of our congregation! Tom Leeseberg-Lange continues to bring us wonderful music and is helping us to learn some new things and to embrace our Lutheran heritage with some music we may have forgotten over the years! He is doing great work with our Youth and Chancel Choirs and is getting to know our congregation as well as he rounds out his first year with us! And, the word is spreading that Kathleen is back! After leaving us for a time to take care of her family, some situations changed and she was able to come back to St. Paul's! It's great to have her back with us! We have a wonderful staff here, and I am thankful every day for their support and their hard work!

Next, for our council. They are working hard as the new Capital Campaign has begun and it's been a strong start! We have had a lot of turn over this year, but, this crew has hit the ground running without missing a beat! Without the dedication of our leaders, we wouldn't be able to function properly as a congregation. I am thankful for our Council members, for their work and dedication to our congregation!

For our LEAD Listening Team. We are still in the first step of this process, which is getting to know one another and learning about LEAD. This group is growing together well and I think will prove to be a great group of committed members. We are opening our hearts and minds to where God is leading us as individuals, as a team, and we are also listening to where God is taking us as a congregation. I am very thankful for those who have taken on this responsibility and challenge as we look to the future!

I am thankful for all the members of this congregation. Whether you serve on a committee, work with the altar guild or property care, send your kids to Sunday School or teach a class, help with one project a year or are actively involved with many things, I am thankful for you all! I am thankful for all of you who join us for worship on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. I am thankful for all of you, because without you, we wouldn't be a wonderful congregation here in Fulton!

So, the short of it is: I am thankful for each and every one of you! Thank you for your dedication to this place! Thank you for your hard work in the midst of this family! And thank you for being you! May we end 2017 well and move into 2018 with a focus on seeing where we are going in this place!

## Associate Pastor

### DID YOU KNOW...

...if you have donated bottles of water, diapers or any other material to storm survivors in Texas or Florida, your donation will likely pass through the Seventh-Day Adventist!

...92% of Lutherans are white, more than any other denomination in America!

...the Seventh Day Adventist, over the past several decades, has established expertise in disaster warehousing: collecting, logging, organizing, and distributing relief supplies in cooperation with government disaster agencies!

...that a Muslim liberal arts college has bought Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley, California!

...that the United Methodist Committee on Relief is known for its expertise in case management. After the initial cleanup – the Methodist have work crews helping pulling mud out of houses – the church sends trained volunteers into the wreckage to help families navigate federal and state aid programs and private insurance.

...that Colin Kaepernick who took a knee during the national anthem to protest injustice against African Americans was confirmed a Lutheran!

...that The Convoy of Hope, a nondenominational Christian organization based in Springfield, Missouri, specializes in feeding. Before Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida in early September, Convoy had three trailer trucks stocked with food, water, and sanitary supplies parked in the State, waiting to be deployed to areas hardest hit.

...that Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Rosedale, Maryland (my former Church) partnered with the local elementary school to support a Houston Elementary school with 719 students whose belongings were destroyed by Hurricane Harvey!

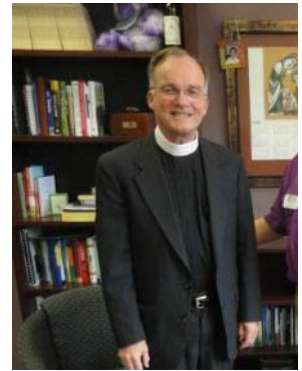
...FEMA administrator Brock Long has asked concerned citizens to make donations through [nvoad.org](http://nvoad.org) – the site for National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the alliance of voluntary organizations that are helping FEMA channel disaster assistance into affected areas. About three quarters of the organizations that are part of the alliance are faith based!

...that Samaritan's Purse, an evangelical aid group run by Franklin Graham, had trucks at the ready in Florida with debris removal experts. The group has responded to 20 disasters already this year.

...THAT GOD LOVES YOU!!!

Together We Do More!  
Pastor Gerry

Taken from The Christian Century and The Washington Post



"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Mother Teresa  
(1910-97)



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“The Lord must have loved ordinary people because he made so many of us...”

