

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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SAINT PAUL ' S VOICE

June/July 2013

In April, several of us attended the Evangelism and Hospitality Workshop at St. Benjamin's in Westminster. The workshop was lead by Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane and the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Ron Schlak. A key question was, "How to get people to come to church?"

Of course, the simple answer is to invite them, be nice to them, and welcome them. What is our church doing to invite people? We have an inviting facility, a pretty church with icons, and our park area has a pavilion and playground equipment that can be used by the community. We have a congregation that participates in some fashion in all our events. The energy of our people is from the heart and not just "because we have to."

As individual members we need to be sure we are not judgmental or biased. We are to accept people as they are as they share the joys of life and their blessings. We need to share our faith stories with them too.

What are some evangelism tools we can use? There is the print media: a newsletter, the newspaper, and printed brochures. We should include a common symbol of the church on all printed media. There is also the electronic media: TV, radio, and the phone. Then there is the door to door evangelism. Direct mailing can be sent to everyone in our area. The most effective evangelism is for individual members inviting someone to attend. The personal invitation can include the offer to pick them up and take them to church.

The following are a few questions we should consider for hospitality: Is our church easy to find? Do we have signage that's easy to read from the road? Does the exterior appearance of the church look attractive? Are there rooms that need cleaning, painting or the floors replaced? Is there unnecessary clutter in the entry way or hallways? Are the worship bulletins or other media prepared with the needs of the visitor in mind? Are the bulletin boards current? Are they user friendly?

These are just a few things we learned in the workshop. Hopefully, we do have a visitor friendly church so all will feel welcome.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

WE PRAY FOR:

MEMBERS: : Lois Armacost, Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Bob Graff, Patti Graff, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Matthew Moore, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia and Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Brandon, Phil Cieri, Bob Durham, Jr., Darlene Price, Ian Boyer, Dave Dawson, Carol Lauer, Kathy Hale, Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Shelby, Jane Benson, Dr. Dean Swank, Christine Palmimor, Eli, Allie Kranz, Cindy Tutalo, Betsy Uhlich, Donald Carter, George Yingling, Rachel Hurly, John Eichler, Ed Burnham, Linda and Darin Willey, Rachel and Jack Minor, Sheena Lovelace, Jerry and Jeanette Herfurth, Dixon family, Barbara Bamford, Chuck Edwards, Luanne Frebertshauser, Jillian Bollinger, Autumn Basler Miller, Ed Wissel, George Biles, and those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Catherine Vecera, Anna Schultz, Stacy McDougall, Tony Folconieri, Eileen Tuttle, Wanita Collins, Lee Hardesty, Gene Kirchner, and Betty Latch.

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

THE PRAYER: Holy God, have mercy on the sick and the dying, the fearful and the despairing, the hungry and all who are oppressed. Let your healing come to all who cry out to you especially (names). We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What we do for others remains immortal.

Unknown

Laughter and tears are prayers too.

Brian Doyle

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

Unknown

Love is the only thing that increases as you give it to others.

Unknown

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BIBLE TRIVIAwho said??

1. Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown?
 2. Certainly this was a righteous man?
 3. My Lord and my God?
 4. Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye hav found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also?
 5. Am I my brother's keeper?
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Thank You, Thank You!



to John Kelly and Susan Fleming for preparing and providing for our Easter Breakfast and to those who donated food.



to all those who attended the Evangelism and Hospitality workshop at St. Benjamin's.



to all those who give generously to our second offerings each month.



to Suzi Lyons for heading up our spring blood drive and all those who volunteer to make it a big success.



to the confirmation student's parents who faithfully bring their children to classes.



to our newly formed choir and the special music they provide for our worship services.



to those who assist with worship services at Long View Nursing Home.



to all those who teach and help with our Sunday School classes and Christian Education programs.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA 1. Jonah (3:4) 2. The centurion at the crucifixion (Luke 23: 47) 3. Thomas (John 20:28) 4. Herod (Matthew 2:8) 5. Cain (Genesis 4:9)

News

WELCOME, WELCOME

We rejoice in the reception of John and Carolyn Eichler as they become members of our church family. They were received on May 12 by Affirmation of Baptism.

They live at 3400 Carrollton Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074. Phone number is 410-239-3920. They are the parents of six children and 17 grandchildren. Their daughter, Mary Neuheisel is also a member of our church.

