



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

Adult Sunday School 9:45am with Dave Shank

DEVOTIONS GROUP:

Join us the First Tuesday of the Month from 10 am - 11 am in the Parish Hall for a "Devotions" group. All are welcome, please come as often as you are able to attend. Our next gathering will be held **Tuesday, January 2!**

Evangelism committee will meet on Monday, January 8th at 7:00pm.

2018 Offering Envelopes Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes in the Parish Hall!

Youth Schedule—

January is a big month for the youth!

The Middle School group will be going to Quake in Hunt Valley, Maryland from Jan 12-14.

The High School group will be going to Road trip in Ocean City, Maryland from Jan 19-21.

Please keep the groups in prayer for safe travel and wonderful faith growth experience!

Calling all Women Save the Date! —

We are having a meeting on Saturday, February 3rd from 9-11am with refreshments to discuss forming a women's group at St Paul's. We are inviting all women of the church to come to our meeting to discuss what they would like to see and/or do as an organization. We will be having an open forum along with a questionnaire on suggestions and ideas.

Please Join the St. Paul's Family for our "12th Night of Christmas Event"

Sunday, January 7th Christmas Music Celebration,

"From the Star to the Manger" at 4pm

Ancient Christians celebrated the 12th night of Christmas as the coming of the Magi, the three kings who followed the star to Jesus. But there are many traditions surrounding this holiday.

So at our 12th night celebration we will.....

---Sing and hear more of the special music of Christmas

---Share a pot-luck meal and fellowship (please sign-up in the Narthex)

---Create a reminder of the Bethlehem star to take home

---Share a Kings Cake, a traditional dessert

---Star gaze outside as we remember the Star of that first Christmas (Jan 31st is a "blue moon" and one will happen in March. Next time 2037)

---Take down the decorations in the sanctuary as the symbolic end to the Christmas season.



Upcoming Events:

- JAN 2 DEVOTIONS GROUP 10AM
- JAN 2 C/JURCH COUNCIL 7PM
- JAN 7 12TH NIGHT "A STAR TO A MANGER" 4PM POT-LUCK & SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC
- JAN 8 EVANGELISM COMMITTEE 7PM
- JAN 12-14 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH QUAKE TRIP
- JAN 19-21 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH OCEAN CITY TRIP

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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

As I write this, the week of In the fall of 2006 the hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) was published to be used by congregations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. At the Worship and Music Committee meeting in October a request was presented that we purchase these "new" hymnals to be used here at St. Paul's. That request was made at the Congregational Meeting held in November, where this was referred to the Council. At the December meeting, the Council authorized the Worship and Music Committee to pursue pur-

chasing the hymnals needed. The Worship and Music Committee met later in December and the decision was made to proceed.

The goal is for us to start using the "new" hymnal either at the beginning of or during Lent, the exact timing will depend on when they arrive, and we are able to get the dedication stickers into them. In order to make this happen, we need your help! It is a long-held tradition that when hymnals are purchased in a congregation, people can dedicate them in honor of or in memory of their loved ones. Each hymnal is **\$25**, and someone will be available on Sundays in January to collect money as well as the dedications to be placed inside the hymnals. Please prayerfully consider the number of hymnals you would like to dedicate to your family members!

Of course, there are always questions. Some that have already come up in conversations and can be addressed are:

Why? And why now? While this hymnal will be new to us here at St. Paul's, it is now over 10 years old. There has not

New Cranberry Hymnal

been rumor of another new hymnal, so this is the hymnal for our denomination for the foreseeable future. The *Lutheran Book of Worship* (the green books) were first published in the 1970s so are 40 years old. The ones that we have in our pews here at St. Paul's are very worn. Over the last few years we have already been integrating pieces of liturgy and hymns from ELW into our worship services. When the suggestion was brought to the Worship and Music Committee, it seemed that now is the time to make this switch.

Will there be enough of them in the sanctuary? Yes! We will have hymnals in each of the pews and enough for the choir too!

