

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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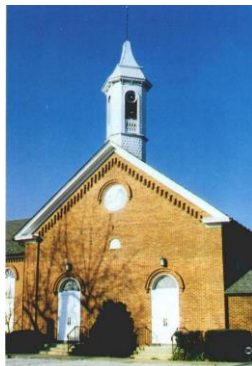
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August & September 2015



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SAINT PAUL'S VOICE

August/September 2015

(Jesus said) “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:12).

As many of you know I will be retiring at the end of August. This will be the last newsletter I will be putting together for you. So I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your love and support over these twenty years I have been with you. It has been an amazing journey. Space here does not allow me to reflect on all the changes that have occurred during this time. But, I can say this, God has done some amazing things and the culture of the church has changed and been refreshed.

Yet this will be a sad time for many of us. When loved is shared and separation occurs, it does make us sad. It is hard to step away from each other as we move on to the new callings of God. With my leaving, it is obvious changes will occur. Preparations need to be made to prepare for and welcome a new pastor. Although we want to hold on to what we have known and loved, our hearts need to be open to what God has in store for the future of the church. We need to trust God that God already is preparing for that next pastor to step in and continue to evolve the church into an even stronger and more faithful church into the future.

For my future, I intend to pack up my house and sell it and move close to my daughters on the eastern shore. It will probably be in the Ocean Pines area. As to what do I plan to do, I believe that once I'm settled and people know I'm a pastor, there will be plenty of knocks on my door to do some volunteer work. I will consider supply preaching or perhaps some counseling. That future is in God's hands too.

So let us pray that we receive help to release the past and go forth into the future with great hope and joy. I will not forget any of you. Each of you has made my ministry here filled with joy. I will not only keep the memories but, I will hold that love you've given to me forever in my heart. Do not ever forget that. Now I wish you well for all that you will do for the good of all in the future. Keep the faith and trust God as we celebrate our new beginnings.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Stricklin

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**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER
WE PRAY FOR:**

MEMBERS: Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Vivian Chenoweth, Rosalie Croft, Colton DuBois, Bud Eichelberger, Bob Graff, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Sherry Moore, Edith Nuse, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Jenny Casper, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia and Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Phil Cieri, Bob & Ann Durham, Jr., Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Shelby, Jane Benson, Christine Palmimor, Bruce Hilgartner, Erin Kranz, Marsha Humbert, Mike Cole, Richard Rost, Jake Offutt, Ann Harden, Pastor Tom Crittenden, Mary Berg, Harmon family, Sandy Duffy, Gerri Geist, Beverly Chenoweth, Linda Armacost, Betsy & Frank Ulrich, Michael Bowers, David Schweigman, Wayne Kelly, Geroge Bange, Bob Hannon, the Kerr Family, Dick Francis, Chris Kramer, Tracey Gist, Doug Headley, Mark Kinnear, Linda Bosser, Tommy Smith, Joy Pillsbury, Joan & Frank Kesserling, Jerri Herfurth, Ashlee Thamert, Elizabeth Jacobs, Linda Muncan, Daniel Cochran, Louella Goodwin, Connor McLean, Burt Mooney and all those we now name in our hearts.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Susan Led, Hilda Hann, Renee Callahan, Gertrude Rinecker, Rick Rippeon, Pastor Nathan Kale, Kay Gibbany and Les Groff..

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them comfort and peace.

THE PRAYER: Merciful God, we pray that you give rest to those who care for others in homes, hospitals, long-term care facilities and hospice. Be with those who are dying, comfort those who grieve, and heal those who are sick especially (names). In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sunday clears away the rust of the whole week.

Joseph Addison

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, “I used everything you gave me.”

Erma Bombeck

I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next-door neighbor?

Mother Teresa

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who did Jesus tell not to weep for him?
2. To whom did Jesus say, “Weep not”?
3. In Mark’s Gospel, what color was the robe Jesus wore when the soldiers mocked him?
4. What color hair was considered a symptom of leprosy?
5. Where was Jesus when the sinful woman kissed his feet and anointed him?