“In every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things. Ordinary People accomplish Extraordinary things!”

**Jim Valvano**  
**N.C State 1983**

### Council President

#### President's Message      October, 2017

Greetings everyone. As October draws to a close, I am thankful for everyone who has been a part of the life of this congregation these past six months since I was elected President along with your current Council. We have now begun a new capital improvements campaign to continue the vision of growth and expansion we began several years ago. In addition, we will work to maintain and improve our church facility as we continue to make this community in Fulton a vibrant and relevant part of the Christian and local community. Change- we have to embrace it.

WHAT? Another survey? I hope you took the time to do this survey. We are beginning a process called L.E.A.D. to help us grow in faith among our local community - a community that we see changing around us every day. Change. We can accept it and be a part of it, or we can become a smaller and less important part of the growing local community.

St. Paul's has a legacy, a history, among the community we now call southern Howard County and eastern Montgomery County. Being a member of St. Paul's today links each of us to a faith community that was part of the rural farming community, then found itself part of the changing suburban landscape we see today. It is a long and proud history. St. Paul's began as a vision of forming a church in Fulton. We will be a part of this growing local community, offering a church home to all who seek a faith home based in the Lutheran tradition. Do you share this vision of growth and change? We already have changed in a special way, offering a Thursday service without music. To those who wonder how we can change and address the faith needs of our neighbors, that Thursday service has served a unique part of our family for many years. Personally, I try to attend Thursday evening if I know I have a conflict that will prevent me from attending worship on Sunday. Have you considered this option for yourself?

November 4th will offer an opportunity to give of your time as the Altar Guild will be cleaning the sanctuary and polishing our brass. Extra hands are always needed. Also next month we will gather for a Farm to Table Dinner on November 11th. This seems to be a new tradition we all enjoy. I hope to see many of you there. Then we will have our annual budget meeting the next day, November 12. We will need as many of you that can attend to be there.

Monday evening, November 13 will be the meeting for anyone interested in the Evangelism work of the congregation. We need many ideas and participants in this initial meeting. As I close and Veterans Day approaches, I offer special thanks to all veterans for your service and also to all who are currently serving as members of the armed forces. The Senior Fellowship group has done a great job preparing care packages for service members far from home. I hope to see you all on Sunday.

Peace,

Erik

### Highlights

- Pledge Drive November Thursday Nov 3rd or Sunday Nov 5th
- Giving year to date through September \$255,856.60
- Expenses year to date through September \$265,522.63
- September giving \$22,885.50
- September expenses \$28,515.94
- \*October giving \$22,628.50 (doesn't include Sunday October 29th)
- October expenses \$30,509



“Verily I say **unto you**, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of **the least of these**, ye did it not to me..”

**MATTHEW 22:37b-39**

## Seasons of Stewardship

by [Audrey Novak Riley](#)

We have seasons in our lives as stewards of all that God entrusted to us, too. Think of it this way:

### We start.

In this early season of our lives, we concentrate on figuring out how to handle our time and money without someone supervising every step. We give or serve when we feel we have a little to spare, which isn't often.

### We struggle.

We all have seasons when we must devote all that we have to keeping the wolf from our door, no matter what form the wolf takes. Our stewardship in this season of our lives means taking care of ourselves and our families. Anything else has to wait for a kinder season.

### We are stable.

In this calmer season of our lives as stewards, we form habits of regular giving and we start to plan for the future. We learn about insurance, living wills and other ways of protecting ourselves, our incomes and our assets. We make a generous Regular Offering every time we gather, and we sign up for Faithful Friends to give automatically.

### We are secure.

In this season of our lives, we are able not only to share our blessings more abundantly, but also to begin considering our legacy. Perhaps we have retired from full-time work and are enjoying having time to serve in leadership in our congregational unit or synodical board. What mark do we want to leave for future generations of women? Now is the time when we research estate planning and ways to include Women of the ELCA in those plans.

