



Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 120 N. Easton Road Glenside, PA 19038

September 2024

Oktoberfest
St Paul's
Saturday
Sept. 28th
12-6 pm
stpaulsglenside.org

Come and Join us for an afternoon of fun at St. Paul's 15th Annual Oktoberfest!!

September 28, 12 to 6 p.m.

Tickets: [click here](#)

To volunteer, contact Vickie MacMillan at Vickie.macm@gmail.com or call 215-384-5622.

The event features great food, beer, silent auction with great deals, and, back by popular demand, the German Dancers and Cassidy Dance Studio dancers.

Kids activities will be FREE of charge and include a pony ride, face painting, obstacle course, and much more. (Donations welcome.)

All proceeds benefit Lutheran Disaster Response.

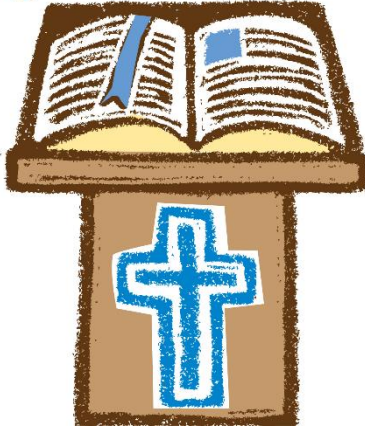
Tickets include one beverage of choice, a souvenir cup, and a platter of food. The platter is filled with either spaetzle or dumplings, red cabbage or sauerkraut, one sausage (Bier, Bavarian or Oktoberfest), bread or roll, sliced pork or sliced beef.

"Polka Mass" Worship Service with the Heidelberg Brass Band
In memory of Bill Erat
 September 22, 2024
 10:30 AM

Two services resume on September 8,
 at 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Rally day is Sunday, **September 8** at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Blessing of the Backpacks
September 8



While Jesus is known for being our healer and redeemer, I like the fact that he was often found with others in community when he was living with us on earth.

He saved the wedding party at Cana from being an embarrassment for the bride and groom by providing the best wine in large quantities. He invited himself to the house of a tax collector and had dinner with all the people gathered there. He gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room on the night before he was betrayed by one of his closest friends.

He made sure that a huge crowd that had come to see him and hear him preach would not have to go home and was fed not only with his divine presence but also with enough food so that there were plenty of leftovers. The message in this is that there is always more room at the table and as the invitation continues to grow closer to us when we start sharing in God's name, the more we listen to God and the more we take God's grace into our hearts.

As we begin a new program year in September those examples of Jesus which we follow can provide an inspiration for us as a congregation. There are so many different ways that we gather with other people, certainly for Sunday morning worship, but also in many different circles and groups throughout the week. The council gets together to plan and evaluate our ministry and challenge us to think about how we can best support what Jesus is calling us to do. Our staff works hard to facilitate meaningful ways of doing ministry together.

As a congregation we believe that we have much to offer to future pastors and hence we have a new intern, Vicar Daniel Marrone, for this year. The new vicar got his first taste of ministry during late August through our music camp, which presented the musical *Rescue in the Night ... The Story of Daniel in the Lions' Den*. What a beautiful way for this Daniel to start his ministry for children from St. Paul's and the community.

These musicals are always a great way to remind us of how God has been present for people before us and how we can learn from their experiences. While some of us might be skeptical about the biblical Daniel's chances of survival in the lion's den (kids, don't try this at home – as Matthew says, you shall not put God to the test!) it is clear that people of faith had plenty of

experiences that defy the typical patterns of life and can only be attributed to the work of a loving God sometimes providing rescue out of a seemingly impossible situation.

This is as true today as it was for the Daniel of old. We easily forget to give thanks to God for whatever good has happened in our lives. The stories of the Bible help us to remember, to pause and to share the fullness of that thankful heart in blessing others in word or action.

This can happen in so many ways, but in the month of September it happens at St. Paul's with the return of Sunday School students who will be making hygiene and flood cleanup kits for Lutheran Disaster Response. It also happens through our choirs, who will once again inspire us through their songs. Our annual Oktoberfest will once again bring the community together so that others who have been struck by disaster can be helped and be blessed with the same hope that is in us. (I pray that many of you can participate in the Oktoberfest as volunteers and attendees.)