Thank You

- ✝ to all who contribute generously each month for our second offerings.
- ✝ to Pastors Matt and Norma Schenning for filling in for Pastor Mel while she was on vacation. Also to council president, Jed Geldmacher who covered any emergencies while the pastor was off.
- ✝ to Mary Neuheisel and Beth Hannon who brought us special music for Father's Day.
- ✝ to those who serve on our Worship and Music Committee, who plan moving and meaningful worship services each week of the year.
- ✝ to all those who planned and donated to a special fellowship gathering for Gene Zepp as she plans to move to a retirement home.
- ✝ to Immanuel Lutheran Church and Thrivent for their very generous donation to our youth to cover expenses as they travel to Detroit for the national youth gathering.
- ✝ to all our Sunday School teachers who worked diligently to provide meaningful age appropriate lessons for our children.
- ✝ to all those who led, donated, and taught at our Vacation Bible School especially Carol Hilgartner and Rachel Murphy.
- ✝ to Mary and Josh Neuheisel who oversee the purchasing of the bread and wine and set-up for Holy Communion each week. Also to Carol Hunt who clears away the items after worship and who changes and cleans the paraments.
- ✝ to all those who donated and supported the youth fund raisers as they worked to raise money to cover expenses for traveling to Detroit for the ELCA national youth gathering.
- ✝ to **EVERYONE AT ST. PAUL** who supported and brought much love and joy to the ministry of Pastor Mel.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA: 1. The daughters of Jerusalem (Luke 23:28) 2.the widow of Nain (Luke 7:13) 3. purple (Mark 15:17) 4. white (Leviticus 4: 8) 5.the home of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36-43)

NEWS

FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 6, we will once again have our favorite hymns sung. The worship service will be led by Carol Hunt and the music by Mary Neuheisel. Come and help pick out and sing some of your favorite hymns.

RALLY DAY AND INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 13. During worship all Christian Educators will be installed. There will be a second offering that Sunday for Gettysburg Lutheran seminary students. After worship, there will be a covered dish picnic at the pavilion. Come and enjoy the kick-off Sunday for the new school year and the end of vacation time.

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday school is September 20 following worship at 10:15. We thank all those who have volunteered to be teachers for our students. Without that leadership our children would not be learning about all those wonderful Bible stories.

BAPTISMS

We celebrated the baptism of Landyn Jonathan Kale Howard, son of Steve and Selena Howard, grandson of Kim and John Kelly, on Sunday June 28. He was born March 30 weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

On Sunday, July 12, we celebrated the baptism of Joseph Charles Geldmacher, son of Jed and Colleen, brother of Andy, Chris, and Nathan. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Let us rejoice in these events for God has claimed these babies forever in God's kingdom. May they grow to be willing servants for our Lord.

THE PRAYER LIST

When a name is put on the prayer list, it is put on for three weeks unless more time is requested. If the time is not sure, they can be added indefinitely. Also, a notation is made as to who put the name on the list. Periodically the prayer list will be updated. Those names that are eligible to be removed, will be. A name may come off the list if a member deems they don't need to remain on the list any longer, i.e. they are healed, or have died.. If a name gets dropped and still needs to be on the prayer list, report this to either the pastor or the bulletin preparer and the name will get added again.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or in a case of an emergency, to reach Pastor Mel Stricklin, please call 410-374-9639. After August 31, call council president, Jed Geldmacher at 443-416-3279.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our annual fall blood drive will be held on Saturday, September 26, 8:30 – 2:00. See Suzi Lyons if you can help that day or if you can assist her making contact with potential donors. Give the gift of life by also donating your blood.

FLEA MARKET

We still have 3 more Flea Markets remaining in 2015. Come out and browse our vendor booths and displays. And don't forget to stop by our food stand for a tasty burger and cold drink. All proceeds from food stand sales go directly to Outreach projects.

THE LORD'S LAUGHER

From the book "Rolling in the Church Aisles"

"Every day we're touched by God's miracles," said the preacher. "Who can give me an example of a miracle they've already witnessed this morning?" Suzanne raised her hand. "Have you witnessed a miracle today?" "Yes," nodded Suzanne solemnly. "It took my big sister less than an hour to do her hair for church today."

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After hearing about the Last Supper, little Alejandro said, "Jesus broke the bread: Wow, it must have been really stale."

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Our pastor was winding down his sermon for the day. In the back of the church the fellowship committee stood to go to the church hall and prepare snacks for the congregation. Seeing them get up, the pastor singled them out for praise, "Before they all slip out," he urged, "let's give these ladies a big hand in the rear."

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Stevie had just completed a drawing in Sunday school that he had titled, "Moses". The teacher was impressed and asked him which person in the picture was Moses? "Can't you tell?" said Steve. "He's the one in the mountain-climbing boots, carrying the fire extinguisher and bug spray."

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A man was brought from a retirement home to attend church one Sunday, and the pastor spent a moment speaking with him after the service. "It was wonderful to have you visit. I hope you are able to come again."

