

The Messenger

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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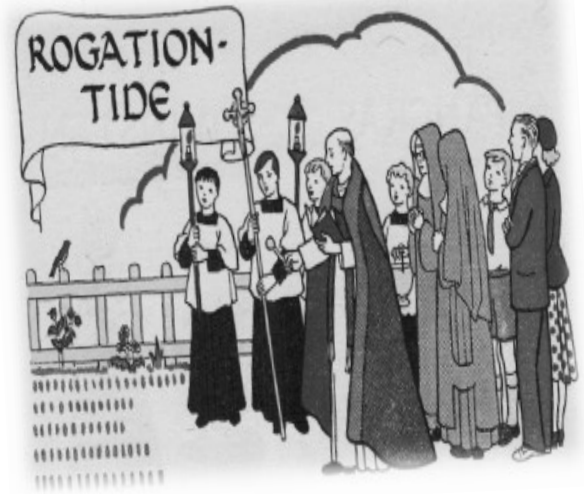


Historically, the Rogation Days are devoted to prayer and fasting, with common use of the Litany of the Saints in the Roman tradition, or the Great Litany amongst Lutherans and Anglicans. The word *rogation* comes from the Latin *rogare*, or “to ask,” and *rogatio*, the Latin legal term for asking or posing a question.

Rogation days are divided into two classes: the major and minor. The Major Rogation is a Christianisation of a former pagan observance called the Robigalia, which included the sacrifice of a dog to appease the god Robigus, a sort of patron god of agricultural disease, particularly wheat rust. This day falls on April 25th.

The Minor Rogation was introduced by Mamertus, Bishop of Vienne in France around the year 470. These are the three days preceding the Ascension of our Lord, 40 days after Easter Day. By the early 500s, the observance of these special days had spread throughout France.

During these days, farmers would often have their crops blessed by the local parish priest.



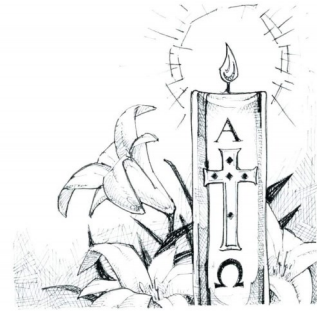
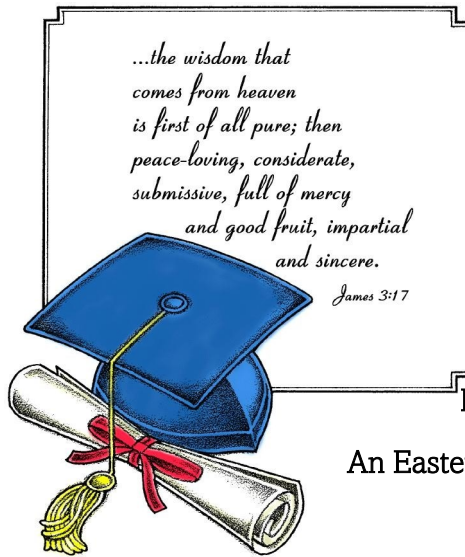
Things common to the observance of the Rogation Days included “beating the bounds,” a practice in which the parish priest, accompanied by the choirboys, processional cross, and incense, would process around the geographical boundary of the parish and pray for its safety in the duration of the year.

In our own day, the Minor Rogation Days – again, a Major Rogation day remains on April 25th – are an occasion to ask God’s special blessing upon the seedtime and agricultural endeavors of our people. It is a time to ask God to form our hearts in gratitude for the blessings of the land, that we may be so led to share its bounty with those in need and conserve its resources for generations to come. On these days we give special thanks to God for those who work the land so that we all may have our daily bread. Thus, in this liturgy, there is a blessing of hands for those who plant and tend the crops of the field and the fruits of the earth.

If you are interested in having your farm or garden blessed during Rogation (May 6 through May 8), please contact Pastor Moyers or the church office.



On Sunday, May 26, we will be recognizing members of our congregation who are 2024 graduates. Our 9:30 am service will be a joint service with Grace. On the next page we have a spotlight on our graduates and their future plans. Let's be sure to congratulate each of them as they embark on their next big adventure!



PaschalSong on May 5 at 4 pm

An Eastertide Celebration in Scripture, hymnody and music.

