

## *News and Upcoming Events At St. Paul's*

*“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you...”*  
(Romans 1:8a)

I am writing to update you on the progress of Schafer Hall, say thank you to those who have given to the project and tell you about another opportunity to give.

This week the roof was replaced, and we are receiving bids for the water/mold remediation. What we have found is that the remediation is going to be much costlier than replacing the exterior layers of roofing. Our first bid for the remediation is \$30k and we are waiting for other bids to come in. On top of that work, we still have the cost of remodeling and re-furnishing the room.

If you have noticed our thermometer in the Portico, you will see that it is *“getting hot in here.”* *Of the \$50k we were hoping to raise, thus far with very generous gifts we have reached \$38k.* I say a BIG THANK YOU to all those who have given online or by check and to all those who returned alms jars on Easter. If you haven't returned your alms jar, please do. We have come a long way yet are still short of the mark.

I was asked after church recently what was our giving goal and how can we get there. I told the member that we were about \$12k short. They then said they would match additional gifts up to \$5,000 to get us to our goal!

So, people of God, members of St. Paul's I am calling on your generosity once again. If you haven't given to the Schafer Hall roof, remediation and remodeling project please consider giving. No gift is too small. Each gift will help us move closer to our goal and make Schafer Hall a place we can enjoy for years to come.

Again, thank you to all those who have given so generously. We are almost there!!!

Blessings,  
Pastor Andrea

## **Undesign the Redline!**

**April 11 - July 11, 2024 @ Cleveland Park Library**

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 25, 6:30pm-7:30pm, when a group of Jackson-Reed students—led by Assistant Principal and CCC faculty advisor Marc Minsker, accompanied by Franice Sewell, program analyst with the Civil War Defenses section of the National Park Service—will explore how the students' engagement of our local history is becoming a catalyst for action. Contact [undesigndc@gmail.com](mailto:undesigndc@gmail.com) to learn more about these and other events associated with Undesign the Redline. *Stay tuned for more information about a St. Paul's private group tour soon!*

## **Join St. Paul's as we Walk to End Homelessness!!!**

This year's walk will be held on **Saturday, April 27th** at the Reflecting Pool at the Steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

- 9:30 am Registration and Activities
- 10:30 am Program
- 11:00 am Walk Starts

To join the St. Paul's team as a walker or donor, please visit <https://give.friendshipplace.org/team/561040> or scan the QR code.



## **College Scholarship Applications due by May 10th!**

As you know, St. Paul's has a college scholarship fund and we are now accepting applications! So, if you have a daughter or son planning to enter college this fall, and are in need of financial assistance, we would like to hear from them by **May 10th**.

Please have them contact Pastor Walker in writing (by email or letter) stating the following:

1. Tell us about yourself, and what you hope to study in college.
2. What motivates you, and what change would you like to see in the world?

Your family's financial data is not necessary. Priority will be given to students beginning their first year but we may consider those entering other years of their education.

Please contact Pastor Andrea at [awalker@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:awalker@stpaulslutherandc.com) if you have any questions.

## **Matching Gift Opportunity Available Now Through APRIL.**

The **ELCA National Youth Gathering (NYG)** is this July in New Orleans, Louisiana, and will be attended by nine of our Divine Covenant Youth Group (DCYG) members, and five adult chaperones. Attending the Gathering requires dedication and fundraising from our youth and **now we have an opportunity to match any dollar that we raise for the Gathering up to \$2,000!** If you would like to contribute, please make sure that you mark your donation as “NYG” or “Youth Gathering”.

## **Funeral Planning Guide available**

One of the most difficult experiences that anyone must address during the course of their lifetime is their own death or the death of a loved one. Oftentimes the task is made even more difficult because decisions about the service are left unaddressed, leaving families to plan a funeral or memorial service without knowing just what the decedent would have wanted.

*St. Paul's has a new Funeral Planning Guide that starts this important conversation.* This guide encourages everyone—even those in the prime of their lives—to think about and record what their wishes for a funeral service would be. Once completed, one copy of the Funeral Planning Guide should stay with the person's important papers, and a second copy should be filed at the church.

If you would like a copy of the Funeral Planning Guide, please contact Joy Belew in the Church office (202-966-5489) or email Pastor Andrea ([awalker@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:awalker@stpaulslutherandc.com)) or Lisa Wackler ([lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com)).

## **Sunday School Breakfast continues...**

Every Sunday **through April**, St. Paul's youth can get breakfast prior to the start of Sunday School. Breakfast will be served from 9:00-9:20 am. (Please try to arrive early enough so kids can eat and make it to the start of Sunday School on time.) There is no cost, but free will donations are appreciated. Confirmation and high school students are welcome to join as well. It's a great way to finish out the Sunday School year!

## **Back by popular demand, it's GAME DAY at St. Paul's!**

Join your fellow congregants **after church on April 28** in the lower auditorium for a few hours of board games and card games. Lunch will be provided (good will donations are appreciated.) If you plan on coming, contact Jason Stonerook (stonja01@alumni.luther.edu) so we can get an estimate for how many people will be in attendance.

## **St. Paul's Vacation Bible School**

### ***SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God***

**June 24<sup>th</sup>— June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 12 noon.**

- ◆ **Registration is now open** for children aged three (and potty-trained) through completed 5th Grade.
- ◆ Older kids (completed 6th Grade and up) and adults are welcome to help with the programming! More information on that to come...
- ◆ Cost of the program is \$90 per child (\$170 for two children; \$225 for 3 or more children).
- ◆ Contact the office at 202.966.5489 for link to registration form.

## **St. Paul's Book Club to meet May 19th @ 5 PM**

The St. Paul's book club is now reading *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. This is a novel inspired by a true story of one Jewish family's experiences during WWII. The members of the family are scattered across Europe and fight to find each other again. Join us at 5:00 downstairs on Sunday May 19th to discuss this book. All are welcome. You may call/text Nancy Shearer (240)447-6807 or Jane Newman (570)550-1486 with any questions.

## **Bible Study: Every Thursday at noon—Room 207— All Welcome!!**

## **For more information about St. Paul's...**

Please visit our website ([www.stpaulslutherandc.com](http://www.stpaulslutherandc.com)), If you are interested in receiving our Wednesday E-Newsletter, please contact the office at 202.966.5489 or email Joy Belew at [joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com)