Will we use them if we have them? Yes! As a committee we decided that to make this investment means we should put the hymnals to use! The current plan is for us to continue printing the liturgy portions of our worship services and use the hymnals for singing hymns. This is a method I have used in other congregations and so have others,

and it works quite well!

What if we want to use hymns that are not in ELW from time to time? There are sure to be times when we will want to use a hymn that didn't make it into the ELW. In that case, we will print that hymn in the bulletin as we have been doing with all our hymns!

What are we doing with the old hymnals? A final decision about what to do with the old hymnals has not been made. But so far, the conversation has been that we would make them available for people to take home. We will need to keep some here at church to be used by choirs!

Once these new hymnals are here, we will see that while this is something new, there is enough familiar material that we won't be completely lost in a sea of newness! Thank you for your patience as we make this transition!

Peace,
Pastor Carolyn

Associate Pastor

“the former things have come to pass,
And new things I now declare;
Before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
Sing to the Lord a new song”
(Isaiah 42:5-6,9)

Sometime I am going to count the number of times the word “new” (or its equivalent) is used in the Bible. In the two verses above from the 42nd Chapter of Isaiah, the word “new” is used twice. From the beginning of creation in Genesis to the “new heaven and new earth” described at the end of Revelation, it seems as if God has new possibilities in mind for us. Our Creator is the God of new starts and second chances. After all what is Christmas (“the Word became Flesh and lived among us”), Good Friday (“on seeing the manner of his death the centurion said, “Truly this man was God’s Son”), and Easter (speaks for Itself) all about. As we enter the Year of our Lord 2018, let us pause to dwell on our God who said in Isaiah “do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old; I am about to do A NEW THING.” (43:18-19)

Many of us for different reasons lament the state of the church. My deep concern is that we have lost touch with God’s mission. I use to say that we have lost a generation and a half of young people. Today I fear it is more like two generations in the mainline churches and their denominations. Many younger folks do not even know who Jesus is let alone care about him. We have a problem Houston! We can point fingers at the mega churches, liberals/conservatives, Sunday morning youth activities, a secular society all we want, and we are right in that it is all these things and more causing the church’s decline. Perhaps the cause of our malaise is not outside of our walls at all but inside us. Perhaps along with losing touch with God’s mission, we have allowed God’s church to lose its relevancy. If that is the case than people do find more satisfaction in their children’s soccer games, sleeping in or enjoying the Sunday Post, than sitting through another Sunday morning at St. Wherever.

It seems to me that many of us want the “former things” at our churches, and not “God’s new thing”. We may talk a good line but are looking backward while we talk! My remaining sister laments that at her Lutheran church, they are no longer singing the old hymns that mom and dad liked (old meaning 19th century American hymns). While I don’t know what is going on at her church, we must all look at our context and ask the question; “What does God want in the congregation in which we worship and are called to mission.” The answer to that question is different in my sister’s congregation, than in a Lutheran church in Baltimore than in St. Paul, Fulton. Nonetheless we are called to ask ourselves this and other questions!

Two brief thoughts as I look forward to 2018; the LEAD process is the right way for St. Paul Congregation to be open to God’s newness. And (this is important), now more than ever, pastor, people, leaders and youth need to work together, pray with one another, listen intently to one another, and above all love one another!

My sainted Seminary President John Tietjen was known to say that the church must speak the age-old Gospel of Jesus in the language of the children!

Blessed 2018!

Pastor Gerry



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Council President

December, 2017 President's Message

Erik Domaas

Greetings and Best Wishes to everyone as we close out another year. In May of this year I felt the call to serve as the Council President, and I pray for the continued blessings on this congregation and for the wisdom of the entire council to lead us to a path of renewal and growth. As we tend to do at year-end, I reflect back on the many positive things that we do as a diverse community of Lutherans in our corner of Howard County. I am thankful for the generous gifts we receive from each other – gifts of time and energy, monetary gifts, and the sharing of our talents to conduct worship, to teach and support each other, to conduct social events, to maintain our beautiful property, and to conduct social outreach.