"Well, you talk too long, you talk too fast, and you never say anything new," the visitor said. "But I liked it anyhow."

Just then the man's aide rushed over and whispered to the pastor, "Reverend, pay no attention to Mr. Thomas. He isn't all there. He just repeats anything he hears someone else say and then ends it with, "

'But I liked it anyhow.'"

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A mother was driving her three sons to church to be baptized. Jonathan said, "Mom, I'd really like to go first this morning, before Frank and Timmy."

"That's fine, dear," replied the mother, proud of her son's eagerness to begin a new life with the Lord.

"Thanks, Mom. I don't want my whole head under water that has all my brothers' rotten sins floating around."

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The congregation found out about the organist's other job when, out of habit, he brought out an ashtray, a drink coaster, and a jar marked "Tips,"

Celebrations for August & September

August Birthdays

1 Carrie Moore
 1 Hunter Ross
 2 Daniel Binebrink
 4 Edith Nuse
 5 Amy Goerner
 8 Cheyenne Kelly
 15 Patti Graff
 Heather Panagakos
 17 Susan Fleming
 Steve Utz
 22 Rachael Mountcastle
 Kerrigan Ross
 23 Sara Moore
 24 Kelly Mountcastle
 Clara Neuheisel
 26 Peter Meadowcroft
 29 Alex Panagakos

August Anniversaries

1 Alan & Becky Miller
 10 Bob & Sarah Morris

21 Ruth Bare
 Meg Jones
 27 Lynne Hammar
 29 Carliana Folfas

September Birthdays

6 Gerri Martin
 10 Emmy Neuheisel
 11 Brad Mountcastle
 12 Tim Brown
 Bob Martin
 15 Katie Binebrink
 16 Sandy Baber
 Katie Graff
 Wade Hilgartner
 18 Rachel Murphy
 19 Bob Bare

September Anniversaries

10 Leon & Susan Fleming
 15 Erik & Amy Goerner
 16 Steve & Barb Utz
 18 Brad & Kelly Mountcastle

...on their way...



August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 900am – Worship Food Collection – NESAP	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 900am – Worship <i>Youth Gathering</i> <i>Presentation</i> Second Offering Interfaith Housing	10	11 700pm –Council	12 730 pm AA	13	14	15 800am-200pm Flea Market
16 900am – Worship Fellowship after service	17	18	19 730 pm AA	20 700 pm Prayer Session	21	22
23 900am – Worship	24	25	26 730 pm AA	27	28	29
30 900am – Worship 200-600 pm Pastor Mel's Retirement Party	31					

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 730 pm AA	3	4	5
6 900am – Worship Favorite Hymn Sunday Food Collection - NESAP Installation of Christian Educators	7 130 Worship and Music Committee	8 700pm -Council	9 730 pm AA	10	11	12
13 900am – Worship Installation of Christian Educators Second Offering Gettysburg Seminary students Rally Day/Picnic	14	15	16 730 pm AA	17	18	19 800am-200pm Flea Market
20 900am – Worship Sunday School classes begin	21	22	23 730 pm AA	24	25	26 8:30-2:00 Blood Drive
27 900am – Worship	28 130 pm Worship and Music	29	30			



OUR 10TH ANNUAL BINGO FEATURING

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GAMES START AT 7:00 PM

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\$18 ON THE DAY OF THE BINGO**

**FOR TICKETS CALL:
(443) 744-6511**

**LARGE RAFFLES, SPECIALS,
AND DOOR PRIZES!!!**

**Mark your calendars! Invite your friends!
We will need lots of volunteers Thursday for setup and Friday for Bingo.
Lots of awesome prizes and raffles (including 4 passes to Walt Disney
World!!)**

ELCA Youth Gathering

I think you could ask any of the Gathering participants and they would say it is hard to put into words what we experienced in Detroit! It was an awesome experience that we will not forget! We spent a day doing community service in a Detroit neighborhood, a day of bible study & worship with the DE/MD Synod, and a day of fun activities in the Cobo Center. Each evening we gathered at Ford Field for music, speakers, and fellowship.

Many people of Detroit thought we would not show up, but over 30,000 did! So, the Lutherans did follow through with their promise to Detroit and we showed up!

To hear more about our experience please join us August 9th during worship. Meanwhile, enjoy some pictures from our time in Detroit. Also, if you haven't already done so, please check out our blog:

<https://followstpaulsyouthelca.wordpress.com/>