### We have enough and to spare.

In this season of our lives as stewards, we rejoice in the abundant blessings God has entrusted to us—packed down and spilling over—and we rejoice in passing those blessings on. This is the season of our lives when we begin to act on those plans we have made, working with our financial advisors and families to ensure that our beloved community of women will continue to flourish for years to come.

What season of your life as a wise steward are you in? How are you acting on God's call to give and to serve in this season of your life? Let us pray. God of seedtime and harvest, equinox and solstice, you guide us through the seasons of our lives with tender care. Grant us grace to serve as grateful and generous stewards as all these seasons come and go in our lives. This we ask through your son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Audrey Riley is director for stewardship for Women of the ELCA.*



**Trunk or Treat  
In the Pavilion  
October 29th  
6-7 pm**



### St. Paul's Senior Fellowship



The next Senior Luncheon (for all those who are 60 years and older) will be held on the November 14th beginning at 11:30am. We will have our traditional Thanksgiving dinner and our activity will be dedicated to packaging the military care packages. We request that you RSVP by Sunday, November 12th to Joe and Cathy Dymek ([jcdymek@verizon.net](mailto:jcdymek@verizon.net), 410-531-1057) or sign up on the yellow sheets in the bulletin.



### Men's Brotherhood

The Men of St. Paul's gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month for breakfast, a brief business meeting and devotions. All males in the congregation are welcome and invited to attend! The November meeting is Saturday, the 11th at 8:00AM.

### Music— Notable Events



#### Youth Choir-

Tuesdays from 6:15-6:45pm.

#### Bell Choir-

Meets in the Bells Room, Tues at 7pm (They will be playing Nov 19 (8:30 am), Dec 3 (11 am) , Dec 17 (8:30) and possibly a special program for Epiphany in January.

#### Chancel Choir-

Thurs from 7-8:30pm

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

#### Audio Recordings

Check out the website for St Paul's service's recordings. All services from the last 2 months can be found under Gallery/Audio. Just click on the media player link. Hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher.



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## Last But Not Least

### “Like” us on Facebook!

For a while now we have had a St. Paul's Facebook group, well now we have a public page! Find us and click “like” and watch us for announcements! Tell your friends too!

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We're on the Web!

[www.stpaulslutheran.info](http://www.stpaulslutheran.info)

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## Women's Daily Grace Jesus' Loving Example Oct. 29th (Women of the ELCA)

During the Reformation, some wanted to put distance between Protestants and Catholics, and they saw the elimination of the crucifix image as one way to separate the faiths. This is what happened later in the United States where Lutherans were influenced by Calvinists to abandon the image of the cross bearing the body of Christ. In European Lutheran churches, crucifixes remain common.

I have chosen not to focus on the end of Jesus' life and ministry, nor on his profound suffering. This is significant and must be remembered, but it is not the primary focus of who Jesus is. I focus on Jesus' loving example—how he refused to stone the unfaithful woman, how he honored the offerings of the poor widow, how he showed love and grace to the woman, outcast and bleeding for over a decade, who only wanted to get close enough to touch his dusty hem.

*Today is Reformation Sunday and the 21st Sunday after Pentecost. This message is an excerpt of “Jesus the Shepherd” by Karen Craigo in the May 2017 issue of [Gather](#) magazine.*

## Lectionary Readings for the Month

### Nov 5th – All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3;

Matthew 5:1-12

### Nov 12th – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### Nov 19th – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

### Nov 26th – Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-

23; Matthew 25:31-46



## News & Notes



By: Kerry Griffin

St. Paul's Archivist

October 28, 2017

Tales from the Archives is a presentation from the Archives at St. Paul's.

Contributions of items of significance to the Church History or contributions of stories are welcome and encouraged.

It is the goal of the Archive to preserve the Church History and make selected portions of it known to the congregation from time to time.

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### What's happening in the Archive?