During our summer staff retreat we talked about the possibility of renewing our small group ministries. I would encourage you to take the month of September to think about a small group you would like to lead or see at St. Paul's. The best small group is one that has a definite beginning and end. This will hopefully make it easier for people to commit to lead and participate.

You may recall that we started a Pickleball Explorers group over the summer. It was a lot of fun and our participants were blessed by our time together. A small group can be anything you are passionate about. It doesn't have to be happening at church.

If you have an idea, please don't hesitate to share it with me or Vicar Daniel. While we won't be leading those small groups, we would be happy to support you in getting it started. We are hoping to have a Small Group Launch Sunday sometime in October. Please watch for announcements.

Last but not least, I want to reflect on the big sporting event that occurred this summer in Paris. I don't think I watched any of the Summer Olympics in Tokyo four years ago, but somehow, I found myself watching a lot more of the games in France this year. Maybe it was the City of Light that did it, or maybe it was this image of the world coming together in peace.

Despite their different backgrounds, faiths, and convictions all those Olympic athletes, and the world watching them, joined together. The athletes gave their best and we cheered them on. While we were proud of

all the athletes from our country that came home with medals, I found that observing participation and following the Olympic spirit was just as important to me.

I loved the balloon that was raised in the sky with the Olympic flame. This could just as easily become a fitting image for us as Christians, illustrating how the flame of the Holy Spirit unites us and guides us to give our best for the community that God has put us in. It is not about winning, but about participation and giving our very best despite our many differences.

My hope for the coming year is that we can come together and shine so that our church and our community, as well as our world, can be blessed through us.

As we sang in the musical, lift up your heads and sing, sing, sing to the one true king.

May our voices be heard, and our actions be blessings.

With much love,
Pastor Henrik



From the Vicar



From the time seven years ago when I first began discerning a call to ministry, the Holy Spirit has led me through the doors of church sanctuaries, seminary classrooms, hospital rooms, and now through the doors of St. Paul's.

My journey with you all has only just begun, and I am only beginning to get to know all of you. But if the experience thus far is indicative of the experiences to come, then I have no doubt that this year of vicar internship will be one of abundant blessing, grace, and learning -- both for myself and, I hope, for those whom I serve.

When I reflect on the journey that brought me to St. Paul's, I see that despite all of the very different places and faces there is one constant which has followed me throughout: music.

From the *Minecraft* soundtrack which got me through the hundreds of pages of papers I wrote in seminary (and which still serves as the background music for every sermon I write to this day), to the Townes Van Zandt tunes I sang to myself during those challenging few months as a hospital chaplain, music has been not merely a source of entertainment, but a source of comfort, companionship, and connection to God.

As I'm sure you all know, St. Paul's is a profoundly musical congregation -- as this week's Summer Music Camp has shown! Indeed, this was one of the primary reasons I felt so drawn to this place.

When people think of music in church they may think only of hymns, but the entirety of our Sunday worship is full of music (such as the Kyrie and the Psalm). The important role of music in our worship isn't just a matter of personal taste but is actually a profound statement about the kind of God we are worshiping: a musical God!

Even Paul (from whom our church derives its name) writes that if we are to be "imitators of God," then we ought to be "... filled with the

Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord with in [our] hearts.” (Ephesians 5:18-19).

There is something about music which connects us to what is most sacred. (Maybe some aspiring theologian-musicians in the congregation can help explain this mystery to me.)

Sometimes people think that only certain types of music have the potential to be sacred, or to connect the listener to God in some mystical way: for some it's classical music, for others it's worship music. Both of these are rich musical genres.

But I think focusing exclusively on these genres misses something. All one has to do is glance at the Book of Psalms, that collection of ancient prayer songs, to see the full spectrum of music represented: there are happy songs (Psalm 96), incredibly sad songs (Psalm 88), and angry songs (Psalm 109).

The music which connects us to God comes in every form and is found in every genre. When you are deeply moved by a song, it is because the music sings the prayer that was hiding in your heart the whole time, the prayer that you couldn't put into words or, perhaps, didn't even know was there. So, when you hear that prayer sung or played aloud, with or without words, it's as if you are lifting it up to God yourself.

Even prior to my journey into ministry, music has followed me wherever I have gone. The memory of each chapter of my life is inextricably tied to the names of artists and albums that have filled those experiences with meaning.

When I think of my childhood, I think of the songs of tenor Andrea Bocelli that my mother would play through the house on Sunday mornings as she cooked my grandfather's recipe for pasta sauce, meatballs, and sausage in preparation for dinner (being Italian certainly has its perks).

