

News and Upcoming Events At St. Paul's

Undesign the Redline!

April 11 - July 11, 2024 @ Cleveland Park Library

St. Paul's is one of several interfaith houses of worship in Ward 3 sponsoring a new exhibit that explores race-based exclusion in upper northwest DC, historically known as redlining. The exhibit helps us understand why inequities in housing and wealth persist and encourages us to ask how we can “undesign” these wrongs.

- **May 7 | *The (NOT) Forgotten River Road Black Community***
6:30-7:30pm Activists share stories of displacement, erasure of memories, and dishonoring of the dead, while working for acknowledgement and repair.

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 if you have any questions.

Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, May 19th!!

Pentecost is always an exciting time at St. Paul's and 2024 will be no exception. **On Sunday, May 19th our Confirmation students will affirm their Baptism during the worship service.** For these young people, the Affirmation of Baptism is their time to be recognized as they take their step into the community of faith and renew their participation in the life of the church.

Our Confirmands have worked diligently over the last two years studying the Bible and the Small Catechism to prepare for this very special day. They have discussed and debated their roles as Christians in the world and considered the meaning of God's grace and their own faith.

We strongly encourage the people of St. Paul's to lift up these young people in their prayers. We want the whole church to recognize and support our Confirmands as they make or complete this journey. ***Please check the Portico for our "Prayer Flames for Pentecost."*** Write a short note to one of our Confirmation students (7th or 8th grade) or the whole Confirmation class, just to remind them that they are in our prayers today and every day! We will post these flames around the Portico by Confirmation Sunday, May 19th.

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

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.

Metro D.C. Synod Pride Parade and Booth

The Metro D.C. Synod RIC Team is participating in the **D.C. Pride Parade Saturday, June 8th**, and hosting a booth at this year's **D.C. Pride Festival Sunday, June 9th**. We invite people of all ages and intersections of life to be part of the booth to show the diversity of the welcoming presence of ELCA congregations.

Your help is also needed

- Help with decorating the float.
- Attend the booth. All items for the booth will be provided, but we need your welcoming presence to greet people at the booth, spread of message of God's Radical Love for ALL!, give out items, and engage participants in activities.

The RIC Team will be providing **training** for the booth for all ages in advance on how to engage, what language to use, what to wear, etc... on Sunday, **May 19th at 4pm through Zoom**.

To sign-up to help or for more information, visit metrodcelca.org/events

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) or Lisa Wackler (lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com).

Prime Time @ St. Paul's

All those 50+ are welcome to join in on the fun from 11 am - 2 pm each Wednesday in the lower auditorium.

May 8th

11 am - Exercise

Noon - Lunch

1 pm - Christiana Drapkin's Jazz Duo

For more information please contact the office.

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School

SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God

June 24th— June 28th 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 Food Pantry—Update on Current needs:

- **Food- NEW! Individual snacks (ex: granola bars) and condiments (ex: mustard, ketchup, spices, anything!)**
- **Toiletries- Toothpaste, Shampoo, BAR soap, Deodorant.** (We cannot get these at the Food Bank, so donations are essential.)
- We continue to accept donations for paper bags with handles, and white plastic bags.

Any questions, please contact Kate Belinski (kate.belinski@gmail.com) or Jane Cramer (jlcramer52@gmail.com)

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

Please visit our website (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