- ◆ Cemetery Expansion is in full swing, (See page 10&11 for an update.)
- ◆ Giving Thanks
- ◆ New Additions to the Archive
- ◆ November Article—Remembering Some of St. Paul Past Traditions

## Giving Thanks to God

With Thanksgiving approaching, I wanted to also take the opportunity to give thanks to God. I am thankful for the fellowship I have here at St. Paul's. The good friends I have here and those of you who have taken the time to donate to Archive and share a story or two.

I am also thankful for what my sister calls "God Winks". What is a God Wink you ask? Well I will give you some examples. This past October 21st, My Mom's birthday, the monarch butterflies started hatching at my house. It is a small miracle that what seems lifeless (the chrysalis) can become the beautiful butterfly. We had given up all hope of our efforts to encourage the monarch butterflies by planting the butterfly bush and allowing the milkweed to grow and then butterflies appeared even though it was much later than normal!

If your open to them, "God Winks" appear when you need them the most. Another example is during cleaning up the Archive in preparation for the Sr. Fellowship Luncheon, myself, my Mom and Dad were all occupied when without warning we were startled by a loud thump. The 1958 Mission Band Bible had fallen on the floor. It is a rather large, heavy, thick book and it was laying flat. To our surprise we discovered a folder containing interviews from St. Paul's 140th Anniversary which was hidden by it on the shelf. Whose interview should happen to be on top, but Gloria Wessel's. In her own words, was the answer to the question; What are the things you like most about St. Paul's? One was preparing the relish for the Turkey Supper. (A tradition that has been revived at late here at St. Paul's and this happened while Pastor Carolyn was preparing for Gloria's funeral. I forwarded the information to Pastor Carolyn.)

### New Additions to the Archive

1. June Pickett's Father, Hiley Orndorff, Confirmation Certificate signed by Rev. Propst
2. Leo Brown's Bowling Trophies donated by Linda Skinner (Brown)

Many Thanks for adding to Archive at St. Paul's

### Remembering Some Past Traditions of St. Paul's

Receiving the bowling trophies, made me curious if St. Paul's had a bowling league. I remembered a photo that Patrick Thompson had sent my Mom and consulted with Patrick and found out for some time going back to the 50s and seemly into the early 80s St. Paul did have a bowling fellowship activity. Please review the photos Patrick gave permission for me to share with you on the facing page. If you know more of the story please contact me.

### Respectfully Submitted,

*Kerry Griffin*







Willis Thompson Late 50's early 60s with bowling trophy

Patrick's Dad remembers from the 1950s, "Men and women bowled Friday nights at Edmondson Shopping Center in Baltimore. Tuesday nights, men bowled in Laurel." So this picture is from a Tuesday in Laurel.



Remembrance of the Day of Confirmation

Hiley Orndorff

Born: January 9, 1907

Confirmed March 20, 1921

at St. Paul's by L. P. Propst

Donated to Archives by June Pickett



Leo & Mabel Brown



Shown above Leo Brown Bowling Trophy from 79-80 Season 2nd place



Shown above Leo Brown Bowling Trophy from the 82-83 Season 1st Place



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### Cemetery Expansion—Progress in pictures

The grass is up. The road into the new cemetery is paved. Where the posts go are marked. Just waiting for the posts to be put in so the expansion will match the original cemetery.



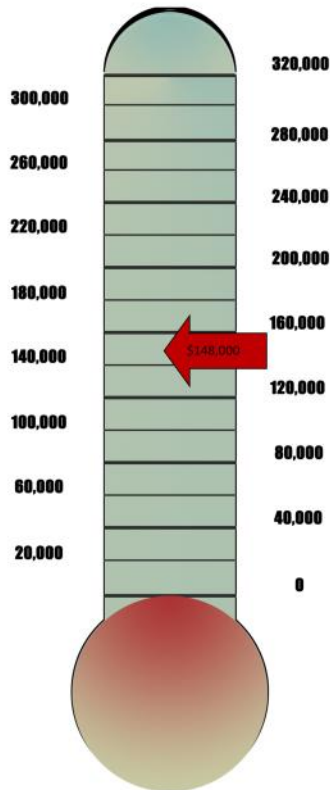
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## Capital Campaign

