



Walking Together

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Catonsville, MD

June/July

2026

SUMMERTIME!

It's summertime again. Many of you will be going on vacation, perhaps looking forward to VBS, wondering what your next vicar will be like, or perhaps the days of summer are just like every other day, just a tad warmer. For many people, summer can be a time of transition. We tend to associate summer with vacations, parties, relaxing, adventure, time off, of course Independence Day (250 this year!), and things like these, but we're going to focus on transition, since I'm sure you're anticipating receiving Vicar Demlow this coming August.

The world around us changes every day. Sometimes, it's something small: you run out of toothpaste or perhaps the vending machine at work runs out of that one snack or drink you like. Other times, it's something that changes the way you live, such as making new friends or saying goodbye to old ones. Some changes are more painful and gut-wrenching than others, and yet, despite how often it seems that everything around us changes, there still remains one constant: God.

Not only is God consistent in Word and thought, but in deed and in truth. He is consistently merciful, loving, and forgiving. No matter what happens, God will neither leave nor forsake you. So, yes, change is hard. But you are not alone in the struggles you will face, for God is with you. The people in your life will come and go, but your Lord will not, and His Word remains forever.

Yours in Christ,
Vicar Tom Malmstrom

Life Changes
God does not

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

School's out for summer (or almost out if you are in Howard County)! The weather has been different, but good. Nice and cool for a long stretch. I hope everyone is ready for whatever summer brings them.

Voters meeting is coming on June 14th . There will be a packet of information for everyone to read on June 7th . The largest item we vote on is our budget. We will have a deficit budget again. This year it will be an \$130k deficit. Why so much? What are the big ticket items? This is about a \$30k increase from last year. We have about \$30k less in income and we have about \$20k more in asset management board expenses. But remember, this is a budget that reflects conservative income and liberal expenditures. Our realistic outlay for this past fiscal year is \$54k on the positive side, not the negative \$99k we approved last voters meeting. The council and boards are being good stewards of the church resources! Please review the budget and if you have questions, feel free to ask me ahead of time or at the meeting. We will have a balance sheet and update on learning cottage expenditures as well.

We have hired a new bookkeeper who is learning the job from Debbie O. The cemetery house is about ready to go on the market (finally). And the learning cottage...well...it's taking longer than we want, but we are working through the bureaucratic hurdles to get approval for installation. The capital campaign committee met with LCEF and will be moving forward with the capital campaign in the fall. Cameron J. will be leading the effort with several other volunteers.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about anything feel free to contact me.

Blessings to all,
Aaron Nelson

THE MISSION TRIP IS COMING SOON

We have spots left for our rebuild trip to Western North Carolina July 12-17. We will work to rebuild and repair homes damaged during Hurricane Helene as well as provide spiritual and emotional support. If you are interested contact Heather or Roy Krakat.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION ON JUNE 21

Graduate recognition is on Sunday June 21st to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. Anyone who is graduating or has graduated from high school, college or graduate school please let the church office and Pastor Alms know. Please send a short blurb with information about the graduate (what school, what degree, etc.) and future plans. We will need to have the names and blurb by June 15th. (linda.jones@splscatonville.org and pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org).

A RECEPTION FOR VICAR MALMSTROM ON JULY 19th

Vicar Malmstrom's last day at St. Paul will be July 19th. The Vicar will return to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne to complete his final year of seminary. He will then receive a call into the pastoral ministry. St. Paul will host a reception on the 19th following worship. Please stop by and greet the vicar and wish him well and thank him for his work among us. There will be basket for cards and notes if you wish to leave one.

HYMNS, HYMNS, HYMNS

Pastor Alms will lead Bible Class on Sunday mornings exploring the stories, messages and history of some of the hymns we sing. The class will run June 14, 21 and 28.

PASTOR LUCAS WITT PRESENTATION ON JULY 12

Pastor Lucas Witt will give a presentation on the work of the Lutheran Mission Society at St. Paul on Sunday July 12th during Bible class at 8:45 am. He will tell us the important work the LMS does in the city of Baltimore and how St Paul is and can be part of that work.

NEWS FROM THE ELDERS: CONGRATULATIONS TO CONFIRMANDS

At the Divine Worship Service on May 31, 7 young men and women were confirmed as communicant members. They have all been kind enough to share some information about themselves to help us to get to know them better.

Alexander Beacham is a rising Sophomore at Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore where his favorite class is History. When he isn't in school you can find him at the ballpark where he plays rec baseball for Elkridge or at the ice rink where he plays on the Howard Huskies Midget travel team. Alexander would like to pursue a career that would require the study of psychology so that he can help people with their mental health. Over the summer Alexander plans to spend some time in Michigan with his grandma.

