

South Mountain Shared Ministry Newsletter

BETHANY LUTHERAN AND ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN



CHARLIE'S CORNER: JOYFUL NOISES OF CREATION

As I am thinking about my vacation coming up in the middle of August, I keep thinking about all of the sounds of joy at the beach.

I think about rhythm of the waves, the laughter of people close to me, the call of the seagulls hoping that someone will drop a french fry, the excited shouts of children playing in the water, and the occasional snoring (usually my own) from those who take their chances napping under the sun.

These are the joyful noise of creation. It is the noise of rest and excitement. It is the noise of praise for God's presence all around. In Psalm 98, we hear about all of creation making a joyful noise in thanks to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SMSM Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser for Mar-Lu-Ridge
August 9th 5-7pm at St. Paul's
Lutheran

Bethany's Ice Cream Social
August 20 from 5-7pm in
Bethany's fellowship hall

Our Next Pub Theology will be
on August 28 at 7pm

Next Fifth Sunday Shared Ministry
Service will be on August 31 and
will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge at
10:30am

Joyful Noises of Creation (Cont'd)

Psalm 98 speaks of lifting our voice and talents along with the seas and hills to join in the song. Joy fills creation and it lifts up a song in response. May we find time to listen to it. May we listen to the bird chirp in the morning. May we sit by a river and hear the living water. May we share laughter and stories among all generations.

There is a joyful noise all around. The Holy Spirit is stirring us and everything around to sing praise. Lift up your voice, your spirit, with all of creation as we know and trust our joyful noise is a vital part of creation's song of praise.



AUGUST BIBLE STUDY:

For the month of August, our bible study will be focusing on creation, the gifts creation brings, and how our faith is connected to the gifts of creation. Each week we will discuss gifts that come from creation's cycles of growth and harvest. As we dive into scripture, we will also discuss how our faith grows as we see and experience the awe-inspiring aspects of God's good creation.

We will meet at 7pm on Tuesday nights at Bethany and 9:30am at St. Paul's on Wednesday mornings. Each week, the lessons will be the same at each location and we invite you to attend the one that works the best for your schedule!



FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

Joining together for worship as South Mountain Shared Ministry on the Fifth Sundays has become our tradition at SMSM. We will worship at Mar-Lu-Ridge on August 31st. The service will be in the chapel at Mar-Lu-Ridge. The services will begin at 10:30am.

The Final fifth Sunday for this year, Nov 30, will not be a joint service as it is the first Sunday of Advent. But will have a shared service on December 28th at St. Paul's for a Christmas Lessons and Carols.

Next Pub Theology: August 28

August 2025

We are going to continue Pub Theology into August! The past two meetings have been full of meaningful conversation, great food, and even better community! Join us on August 28th, the fourth Thursday, for another month of Pub Theology!

We will meet at Tapia's on Main in Middletown, MD at 7pm. Please let Pr. Charlie know if you may be interested!

No Wednesday Night Dinners at Bethany in August

For the month of August, there will be no Wednesday night dinner at Bethany. They will be back in September on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays!



Joyous June and July!

Thank you all for coming out for the many events we had planned in June and July! With more things coming in August, we can't wait to see you again! Here are some pictures!

Dates for future trivia night, pizza & game night, and more coming soon!



WORSHIP TIMES

Bethany Lutheran

9:45 am on Sunday Mornings

St. Paul's Lutheran

11:15 am on Sunday Mornings

August 2025



Apple Dumplings and Dime Pitch at Brunswick Community Festival August 22nd-23rd

St. Paul's will be selling apple dumplings and running the dime pitch at the Brunswick Community Festival held at the Burkittsville Ruritan. Come out and support St. Paul's and the Brunswick FFA Alumni Scholarship program!



Contact Information for Pastor Charlie:

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Office Hours*:

Monday: 10 am-1 pm
at St. Paul's

Thursday: 9 am-12 pm
at Bethany

*Subject to change because of
presence needed at synod meetings or
events and potential pastoral care
needs within congregations

South Mountain Shared Ministry Spaghetti Fundraiser for Mar-Lu-Ridge on August 9th

South Mountain Shared Ministry will be holding a free-will offering Spaghetti dinner with the donations going towards Mar-Lu-Ridge and their continued ministry! There will be spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and apple sauce! There will also be a bake table! Invite friends and family to a great evening and cause!

The meal will be from 5-7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Burkittsville. Come out and enjoy dinner and support our local outdoor ministry site!



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