- \$ 30,000 New Natural Gas Furnace
- \$ 7,800 Stain Glass Window Repairs
- \$ 15,000 New Signage
- \$ 15,000 Fix / Seal Parking Lot
- \$ 5,000 Repoint Stone H-Ramp
- \$ 9,000 Repairs to Parsonage
- \$ 7,000 New Barn for Equipment Storage
- \$ 26,000 Contingencies & Miscellaneous
- \$ 3,500 Communications

Total Improvement \$118,300 estimated

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Our Vision Continues 3 Year Campaign



## Cemetery

- \$198,000 New Cemetery Construction

Total Expansion \$198,000 estimated

**Total Drive \$316,300**

## Affirmation

ALTAR GUILD: Thank you!!

Thank you Donna Beall, Patrick Thompson and  
Janet Jew for Thursday's Chapel Service  
Carole Manges



### Church Council Highlights

#### Meeting Minutes Synopsis 10/3/17:

##### Opening Prayer-Bible Study by Pastor Carolyn

**LEAD** (Living Everyday as Disciples) The LEAD Assessment Survey will be available for congregation to complete online or manually, three consecutive Sundays, September 24th, October 1st and October 8th. The LEAD Team will meet two times in October to continue team building.

**The Chili Cook Off was attended by members of the congregation and community. Over \$12,000.00 was raised. Way to Go!!**

Pastor Carolyn and Erik Domaas to discuss staff secretary position at later time.

**FPU, Financial Peace University**, coordinated by Ken Keefer, has (6) attendees and is going as planned. Would be a great wedding gift.

A thermometer will be made by Kerry Griffin to keep congregation aware of the funds donated towards **"THE VISION CONTINUES"** capital funding/cemetery expansion campaign. Kerry Griffin to advertise the Men's Brotherhood "Farm to Table" Dinner in the Maple Lawn Newsletter. Donna Frederick will make letter to acknowledge Memorial Gifts and Donations towards the capital campaign. Bob Peters discussed the stewardship drive and temple talks that will take place at church services in late October.

**2018 Committee budgets** were discussed and will be presented at the November 12th Congregational Meeting, 9:45am in the parish hall.

**WE CLOSED IN PRAYER**

### Property Committee October Activity Highlights

1. Had the Stained Glass Window Frames scraped, caulked and painted.
2. Had the Bell ringer replaced.
3. Met with representative from Baltimore Lock and Hardware on the Door Upgrade Project.
4. Repaired the Parking Lot lights and painted the poles.







### Brotherhood Highlights

Brotherhood Upcoming events:

1. Farm to table dinner scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
2. Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.



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### November 5th All Saints Sunday Observed.

#### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy  
O divine master grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as to console  
to be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life  
Amen

“ Verily I say  
unto you,  
Inasmuch as ye  
have done it unto  
one of the least  
of these my  
brethren, ye  
have done it unto  
me.”

#### Trunk—Or-Treat moved to the Pavilion



Trunk—Or—Treat moved to the Pavilion (continued)



"WITH GOD ALL  
THINGS ARE  
POSSIBLE"

Matthew 19:26



Trunk—Or— Treat was held in the pavilion Sunday, October 29th, 6-7pm. Despite, inclement weather there was a wonderful turnout, even better than last year and we had guests from within the local community. A wonderful time was had by all. The youth group added to the mood with their fog machine and were selling beverages to fund their trip this coming summer 2018 to Huston, TX.



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### Special Notes:

**Special Thanks** to all those who have served and are serving in the armed forces and to the families of all those fallen we remember this Veteran's Day.

If you have not already done so, please consider directing your Thrivent Care dollars to St. Paul's

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

If you are a senior living in Howard County there is a program which you can apply to reduce your property tax

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Senior-Tax-Credit>

St. Paul's wishes to thank in advance the Scouts and all those that helped put flags on the Veteran's graves for Veteran's Day.

Special thanks to all are contributors and those that make the News & Notes possible!