I don't want to single out individuals, for fear that I might forget someone or some group, which would be far from my intent. So please accept and pass on to others whom you work with and share time with at St. Paul's my deep and sincere thanks for jobs and tasks well done. From council leaders, to committee leaders and members, to anyone that assisted or participated in a worship service or a social event, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, fund raisers, to all of you for coming to worship as you were able, and for all of you who pray for God's continued blessings on our church family- Thank You!

This 500th Anniversary year of the Reformation provided an opportunity to learn more about our Lutheran heritage, the obstacles to change that Luther and the other reformers encountered, and the history of how the Word was brought to the common people, in Europe and then around the world. In that spirit I ask everyone to be part of the worship experience. Come to services as often as you can. If you are most comfortable sitting in the pews, sing louder and bolder! When you see or hear of an appeal for help, it means YOU can be an extra set of hands or a new contributor of talent. As I have said before- you will be welcomed! We are doing a better job at communicating within our congregation and to our surrounding community, and we will continue to improve and change how we communicate. Your continued participation in the life of St. Paul's will help us to be a welcoming and growing community. I look forward to seeing you in 2018!

Peace,

Erik

"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



A reminder:

If you have not made your pledges for 2018 and for the Capital Campaign you can still mail them in or put them in the offering plate! There are extra cards available in the Narthex!

November giving	\$24,127.84
November spending	\$24,616.72
Year to Date giving (Dec. 2nd)	\$304,662.94
Year to Date expenses	\$317,439.96

“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

Nursery Re-Dedicated December 17, 2017

George Mader and his son, were honored for their work re-doing the nursery for the second time.

Take a look downstairs at the fabulous job done when you have a chance.



Reminder:

It is not too soon to be thinking about saving things for the yard sale which will be happening around Easter time. There will be more details next month in the February Newsletter.

See John Korslund for more details in the meantime.



St. Paul's Senior Fellowship



The next Senior Luncheon (for all those who are 60 years and older) will be held on the January 16th beginning at 11:30am. (The third Tuesday of the month.) **Join us for lunch, fellowship and a fun activity.** We request that you RSVP by Friday, January 12th to Joe and Cathy Dymek (jcdymek@verizon.net, 410-531-1057) or sign up on the yellow sheets in the bulletin to let us know you are planning on attending.

Reminder: In the event Howard Co. Schools are closed or 2 hrs. late we cancel the luncheon.



Men's Brotherhood

The Men of St. Paul's gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast, a brief business meeting and devotions. All males in the congregation are welcome and invited to attend! The January meeting is Saturday, the 13th 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 Dec 3 (11 am) , Dec 17 (8:30) and for Epiphany in January 7 at (4PM)**]

Chancel Choir- meets

Thurs from 7-8:30pm

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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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!

www.facebook.com/StPaulsFulton

Women's Daily Grace— What are you reporting?

12/22/2017

During the special time of Advent and Christmas, we're all invited to be reporters of the good news of Jesus' birth. Not only do we get to recount the story of God coming to earth to live among us 2,000 years ago, we also get to tell the story of how God is alive and active in our lives today!

From the very beginning of time, people have been witnessing and sharing about the activity of God on earth. It's a neat image: human beings as investigators and reporters on the goodness of God.

Advent and the Christmas season is an invitation for you to be the reporter, the investigator, and the eyewitness of the good news. What God-sightings and miracles can you report on this month?

This message is adapted from “Faith Reflections: Advent” written by Emily Carson that first appeared in the December 2012 issue of [Cafe](#).