Rev. Jonathon Moyers and Dave Nicholson will lead us through themes of Resurrection and Ascension as we hear the stories of the resurrection of Jesus, his appearance on the road to Emmaus, his strengthening of Thomas' faith, the giving of the Great Commission, and his Ascension into heaven.

A reception will follow.



A Message from Deacon Mike

Dear Friends

I have some news to share with you. I have shared this news with both church councils, the Shared Ministry Council and each of the services this past Sunday. If the news has not yet reached you, I ask that you read on.

On two separate occasions I have been challenged to consider advancing from a Minister of Word & Service (Deacon) to a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor). The latest of which was directly from Bishop Gohl. I certainly am honored to be thought of as pastor material. The transition comes with the requirement of additional education. Actually, a fair share of study.

Weighing the need to return to theological study against the obligations that I currently have with family, work and my role with Shore Lutheran – Chesapeake Country Area Ministry, it is just too daunting. I've always welcomed a full plate, but even I can see that with all of these commitments, I would quickly "crash and burn".

I had a nice long talk with Bishop Gohl. We agreed that in order for me to reach this goal, I must relinquish my duties at St. Paul's and Grace and begin classwork as early as September 2024.

I have also met with Pastor Moyers to ask for his blessing. He too has pledged his support and encourages me to follow the call of God wherever it takes me. Details of my departure will be forthcoming. Pastor Moyers suggested my last official duty should be at a joint service and he has invited me to preach. I like the sounds of this very much!

I have learned so much by serving St. Paul's and Grace in the many callings over the last 5 years. These experiences will each be considered as my coursework is determined by the synod. I thank you for your participation in these experiences. I ask for your prayers and your support as I take the next step of this remarkable journey of God's work and spreading the Gospels.

Christ's Peace,

Deacon Mike



Olivia Brown will be graduating from Chesapeake College in May 2024 with her Associate Degree in Nursing. She will begin her career as a Registered Nurse at the University of Maryland-Baltimore Washington Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit.

This year, Gavin Corley will be graduating from Saints Peter and Paul High School. Over the years, fishing and boating with his Dad has fueled his interest in being on the water. Upon graduation, Gavin plans to work towards getting into the maritime industry as either a marine engineer or a merchant mariner.



Addison Rice will be graduating from Easton High School and will attend Chesapeake College in the fall.

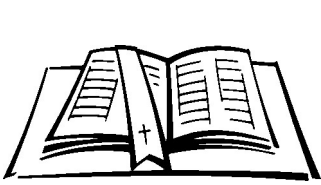

Madalyn Sauca will be graduating from the University of Kentucky on May 3 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising. She was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and has absolutely loved her time at UK. Her future plans are to pursue work in fashion and marketing.



Morgan Sauca will graduate from Easton High School on May 30 and start college in the Fall at LSU. She is majoring in Criminology.



Chesapeake Country Area Ministry will be joining together for a shared celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a picnic following on Sunday, June 2 at 11 am at the Cherry Pavilion at Tuckahoe State Park. Please note that this is not the pavilion we have used in years past.

SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS



May 5 Bobbie Leaverton

May 12 Debbie Dudrow

May 19 Betty Jean Mumford

May 26 Robert Saathoff



Tellers

May 5 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

May 12 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens

May 19 Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth

May 26 Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore

Saturday, May 11

Youth Bowling Day



Easton Bowl, 101 Marlboro Avenue, Easton, MD

12:30-2:30 pm

Open to youth of all ages!

Food and Drink Provided



Communion Assistants

May 5 Betty Jean Mumford

May 12 Robert Saathoff

May 19 Bobbie Leaverton

May 26 Fred Meers



Betty Jean Mumford and
Samantha Lewis



Altar Flowers

May 5 Henry and Rosemarie Fuchs

May 12

May 19

May 26



Acolytes & Crucifers

May 5

May 12

May 19

May 26

Acolyte

Joshua Lewis

Couper Barletta

Corey Fisher

Declan Corley

Crucifer

Gavin Corley

Morgan Sauca

Ushers & Greeters



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May 12 Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens

May 19 Keith Davis and Donnie Davis

May 26 Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore

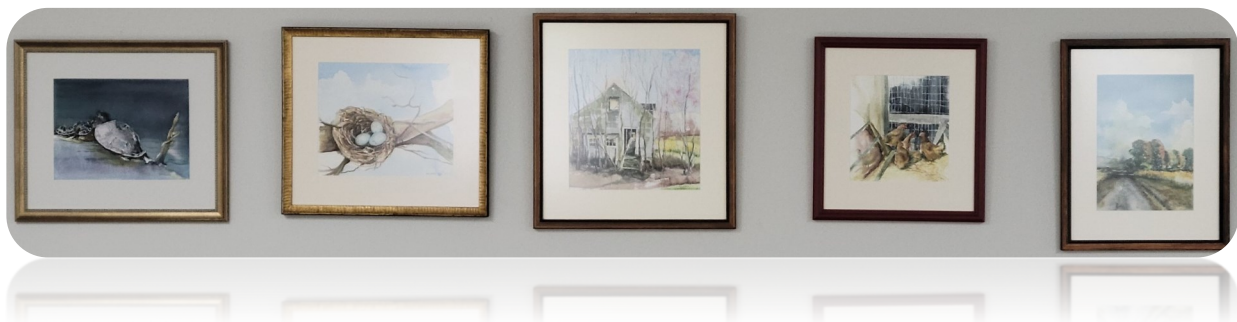


Camp Firelight—A Summer Camp Adventure with God will be held Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 from 5:30 to 8 pm with a Closing Campfire and Family Night on Friday, June 28. On Sunday, June 30 we will have a Children's Worship Service at 8:45 am.

CHURCH  COUNCIL

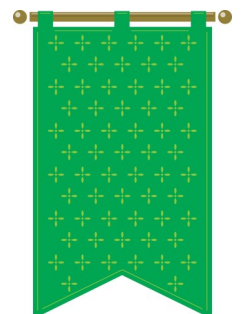
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A heartfelt thank you to Carol Meers for displaying her artwork in our Fellowship Hall. She regularly changes the display according to the seasons of the year.



Our last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 5. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful Sunday School year!

GREEN — Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.





MAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Talbot Interfaith Shelter	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Last Day of Sunday School Paschalsong at Grace Lutheran at 4 pm	6 Rogation Day	7 Rogation Day	8 Rogation Day	9 Ascension Day	10	11 Youth Bowling Day 12:30-2:30 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Pentecost						
26 Joint Service at St. Paul's 9:30 am Graduate Recognition	27	28	29	30	31	
Trinity Sunday	Memorial Day					

2024



Sunrise Service
March 31, 2024

- 5/2 ROSEMARIE FUCHS
- 5/4 LYN HOLLINGSWORTH
- 5/5 GORDON BEHRENS
- 5/7 TAYLOR STEVENS
- 5/7 ANNA COMER
- 5/8 MADDY SAUCA
- 5/10 HAYDEN HOLLINGSWORTH
- 5/10 EASTON BRENNER
- 5/14 BENNETT SUMP
- 5/20 BRUCE LEAVERTON
- 5/25 BEAU HEINSOHN
- 5/26 KATELIN CEP
- 5/28 DANIELLE CANNON
- 5/29 DONNA SAATHOFF
- 5/29 BENNETT WALLS



God has been generous to us in many ways. We believe that sharing these gifts in His name is a tangible way of expressing one's faith. As active Christians, we are called to give generously to assist our neighbors through our time, talents and treasures. If you are not able to attend services in-person, but still want to send offerings to the church; this can be done by mailing offerings to the church or by using Tithe.ly.

The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>



June 2 at 11 AM
Tuckahoe State Park
Cherry Lane Pavilion
Joint Service with Grace
Picnic to Follow



St. Paul's Email Prayer ministry ...

If you would like to add your name or a friend's name to the email prayer list or to receive prayers from our prayer ministry group, please email **Betty Jean Mumford** at bettyjmumford@hotmail.com

Please make sure you have the permission of the person you are adding, some people do not want to add their name to a public list.



On Saturday, June 1, we are responsible for providing dinner. The sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the offices. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry.

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WORSHIP  WITH US!

Worship Service Begins at 8:45 am

Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information:

Address, phone number, marriage or divorce, or new births so that we can keep our records up-to-date.

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