When I think of my youth, I think of the many guitarists my older brother told me to listen to as he taught me the basics of blues guitar: Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker, B.B. King, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughn. When I think of my adolescence, I think of albums by Nirvana, Slipknot, Soundgarden, and Stone Temple Pilots that my older brother and I would play at full volume as he drove me to school. I could go on, but you get my point: I carry in my heart all of the music from the best (and worst) times in my life.

I pray that we never take the musical gifts of this congregation for granted. I pray that you all find the music which sings your hidden prayers. And, lastly, here at St. Paul's may our songs to the Lord be our prayer, always.

With blessings and prayers, Vicar Daniel





Music Ministry at St. Paul's for the 2024-25 Season

As we look forward to the fall of 2024, I am excited to welcome back the sounds of St. Paul's Music Ministry – The Chancel Choir, The Youth Singers, The Children's Choir, The Cherub Choir, and The Ringers of St. Paul's!

The Chancel Choir will resume its weekly practices on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the weekly anthems for the Sunday mornings services, there will be special music offerings of major sacred works in the late fall of 2024 and spring of 2025. This is a loving caring community that welcomes anyone who wishes to make a joyful noise!

The Children's and Cherub Choirs will resume their weekly gatherings on Thursday, September 12.

- The Simple Suppers will begin at 5:00 p.m.
 - This is for the singers AND their families.
 - To help offset the cost of the food being prepared we ask for a donation of \$5.00 per meal.
- The Cherub Choir [age 4 through 1st grade] will gather from 5:30 to 6:00.
- The Children's Choir [2nd grade through 6th grade] will practice from 6:00 to 6:45.

The Children's Choir offers special music for Sunday morning worship about once a month.

The St. Paul's Youth Singers will have their first practice on Sunday, October 6.

The St. Paul's Youth Singers [7th grade through 12th grade] will practice every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Ringers of St. Paul's will kick off their season on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Those involved in the Music Ministry of St. Paul's are dedicated to sharing the gift of music that so beautifully enhances our many worship experiences. Their time and talents are greatly appreciated by so many!

If you feel the calling to be a part of this ministry, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of one of our ensembles.

I am hopeful that I will see many of you very soon!

Rae Ann Anderson – Director of Music

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Thoughts on Stewardship

God's Gift of Grace inspires us to come together in this community, St Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenside, for worship, for giving thanks, for care for each other, for performing good works.

As I am making slow but steady progress in the quest to return to my usual activities after a lumbar back surgery, with unexpected complications, I have been the recipient of much of the love and caring of this congregation.

I am grateful for the altar flowers, the visits from Pastor Henrik and Vicar Ian, the phone calls, the cards and letters, the texts and emails, the gifts of food and offers of help over the course of my recovering. I am grateful to have been on the receiving end of so many acts of stewardship from my St. Paul's family, witnessing God's love to me.

Thanks be to God,

Cathy Keim



Guess What! There's a SECOND opportunity this year to write a Faith In Action grant. This campaign will take place during the month of September and all applications must be submitted no later than September 29. Please think about

what YOU would like to do to make a difference, and then head to our website to fill out the application: <https://stpaulsglenside.org/get-involved/faith-in-action-grant-description/>



Join our Sunday School on Rally Day on September 8 as they assemble kits for [Lutheran Disaster Response](#).

We invite you to [contribute](#) to this meaningful project by donating supplies for [hygiene](#) and [flood clean-up kits](#). Bring your donations to the church before September 8. **See printed list donation items needed available in the Great Room OR click each link for a kit list** *Bins for collection are located in the Great Room*

This initiative is a fantastic way to start the Sunday School year, involving both kids and adults in a hands-on project that supports disaster survivors.

For more details or to get involved, contact the church office. Let's begin the year with a spirit of service and compassion!



Thinking of you. In May of 2023, a new ministry of sending monthly "Thinking of you" greetig cards to members of St. Paul's unable to be at worship with us at this time was begun. This ministry began with

about 10 members receiving cards. It now serves 20 members.