Lectionary Readings for the Month

January 7 Baptism of our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 14 Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 21 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20

January 28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28



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By: Kerry Griffin

St. Paul's Archivist

December 22, 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 getting closer to completion. The posts have been put in place.
- ◆ Archive Treasures
- ◆ Archive Mystery
- ◆ Collecting the world of Martin Luther

Archive Treasures

Article contributors: June Pickett and Charles Iager

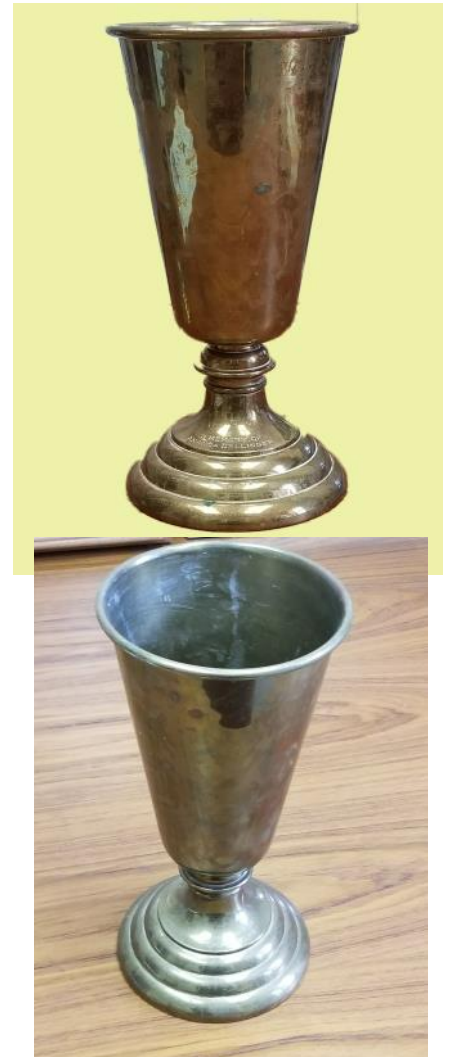
St. Paul's Antique Vases

June Pickett related the following information about the two flower vases housed in the archive:
"Walter Mauck played the organ at St. Paul's. Lillian Wessel Kerwin told me that Walter gave her (Lillian) her first piano lessons. Walter sang "O Promise Me" at my (June and Hardy's) wedding on February 6, 1954. and Lillian played the organ.

You can see the vases have inscribed on them "In Memory of Amanda Dellinger" and the companion has "In Memory of Laura Kline".¹ Amanda was the grandmother of June and Laura was the Grandmother of Lora Mauck. So you can see that flowers have been a part of St. Paul's traditions for a very long time.

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¹Not sure I have the relationships correct. If you have any information please contact me.



Archive Mystery

Small framed picture of a college of crosses in subdued colors is missing from the Archive. If anyone in all the cleaning and re-organizing the church has run across such an item and has any information please let me know. This item was donated some time ago by Renate Arndt and somehow has gone missing. It was supposed to have been hung somewhere within the church.

Collecting the world of Martin Luther by Barbara Miller Beem Nov.6, 2017 Antique Week Selected Excerpts from Vol. 48 Issue 2513

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, some of you may be thinking about beginning your own collection of artifacts, memorabilia, and other items of interest. According to Pr. Ed Whetstone (retired Lutheran Pastor who began collecting back in 1970's in Gettysburg, PA in an antique shop near the Lutheran Theological Seminary) one of the easiest ways to get started is collecting post cards from German towns associated with Luther. (Eisleben located in Saxony-Anhalt) They are available from 25 cents to several dollars and are centuries old and due to the Anniversary there are a larger supply of them available than normal.

There are also available centuries old pamphlets and later editions of Luther's writings as well as stamps with a Luther theme. Not to mention, buttons and other memorabilia that are of modest cost and easily stored. (Luther was very "savvy" with the use of the printing press, according to Whetstone.)

Then of course one should not overlook old hymnals and Bibles which bear Luther's likeness. (According to Pastor Ed

the idea that Martin Luther wrote "Away in the Manger" is inaccurate. However, Luther wrote several hymns and helped to establish a tradition of congregational singing.) Luther is credited with the translation of the Bible into German making it possible for the average person to read the Bible on their own rather than rely on the Priest or someone else who knew Latin to tell them what was in the Bible.