Victoria Beacham is a rising 7th grader at Resurrection - St. Paul School in Elliott City, where her favorite class is science. When she isn't in school you can find her at the ice rink where she plays on the Howard Huskies co-ed and girls travel hockey teams or at the softball field playing for the girls' rec Elkridge team. Over the summer, Victoria plans to join her brother, Alexander, in spending some time in Michigan with their grandma, and to enjoy the time away from school.

Bryce Dungey is a 14-year-old 8th grader at Ridgely Middle School. He likes being active and hanging out with friends. His hobbies include biking, going to the trampoline park and reading. Bryce's favorite season is winter because he can ski! He has a dog named Waffles, he loves talking and his family, and his favorite colors are turquoise and black.

Maria Hemmeter will be an 8th grader at Catonsville Middle School next year. In her free time, she likes to draw, play video games, swim, hang out with friends and family, and listen to music. When she grows up, Maria might be a fashion designer, an artist, or even a singer. This summer she plans to hang out with her friends, go camping with her scout troop, go to the pool, and go to Opie's.

Greg Johnson is a rising 8th grader at Bonnie Branch Middle School in Ellicott City and loves playing baseball for the Elkridge Hurricanes. In his spare time, he likes to hang out with friends, play video games, and watch movies. At school, Greg enjoys playing the violin, and his favorite subject is math.

Ryan Kaye is a rising ninth grader at Marriotts Ridge High School in Ellicott City and hopes to join his high school golf and hockey teams. He enjoys playing video games with his brother and learning to play the electric guitar. Ryan has dreams of becoming a space scientist one day.

Aaliyah Prince will be a freshman at Concordia High School this August and is excited to be a part of Concordia theater club. She loves watching anime, crocheting and making art. In the past three years, every December, Aaliyah volunteered at Arlington Cemetery to hang wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers.

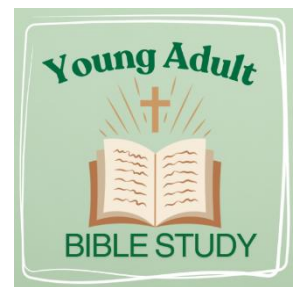
Please congratulate Alexander, Victoria, Bryce, Maria, Greg, Ryan and Aaliyah on their confirmation, and pray that they will continue their spiritual growth as they worship and serve among us.

In His service,

Bill Oldhouser,
Chairman, Board of Elders

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

For June and July, we will continue meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. In addition, we are also considering holding events such as hikes, movie nights, and other outings on the first and third Saturdays. Please contact Vicar Malmstrom if interested.



YOUTH GROUP

For the months of June and July, the youth group will meet twice. We are no longer doing our game nights/Bible studies; however, we will be going for a hike at Patapsco State Park on 6 June and there will be one, final event before 19 July which has yet to be determined. For the hike, we will meet in the church parking lot before heading to the trail at 9:00 a.m. Bring water and be sure to wear comfortable close-toed shoes or boots. Please contact Vicar Malmstrom if you plan to attend so he can send you more details.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF ST PAUL!

Please join us in celebrating all of the wonderful babies soon to join St. Paul and their families. Kaity Parsons, Katrina Ferry, Rachel (Kratat) Byer, and Vanessa Pacheco-Jones will all be blessed with little ones in the next few months. There will be a potluck shower at St. Paul, in the Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, June 13 at 1:30 pm. Email invitations were sent but we don't want to miss anyone. If you want more information, please call Kate Baeder. Hope to see you there!"

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING

The annual Voters meeting will be June 14th in the fellowship hall following worship.

SCHOOL NEWS

While school is out, we will continue offering tours showcasing our school and ECC, where we have limited spots available. Please contact the school office at (410) 747-1924 to arrange a tour today. Thank you for your continued support of your school, where we minister to families daily. What a blessing it is.

ESL CLASS FIELD TRIP

Our ESL class is finished for the season but we've still enjoyed a few "Walk and Talk" trips. This month we visited Burlington store on Route 40 and walked a portion of the #9 Trolley Trail. The Burlington trip gave us a chance to talk about merchandising terms that weren't in our books (like style, trends, liquidation, etc.) and the students could ask questions about the use of household items they saw. Some could even shop! The Trail walk introduced several of the students to a place they were not familiar with and we could talk about history of the area. Our last event is a pool party/picnic at the end of June. Class will begin again in September.