If you have greeting cards you can donate to St. Paul's Card Ministry, please place them in the basket provided on the table outside the pastor's sacristy. (Christmas cards are **not needed** at this time.) Please know your signatures on these cards help those who receive them feel they are still connected to St. Paul's-and not forgotten-and are greatly appreciated. Look for cards to wign in the Great Room on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

If you know of someone in the congregation who would benefit from receiving a monthly card, please be in touch with Kathleen Breuer (215-887-1388) or breuer613@gmail.com). Your help with this ministry is greatly appreciated.

Confirmation Class 2024-25



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Confirmation class for 7th and 8th graders will resume on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Please contact Pastor Sonntag to enroll your student or if you have any questions. We look forward to another year of learning and growing together.

ALL THINGS OKTOBERFEST



Calling All Creative and Generous Congregants and Friends of St. Paul's

In anticipation of the Oktoberfest on September 28, we are once again asking all those with creative skills or gifts or items of interest, be they: artists, brewers, crocheters, gardeners, honey-producers, jewelry makers, knitters, paper-crafters, oil painters, pickle-makers, photographers, quilters, sewers, vintners, etc. to please consider using

these next few weeks/months to make or purchase something or seek out items of interest for our Silent Auction.

If you are not sure you will be able to create something new for the auction, perhaps you might be able to create a themed basket. We've had baskets with themes such as: wine-lovers, gardeners, children's activities, emergency-road kits, barbecue, etc.

Though The Silent Auction will still need some other types of donations, such as some collectibles and other valuable/auction-able items, we wished to alert all those creative-types to put this event on both your radar and your to-do list.

Any questions about the event, please call or email Cyndee Folk, 202-577-1007, folkcyn@me.com



Oktoberfest is on Saturday, September 28. Tickets are on sale now! [Buy your tickets early and save.](#)

Adult – \$29 (Pre Sale ends September 11)

Adult – \$32 (after September 11

and at the gate) [Tickets: click here](#)

Please make or buy your favorite dessert and donate to the Oktoberfest Dessert table on September 28.

We do have the strudel, but we have a lot of requests for brownies, cupcakes donuts, butter cake, cookies and more. --*Thank you, Susan Lech*

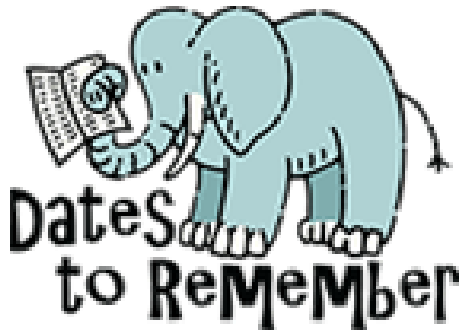


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling ALL Volunteers for Oktoberfest on September 28!

Oktoberfest is our biggest community event of the year and it's not possible without all hands on deck. If you are able to give even

just an hour or two of your time to help our during this fundraiser for Lutheran Disaster Response, please sign up in the Great Room or contact Vickie MacMillan at 215-384-5622.



Final Oktoberfest Planning Meeting is on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 PM in 200. All volunteers are welcome to attend.

On behalf of the members of St. Paul's we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Aurelio Ojeda for his hard work on the flower garden and landscaping around the church. Your efforts have truly transformed the church grounds and brought a new level of beauty to our community space. All the members of St. Paul's deeply appreciate your dedication and care in enhancing our church environment.



PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Ministry Team meets monthly to pray for people and situations. Prayer requests are kept confidential. Please be in touch with Marlen Livezey to make a request or to update the status of a person for whom you have requested prayers.



Please join us for this special occasion!

Installation

of

Reverend Ann M. Shade
Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church
25 E. Church Street
Sellersville, PA 18960

Dinner Reception to follow. For dinner planning purposes,
please RSVP via email to st.michael.luth@verizon.net by
Wednesday, September 18.

Rostered leaders are invited to process.
The color of the day is green.