Among Luther's other accomplishments is his dedication to education. He worked along side his wife Katharina von Bora (a former nun) to educate children which included girls.

Pastor Whetstone states in Barbara's article "It is worth noting that many of the centennial milestones of the Reformation have coincided with times of strife and conflict in the world. " I would agree and my hope for 2018 is that it will be a year of more unity and understanding.

Respectfully, Submitted

Kerry Griffin



Top Right: example of Luther coins and medals.

Mid Right: example of a "Luther Rose" from a convention in Altoona, PA in 1952

Left: example of a post card from Germany showing the happy Luther family enjoying their Christmas Tree with candles on the branches.

Luther is credited with being the first to do this at Christmas but some consider that this is unlikely.



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Cemetery Expansion—Progress in pictures



The posts are up and they match the original! The only thing that remains is put up the 1000 feet of chain and “hooks & eyes” and paint. As you can see the new road into the cemetery is open and looking good!

More updates later.

From the Evangelism Committee

Seven of us got together again on December 11th for what became mostly a brainstorming session on how we can better evangelize within our church and the greater community.

How/When/Where do we start?

Well, members of our congregation have already been working on the LEAD program which is a lengthy and methodical process, but what can WE do today – tomorrow – and in the coming weeks and months. Let’s get to know one another! During the Thanksgiving Service we were tasked with getting to know someone else at the service - - let’s do this every Sunday - say hello to someone else and get to know them. Introduce yourself to guests and let them know how happy you are that they came to our church and that you hope to see them again. This is not an easy task but we can do it, one person at a time. *“It only takes a spark, to get a fire going, and soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing”*

Activities that are in the works:

- Women’s Group meeting February 3rd;
- Potential Bible Jeopardy for Shrove Tuesday February 13th (need a “host” for this event);
- Youth Breakfast for Mother’s Day, May 13th;
- Columbia Jazz Band performance – May 20th at 1:00 pm;
- Church Picnic & Fireworks – July 7th

Our next meeting has been planned for Monday January 8th at 7:00 pm and we cordially invite you to join us with your ideas and thoughts that will energize OUR congregation.

News from the LEAD Team

The LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) Team has spent the past several months initiating the LEAD process, focused on personal, congregational and community spiritual growth. We hope to use the LEAD process to lead us all to deepen our faith and become better disciples within St. Paul's as well as without, in our community.

As an initial step of this process, interested members completed an assessment regarding our perceptions of our congregation and community. We thank the congregation for supporting the assessment and completing more than enough assessments to generate valid information regarding our congregation's perceptions of itself and our ministry. The demographics of the respondents reflected our active members, so we trust the opinions expressed in the assessment.

Results highlighted several extremely strong traits in our congregational life. First, many people are inspired and challenged to grow by our music and preaching ministries. Second, although we are not all confident that we have all the right tools, a vast majority of us have a strong faith story that we are willing to share. Third, we perceive ourselves as very welcoming to families and children and wanting each generation of the Church to be a part of our cohesive Christian community. However, we are unsure of how to engage the new and diverse families that inhabit our growing community.

Howard County is now one of the most diverse areas in the country, by race, age and educational level. As disciples, we are called to reach out to not only our fellow congregants but also to our community. The LEAD process is designed to evaluate and strengthen our Christian leadership in service and outreach to both our current members and our more diverse community.

One question (from the survey) to ponder further is: *If St. Paul's were not here tomorrow, how would that loss affect our whole community, not just the congregants themselves?*

Lastly, we thank everyone who participated in the assessment. We value and continue to study the results generated from your heartfelt responses. We ask for your continued prayers as the LEAD Team guides us all on the path of Christian leadership to enhance St. Paul's mission to be a wonderful place to worship and grow spiritually.

Church Council Highlights

Meeting Minutes Synopsis 12/5/2017:

Opening Prayer-Bible Study by Pastor Carolyn

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approval of November minutes.
- LEAD (Living Everyday as Disciples) The LEAD Team has started Step 2 of the program, which is "Bible Study". Next meeting December 17th at 7pm.
- November events, Congregational Meeting and Farm to Table were discussed.
- Pledge cards and Capital Campaign funds are still to be received.
- Evangelism meeting was discussed, next meeting 12/11 at 7pm in the Chapel.