As always, we are thankful for the volunteers who make this ministry possible. It is such a varied group of people: from our church, other Lutheran churches and community members. Thanks to Joyce Waibel, Brian Erwin, Kirsten Hall, Martha Wagley, Mary Techau, and Toni Hiteshew. I'm grateful for all of you, Irene Giguere.



TROLLEY TRAIL WALK – JOIN US!

St. Paul Walking Group

You're invited to enjoy fellowship, fresh air, and God's beautiful creation at our upcoming Trolley Trail Walks! This all-ages outing is a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another while walking, talking, and taking in the natural beauty of the trail. Whether you come for exercise, conversation, or simply a peaceful stroll, we hope you'll join us.

The Trolley Trail itself has a rich history. What is now a scenic walking path was once part of the Ellicott City/Catonsville Trolley Line, which first arrived in Ellicott City in 1899 and carried passengers through the Patapsco Valley for more than 50 years. Today, the former rail line has been transformed into a community trail, allowing us to walk along the same route where trolleys once traveled. [\[crtt.org\]](http://crtt.org)

As we walk, we'll enjoy the wooded surroundings, gentle sounds of the nearby stream, and the beauty of a path that brings together past and present. It's a perfect reminder of how paths—both old and new—can bring people together.

All are welcome—bring a friend, wear comfortable shoes, and come ready for good company and a refreshing time outdoors!

Meet at lot A in Ellicott City to walk the Trolley Trail.

June 13 10-11 am

July 11 10-11 am

Please contact Roy or Heather Krakat for more information.

RAINFOREST VBS

"Tree-mendous adventure awaits at Rainforest Falls VBS where we will be exploring the nature of God. June 22nd-26th from 9am-12pm.

You can support by donating snack food or supplies. Items needed are listed in the narthex."



SERVING IN JUNE

	Cantor	Reader	Greeter	Usher 1	Usher 2
June 7 th		Suzanne Giguere	Joy Brooks	Cameron Jones	Jim Wedeking
June 14 th		Karen Eichelman	Bruce Staudinger	Bruce Staudinger	Chris Meyer
June 21 st	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger	Barbara Johnson	Paul Lubell	Brian Erwin
June 28 th	JB Jaeger	Kate Baeder	Betsy Mitchell	Don Easton	Ken Waibel

SERVING IN JULY

	Cantor	Reader	Greeter	Usher 1	Usher 2
July 5 th	Jim Baeder	Jay Barringer	Robbin Dungey	Jim Kyne	David Nguyen
July 12 th	Jim Baeder	Michelle Johnson	Dave Carnes	Kevin Dungey	Taylor Dungey
July 19 th	Caleb Ferry	Pastor Roemer	Pat Wesselman	Ben Haberl	Jim Baeder
July 26 th	Caleb Ferry	Ken Waibel	Ed Cohen	Jon Brooks	John Brooks

DAILY READINGS

June 7	First Sunday after Trinity	Gen. 15:1–6	Psalms 33:12–22	1 John 4:16–21	Luke 16:19–31
June 14	Second Sunday after Trinity	Prov. 9:1–10	Psalms 34:12–22	1 John 3:13–18 or Eph. 2:13–22	Luke 14:15–24
June 21	Third Sunday after Trinity	Micah 7:18–20	Psalms 103:1–13	1 Peter 5:6–11 or 1 Tim. 1:12–17	Luke 15:1–10 or Luke 15:11–32
June 28	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Gen. 50:15–21	Psalms 138	Rom. 8:18–23 or Rom. 12:14–21	Luke 6:36–42

July 5	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19:11–21	Psalms 16	1 Peter 3:8–15 or 1 Cor. 1:18–25	Luke 5:1–11
July 12	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Ex. 20:1–17	Psalms 19	Rom. 6:(1–2) 3–11	Matt. 5:(17–19) 20–26
July 19	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Gen. 2:7–17	Psalms 33:1–11	Rom. 6:19–23	Mark 8:1–9
July 26	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Jer. 23:16–29	Psalms 26	Rom. 8:12–17 or Acts 20:27–38	Matt. 7:15–23

Orphan Grain Train †



Cruise Night - June 26th

East Park Shopping Center – 7900 Crain Hwy., Glen Burnie

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. to benefit

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

GIVE HOPE ** CHANGE LIVES

An OGT truck will be on the premises to accept donations of clean, gently used clothing for men, women, and children. Please place all clothing in plastic bags.



Chinese
Auction



Monetary
donations
will also be
accepted!



Thank You for supporting our mission!

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