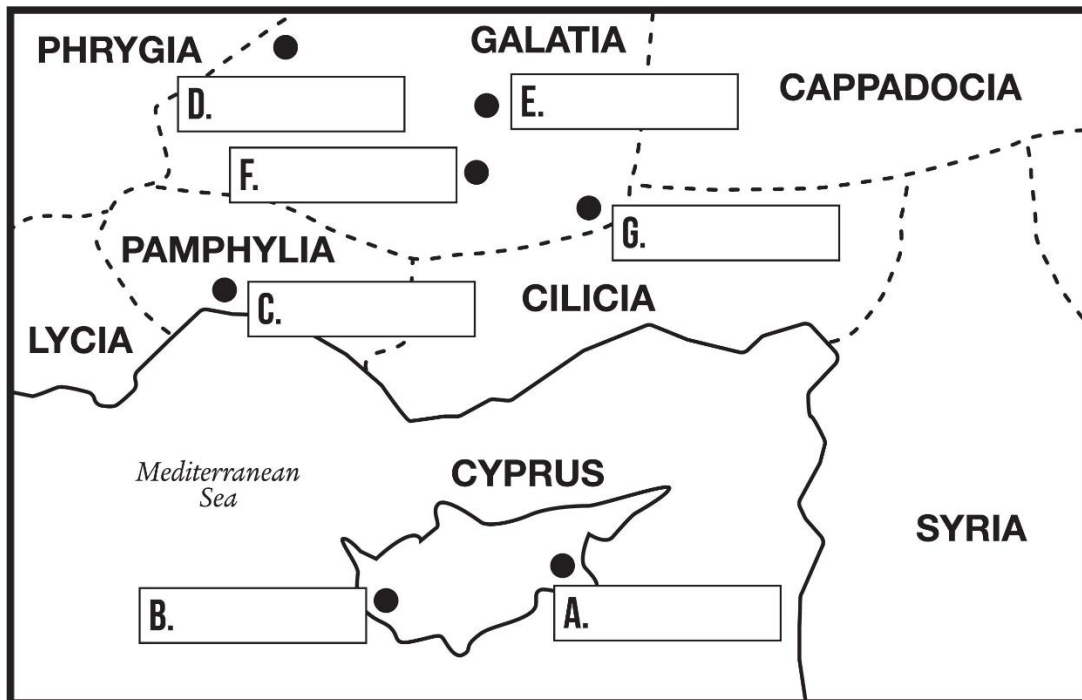
CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A.  (ACTS 13:5) | E.  (ACTS 13:51) |
| B.  (ACTS 13:6) | F.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| C.  (ACTS 13:13) | G.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| D.  (ACTS 13:14) | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

Music Camp

We want to thank everyone who came together to make this year's music camp possible! With 21 children in attendance, there were so many moments of joy it was impossible to capture them all! Here are a few peeks into the week, including their final performance of *Rescue in the Night-Daniel and the Lion's Den*



Peach Baked Oatmeal



Originally appeared: [EatingWell.com](https://www.eatingwell.com), June 2023

Ingredients

- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 ½ cups unsweetened plain almond milk
- ½ cup dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unrefined coconut oil, melted
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

¼ teaspoon salt

2 ½ cups old-fashioned rolled oats

2 cups sliced peaches

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly coat a 7-by-11-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Whisk eggs, almond milk, brown sugar, coconut oil, orange zest, orange juice, vanilla, cinnamon, baking powder, nutmeg, and salt together in a large bowl until smooth. Fold in oats and peaches.

Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish.

Bake until golden brown and set, about 40 minutes. Let cool for at least 10 minutes or up to 2 hours. Serve warm or at room temperature.

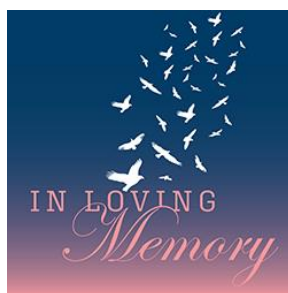
Good News from the Pews

September	Names	Anniversary	Couples' Names
1-Sep	Violet Mills	1-Sep	Dacy Boyd & Maurice Wright
7-Sep	Betsy Ahlum	4-Sep	Alex Sickert
9-Sep	Emma Erat	7-Sep	Allan & Kathy Donaldson
9-Sep	Linda Landes	7-Sep	Ted & Ruth Fricker
11-Sep	Paul Ziegler	14-Sep	Debbie & Steve Reiff
12-Sep	Ray O'Brien	16-Sep	Sarah & Thomas Angilletta
12-Sep	Mike Powers	18-Sep	Karen & Ray O'Brien
13-Sep	Ariella Notarianni	19-Sep	Grace & Ryan Cotter
13-Sep	Andrew Riemenschneider	20-Sep	Nancy & Mike Powers
16-Sep	Jared Campbell		
16-Sep	Pat Lackman		
17-Sep	Michael Harrington		
17-Sep	Matt Mitchell		
20-Sep	Brian Gill		
21-Sep	Eileen Loftus		
24-Sep	Sarah Angilletta		
24-Sep	Fred Livezey		
26-Sep	George Petrie		
28-Sep	Dominic DiSandro		
29-Sep	Nora Loftus		
30-Sep	Eileen Rall		

SEPTEMBER



Did we miss your special day? Please let us know your birthday or anniversary so that it can be included in future editions of the Messenger. Do you have a special celebration, joyous good news, engagement, marriage, birth, significant accomplishment to share? We want to celebrate with you in our “Good News from the Pews” section. Please share with us your “good news!”