NEW BUSINESS:

- December Events-December 11th is the Sunday School Christmas Program at 2
- The St. Lucia's Dessert at 3, which is followed by the Greening of the Church at 4.
- Administrative Assistant position was discussed.
- Brotherhood Breakfast scheduled for December 9th at 8am, all are welcome to attend.
- A motion was made and approved the purchase new hymnals.
- Advent and Christmas Eve Services were discussed.
- "Twelfth Night" activity scheduled for January 7th.

Closing Prayer-Pastor Carolyn

Next Meeting: January 2, 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Humbly Submitted,

Julie Smith

Property Updates



Top: The parsonage basement gets a railing to make it more child friendly.

Far Left: The parking lot between the parsonage and the fellowship hall gets much needed repair.

Center: The handicap ramp gets a much needed modification to allow full size caskets to be wheeled into church.

Property Highlights (Continued)

Property Updates

1. The Paving Repair project was completed by John Parker Paving Co. (443) 328-6006. They have also agreed to once again provide us with Snow Plowing this winter as needed.
2. The Front Doors have been ordered from Baltimore Lock and Hardware. They will be installed shortly.
3. The Railing on the Ramp was modified to allow for full size caskets to negotiate the turn.
4. A Railing at the Parsonage was also added on the basement steps.
5. Dimmers were installed on the Sanctuary Globe Lights for dimming of the lights during Silent Night on Christmas Eve.
6. The Emergency Light fixtures in the Narthex were Replaced.
7. Southern Lawn service (301) 854-1334 has once again provided us with Leaf removal and mulching around the property.
8. The application for Natural Gas Conversion is being processed by BG&E.

Thanks, to all who have helped with various projects in the past month.

Ken Keefer

Property Chair

Brotherhood Highlights

The last meeting was well attended with over 30 persons attending the December meeting. The next meeting will be on Jan 13. We will hold elections at that Meeting.
We will discuss the feasibility of continuing the Mulch Sale given the limited help with the project in past years.
We will discuss various upcoming property projects.
We will also discuss upcoming Easter Breakfast and Yard Sale.
We will also have a devotional discussion and Breakfast.

Ken Keefer

Brotherhood President

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Senior Fellowship Dinner—December 19th



“ 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.”

Matthew 25:40



Sr. Fellowship (continued)



“WITH GOD ALL
THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE”

Matthew 19:26

Sr. Fellowship November Service project Update

St Paul's received the following Affirmation on Facebook

“December 1. 2017

My son, Nicholas, is currently serving overseas in the Army. He told me that he received a package from your church and that he was overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. I want to thank you for doing this for my son. Being overseas during the holidays will be hard for him, and your package will bring a bit of home to Nick and his fellow troops. May God bless all of you! Merry Christmas!

Tim S., Connecticut”

The Senior's really made a difference with this project. Thanks to all who donated, participated, planned, organized or helped in any way and especially Joe & Cathy Dymek

And this is just one example!

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Special Notes: I wanted to take this opportunity to Thank the Altar Guild for all their hard work in December especially the changing of all the altar linens and paramounts from blue to white and gold on December 24th not to mention all the things that happen behind the scenes.

Also special thanks to all those who helped finish decorating the church on Saturday, December 23rd. And 24th We had 40 poinsettias to place. More than every before. What an outpouring!

I want to thank in advance all those involved with 12th Night and will make this event possible. I especially want to think Betty Kerwin and Sandy August for taking the lead with this event.

If I left anyone out please forgive me. St Paul's appreciates your efforts.

Also have a Tip to pass on. When changing the wicks in the Acolyte candle lighters please remove a portion of wax around the wick and push the bare wick into the holder and folder over and draw the new wick into the candle lighter. This will avoid wicks jamming and becoming in-operable.