



The Messenger

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 19, 2025

We are so excited to announce Shore Lutherans Night at Family Affair Farm! We invite friends and members of St. Paul's and Grace Lutheran Churches, and especially our young ones, for a fun evening of food, campfire, fellowship and fun!

6pm - Dinner (Hot dogs and fixings, with vegetarian option)

6:30pm - Corn Maze (or hang out by the fire if you wish)

7:30pm - S'mores and campfire

In order to have enough food, we need to get the best headcount we can, so please RSVP to Nicole Barth.

This is a fun night, FREE for all! Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy our church family and a great Fall evening!



Toys for Tots was founded by Major Bill Hendricks in 1947. The mission of the program is "to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas." The stated goal is to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, and patriotic citizens." Since the initial conception of their mission statement, Toys for Tots has expanded their efforts year-round to promote literacy amongst underprivileged children with their Literacy Program.

www.toysfortots.org

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys this month for the Toys for Tots program. We are looking specifically for gifts for teenagers, girls 7-12 years old, puzzles, boardgames, and craft items. Please no food or clothing items. Our collection box will be in the narthex.



Holy Interruptions

Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking

healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, "*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*" May we have the courage to let Him.



DORCHETSER RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

"Working For All Retired School Personnel"

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RUTH CLENDANIEL, Co-President
MICHELLE MITCHELL, Co-President

September 18, 2025

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Dear St. Paul's Evangelical Church,

It is with great pleasure that the Dorchester Retired School Personnel Association (DRSPA) acknowledges your generosity in helping us supply Dorchester County's students with clear backpacks as required by the Dorchester County Board of Education. Last year, our Board of Education supplied them for students. With it being one of the budget cuts this year, students were required to purchase on their own, which caused a hardship for the parents in many cases.

As an organization with very little revenue, we purchased as many as we were able, which did not supply enough for all students. As in every county, we are sure you are aware of the long list of additional required items sent home to parents. Your generous donation of \$1,205.00 has definitely lessened the burden on parents in making sure their children have what is required.

Again, we thank you so very much for assisting us this school year. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Sincerely,



Shirley Marshall



To all who helped with Andi's baptism-
Thank you so very much! We are so appreciative of everything you did for us. We know it takes a lot of time and effort. The gathering after was so nice- excellent food, beautiful cake, and the tables were perfect. Also, thank you for the children's Bible for Andi-we will make sure she gets to enjoy it!

-Lauren and Ryan Saathoff



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We have a full day planned on Sunday, October 26th, as the members and friends of St. Paul's and Grace Lutheran Churches celebrate Reformation Sunday together!

9:30am Sunday School Lesson at St. Paul's in Cordova
 10:00am Kids' Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's in Cordova
 10:45am Pre-Service Music Begins at Grace in Easton
 11:00am Festival Eucharist (Holy Communion) at Grace in Easton

Following worship at Grace Church in Easton will be a meal. We are hosting an "International Buffet," where we invite everyone to bring a dish to share - any dish with an international flair! Celebrate Reformation with sausage and sauerkraut, guacamole and tostadas, and anything else you can come up with!


The International Buffet is free for all, but we will have the opportunity for freewill donation. This will be a fundraiser for the mission outreach team to purchase children's coats for approaching cold weather.

**"Truth is mightier than eloquence;
 the spirit stronger than genius; faith
 greater than learning."
 —Martin Luther**

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.



Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15).

Capital Committee

Previously your church council commissioned a study on the building condition and needs for the next 5 years. Please remember the church was initially constructed in 1908 and major renovation over 17 years ago in 2008. The study was conducted by 4 parishioners who had extensive knowledge and experience in construction trades. A very comprehensive report was generated in May of this year by Mike Hiner and a capital committee was formed and charged with implementation of the report. A copy of the report is on the bulletin board for information and review.

There are 3 items that are beyond the scope of annual budgeting and must be treated as capital projects. They consist of crawlspace encapsulation, replacement of Plexiglas with aluminum framed glass for stained glass windows protection, and replacement of 1 HVAC unit with associated air handler and duct. Cost estimates for all projects by outside contractors total over \$100,000 dollars.

We are blessed with some recent contributions earmarked for the capital account which at this time totals \$25,000 dollars. In order to anticipate the timing of the projects the capital committee is asking for a designation of intent by parishioners who would be able to support this activity. This would take the form of a simple note to the tellers of intent to contribute funds designated exclusively for the capital account for remainder of 2025, FY 2026, and FY 2027.



We would like to move forward with crawlspace encapsulation in 2025. This was noted in the study as a priority. It should be noted that we expect to fund these capital projects over time without outside borrowing. St. Paul's Cordova has a very sound balance sheet and from previous experience have demonstrated the ability to fund capital needs.



Your Capital Committee,
Fred Meers, Carl Sauca, Ralph Smith, Tom Roesel, Alfred
Saathoff

Sample:

I intend to donate the following amount to be used exclusively for the capital fund drive.

_____ Fiscal Year 2025

_____ Fiscal Year 2026

_____ Fiscal Year 2027

_____ One Time Donation

Amount committed: \$9,000 as of 9/2025



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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 cannot attend services in-person, but still want to send offerings to the church; this can be done by mailing offerings to the church (PO Box 368, Cordova, MD 21625) or by using Tithe.ly.

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



October 5	Stevi Saathoff
October 12	Stevi Saathoff
October 19	Declan Corley
October 26	Grace



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Tellers



Communion Assistants

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October 12	Tom Roesel
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Acolytes

Ella Barletta

Crucifers

Couper Barletta

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Marian Davis
Betty Jean Mumford
Beth Shortall (10/19)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5 pm Vespers at Grace	2	3	4 Oktoberfest Tailbot Ag Center 4 pm to 7 pm
5 8:45 Eucharist at St. Paul's 10:45 Eucharist at Grace 2 pm Blessing of Pets in Community Garden	6	7 8:30 Matins 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's Cordova Auxiliary Dinner at St. Paul's	8 5 pm Vespers at Grace	9	10	11
12 8:45 Eucharist at St. Paul's 10:45 Eucharist at Grace	13 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day Canadian Thanksgiving	14 8:30 Matins 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's	15 5 pm Vespers at Grace	16	17	18
Pastor/ Clergy Appreciation Sunday	19 8:45 Eucharist at St. Paul's 10:45 Eucharist at Grace 6 pm Shore Lutherans Night at Family Affair Farm	21 8:30 Matins 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's	22 5 pm Vespers at Grace	23	24	25
26 9:30-10:00 Sunday School at St. Paul's 10:00-10:30 Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's 11 am Joint Reformation Service at Grace	27	28 8:30 Matins 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's	29 5 pm Vespers at Grace	30	31 Reformation Day	

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Return Service Requested

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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