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St. Paul's News

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Greetings Dear Friends, In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I write this the rain is pouring outside my window. The weather has changed a lot in the 3 months we have lived in Albany. The air conditioner is no longer running. Shorts have given way to long pants. Sweatshirts have come out of their boxes. Just 3 short months and such drastic changes. I love living in a part of the world with a true 4 seasons. In them, we get to experience death and rebirth, light and dark, hot and cold. So many contrasts, and with them so many moods.

For many people, rain brings a dreary mood, a sluggish disposition, even a sad longing for the sun. We hope and wait for the weather to change. When we step back and look at the changes in our mood over the course of a year, we cannot help but see great contrasts as well. Some days are good, some days are bad. We hope and wait for something new. I wonder if this is what our Christian life is supposed to reflect? On some level, we cannot control our mood, no more than we can control the weather. Our church year calendar does a good job of reflecting so many of the ups and downs we see in weather, and in our moods. In our current season of Pentecost, the green on our altar reminds us of the growth we have in Jesus. His teachings and parables are often read during worship to remind us of our continual growth through his word. But soon, green will give way to blue as we transition into Advent. Epiphany will change to Lent, then to the colors of Holy Week, the black of Good Friday, and the White of Easter. Each representing a different mood.

As a church, we seek to capture and reflect these moods in worship. I want to encourage you to do the same in your personal faith walk. Sometimes we spend so much time wishing a season in our life was over or a trial would end, that we forget to see the mood of Christ in it. Jesus' mood, his disposition is always love for us. When our days are good, when our days are bad, we are loved! It's his love that sustains us through the dreary days, and it's his love which gives us hope for the bright days to come. He is our rock, and our fortress. May your life reflect the changes of the season, the changes of the church year, and the love of Jesus through it all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Vicar Jim Dorner



COFFEE HOUR

SIGN UP SPOTS FOR OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND SIGN UP FOR ONE OR TWO THINGS TO HELP OUT. ALSO ON THE SIGN UP SHEET ARE SMALL CLEAN UP DUTIES IN THE KITCHEN.

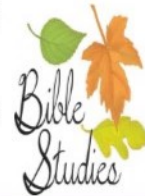
PLEASE HELP OUT!!

PORTALS OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE HELP



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us after Coffee Hour!



St. Paul's Choir practices before worship on Sunday mornings. We meet at 8:45. Do you like to sing?? Why not come and join us! We would love to have you!

SIGN PAINTING PARTY



OCTOBER 27th at 12:30 PM WE WILL HAVE A SIGN PAINTING PARTY HERE AT ST. PAUL'S. KELLY SHEA, OF SHEA CRAFTS WILL BRING EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE A BEAUTIFUL ROUND WOOD SIGN FOR EITHER THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS. YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE WHAT AN ARTIST YOU WILL BE!!

GO ON HER WEBSITE—SHEACRAFTS.COM TO PICK OUT THE DESIGN YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO AND TO PAY FOR THE CLASS. ST. PAUL'S RECEIVES A PORTION OF EACH PROJECT.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE SIGNS THAT CAN BE MADE. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE DIANE KINGSTON OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (518.463.0571)



TALENT SHOW A SUCCESS!

The Talent Show that was held on September 28 was a huge success! Performing that evening were Erik Peter (—along with Annette and Marty Kahler), Nick Alexander, George David, Vicar Jim and Chelsea Dorner, Taryn McCoy, Marta Stifanos, Arnold Seim and Braxton Harris.

It was a wonderful evening of great food and great entertainment. St. Paul's made over \$3000 thanks to sponsors and Thrivent!

Many many thanks to Alex Alexander and Julie Alexander for Chairing this event and getting everything rolling for a successful evening, and to all who helped to serve and clean up.



September/October Cluster Project:

It's that time of year and soon the Emergency Overflow Shelter will be open for the winter months. The Albany Lutheran Cluster congregations are now collecting items these items to have on hand:

T-shirts (XL, 2X, 3X)

Socks

Underware (sizes 38 to 44)

Gently worn **winter coats**

Knit hats

Gloves

Also, the eating and drinking products used on a daily basis in the shelter can no longer be Styrofoam, and they are in desperate need of **paper hot and cold cups (only 6 or 8 oz.)** as well as **sturdy paper plates**. If you are able to pick these up between now and the first of November (when the shelter opens), that would greatly help the shelter start off right in this coming season.

October Cleaning Ministry –

We hope you will join us as we continue to tidy and clean at St. Paul's. For October only the date has been moved to **Saturday, October 26th, 8:30-10:30 AM**. It's easy – show up and someone will be there to direct you. See you then





5. NICHOLAS ALEXANDER
 8. Selam Gebreyes
 13. MARTIN KAHLER
 14. CRAIG JONES
 16. CHAMBERLAIN
 HARRIS
 22. STEVE DOMBROWSKI
 23. MURIEL BRADY
 24. ARNOLD SEIM
 30. CHRISTIAN DAVID

**THERE ARE SEVERAL
 UPCOMING SUNDAYS
 THAT ARE NOT SIGNED
 UP FOR FLOWERS. No-
 vember is open for flow-**



**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSING TO
 THE GRUENWALD FAMILY WHO WELCOMED A
 BABY GIRL, ADALYNN GRACE,
 TO THEIR FAMILY ON OCTOBER
 2ND. OUR BEST TO PASTOR,
 LINDSEY, BIG SISTER KIERSTEN
 AND BROTHER JOSIAH.**



ST. PAUL'S SUPPER CLUB



The next Supper Club will be held at the Alexander Home, 22 Chase Ct., Delmar, NY. On Saturday evening, October 19th It will begin at 6 PM.

A sign up sheet is on the piano in Luther Hall to sign up to bring something. The theme for the evening is Italian.

African Violets

Alida Earl has some African violets donated by a client. She will be bringing them into church on Sunday, October 6. They will be downstairs in Luther Hall. If you would like one, please take one.



ELDER
 ALAN ALEXANDER

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR NOVEMBER ARE DUE IN
 THE CHURCH OFFICE BY OCTOBER 20th.**

DATE	FLOWERS	SERVICE STEWARD	Communion Assistant	ALTAR
10/6	In memory of Ed Chartier given by the Esterby and Fantos families	Tom Ragoni	Ophelia Amegashie	Dina Lee
10/13	The Kahler family in celebration of Marty's birthday	Nicholas Alexander	Diane Kingston	Wilma and Lori Seim
10/20	Lori Seim in memory of loved ones and for Father's birthday	Nicholas Alexander	Diane Kingston	
10/27	In celebration of Nick's Birthday given by the Alexanders	Braxton Harris	Noor Javed	Bailey and Julie Alexander