In loving memory of Diana Barnhart

In loving memory of Herbert Craft

September Scheduler

Date	Time	Acolyte	Assisting Minister		Greeter/Usher		Flower delivery
1	9:30 AM	Austin Reiff					
			Cyndee Folk				
8	8:00 AM	Alma Ojeda			Kathy K-W		
	10:30	Wesley Ritter	AnnaLisa	Glenn Rall			
15	8:00 AM	Jason LoMaistro					
	10:30	Claire Picado	Chris Berglund				
22	8:00 AM						
	10:30	Lewis Ritter	Betsy Berglund	Jane Kinsey			
29	8:00 AM	Tommy Erat					
	10:30	Austin Reiff	Betsy Berglund	Jane Kinsey			

THANKS FROM THE HEART

Hi! Pr. Sonntag and members of St. Paul,



What a surprise it was for me to see that flower basket sitting on our porch this morning. I can't keep count of my retirements because serving the Lord always energizes me. But this time I am recognizing my age against my desire. Thank you for helping me accept my retirement with those beautiful flowers. I will cherish them. You will see us in the church soon.

Esther Rajashekar

Dear Friends,

Just a note of appreciation for the altar flowers from August 4. Their bright red and gold colors bring smiles every day.

*Many thanks,
Jeanne Lewis*



Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for the lovely altar flowers on June 30th! Your thoughtfulness touched my heart!

*Many Blessings,
Gretchen Frederick*



Join us September 8 at 9:15 for Rally Day! Come have fun and snacks with us and our Sunday School teachers!

Messenger Deadline
Reminder If you would like to submit an article to our monthly newsletter, please send it to cgarcia@stpaulsglenside.org no later than the third Monday of every month. Articles for the October Messenger are due by September 15.

Altar flowers are available for all Sundays in October. One set is \$22.50; two sets are \$45. Contact the office to set up a sponsorship and share your dedication message.

Don't forget to bring your backpacks to the 8:00 or 10:30 service on September 8 for Blessing of the Backpacks

Oktoberfest set-up 4:30 PM

Church parking lot

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Cherub and children's Choir and kids club/simple supper resume Sept. 12

Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Brass Band
In memory of Bill Erat
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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Betsy Ahlum
Rodney Bamhart
Martha Baum
Betty Bortmann
Robert Breuer
Claudette Brown
Conrad Bush
Jean Cristaldi
Jerome & David
Angela Giordano
Peter di Filippi
Kathy DiSandro
Flossie F. & Gloria F.
Mario F.
Tom Finney
Leona Finney
Rina Fresnak
Chad Friedman
Glasgow/McDemott family
Jenna Gresko
Earl H.
Nancy Hadley
Jill Hamilton
Charmaine Hoff
Bernard & Barbara Hoffman
Maria Honczar
Sonja Ingebristen
John
Cathy Keim



Private First Class Carson Campbell
Grace Stumpf

Thubi Kolmobe
Tom Lackman
Linda Landes
Boaz Lazarus-Klein
Zach Lean
Jeanne Lewis
Anita Lukach
Joe Lukach
Sue and John McLaughlin
Gwendolyn Neveil
Ariella Notarianni
Nancy O'Conner
Michell Ovack
Dr. Michael Pladus
Deborah Pancoe
Robertson/Fragale family
Robert Rumnock
Toby Sauer
Mary Ann Saurman
Barbara Sheppard
Mary Sims
Annabelle Sitler
Richard Sitler
Stephanie Smith
Lucille Stimmel
Jane Storm
Rachel Stube
Pastor Karl Stumpf
Jerry Sutliff
David Van Pelt
Harry Van Pelt
Don Wolf
Jenn Wetzell
Richard Woodring
Marie Woodring

The Family and loved ones
of Young Bai
The Family and loved ones
of Herbert Craft
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