John is retired as the owner of Bransfield Motor Co. in Reisterstown. A son now runs it. In his leisure time he likes to go fishing. They have a cottage in Chance, MD which is on Deale Island in Chesapeake Bay. John is currently farming 21 acres.

Carolyn retired from Bransfield Motor Co where she did office work. In her leisure, she likes to sew, cook and work with stained glass. She is also involved with raising lab dogs and working with other farm animals. She recently joined our newly formed choir.

John's birthday is July 24 and Carolyn's is October 4. Their anniversary is July 30. We welcome this couple to our church family.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 22 -26 from 9 a.m. until noon. The theme this year is "God's Backyard Bible Camp". Be sure to invite all your neighbors and friends to

the school. If you can assist and help with the classes see Carol Hilgartner.

NEW ARRIVALS

Our congregation is growing in leaps and bounds. The birth of two babies, just two days apart, even though the expected dates were almost a month apart, increased our membership quite quickly. On Wednesday, April 24th, Ella Lee was born to Laura and Ray Grabowski. She is the sister of Grace and Ava. She weighed 7 lbs 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

On Friday, April 26th, Nathan Matthew was born to Colleen and Jed Geldmacher. He is the brother of Andy and Chris. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Congratulations to these two families. Our next new arrival will be in July when either Gene Zepp or Alan and Becky Miller are expecting their new one.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Four of our students completed two years of classes. They not only had lessons to do but they also were required to take notes on sermons and to assist with worship services at Long View Nursing Home. The students are: Carliana Folfas, Felicity Meadowcroft, Alex Panagakos, and Natalie Panagakos. They were confirmed on May 19th during worship. Congratulations to the students.

The Lord's Laughter

From the Joyful Noiseletter July/August 2013 edition

Dear God, My parents took me to a wedding, and a man and a woman kissed right in church. Is that okay?
Sally, age 6

A newly married couple went on their honeymoon, and when they got back, the bride immediately called her mother. "Our honeymoon was wonderful, so romantic," she said, but she began to cry.

"But, Mom," she continued, "as soon as we returned, Larry started using the most terrible language – four-letter words I've never heard before. You've got to come and take me home! Please Mom!"

"Calm down, Cynthia," her mother said. "You must stay with your husband work this out. What were those awful four-letter words?"

Sobbing, the bride replied, "Oh Mom, he used words like, "dust, wash, iron, cook, and save."

"I'll pick you up in a half hour," her mother said.

Via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

Classified ad in a British newspaper: "WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE. Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie

Via Lois Ward
Port Townsend, WA

A purported reading from Genesis:

"And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all the corners of the earth. Then He made the earth round and He laughed and laughed and laughed."

Author unknown

The mother took her little daughter to Mass at a Catholic church for the first time. The little girl fell asleep, but when an altar boy rang the bells, she woke up with a Pavlovian start and yelled: "The ice cream man!"

Columnist Smiley Anders
Baton Rouge, (LA) Advocate

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Pastor Mel Vacation
2 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection Pastor Mel Vacation	3 Pastor Mel Vacation	4 Pastor Mel Vacation	5 Pastor Mel Vacation 730 pm AA	6	7	8 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
9 900am – Worship 10:30- Confirmation Class	10	11 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours 700pm – Council	12 730 pm AA	13	14	15 800am-400pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
16 900am – Worship Special Music by the Choir 2nd Offering Carroll Lutheran Village Father's Day Fellowship after worship	17	18 800am Sandwich Making 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	19 645 pm Healing Service @ St. Paul’s 730 pm AA	20 700pm Prayer Session	21	22 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
23 900am – Worship 10:30- Confirmation Class	24	25 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	26 730 pm AA	27	28	29
30 900am – Worship 1:15pm- Longview Nursing Home Worship						8

July

<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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7 900am – Worship Special Music by the Choir Food Collection	8	9 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm -Council	10 730 pm AA	11	12	13 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
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21 900am – Worship Fellowship after Worship 1:15pm- Longview Nursing Home Worship	22 900-1200 VBS	23 800am Sandwich Making 900-1200 VBS 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	24 900-1200 VBS 730 pm AA	25 900-1200 VBS	26 900-1200 VBS	27 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
28 900am – Worship	29	30 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	31			

Celebrations for June & July

June Birthdays

4 Natalie Panagakos
5 Lila Singer
6 Kim Boose
7 Genny Casper
Matthew Binebrink
9 Tim McGee
Jocelyn Goerner
12 Leon Fleming
13 Jenny Siperko
15 Mary Armacost
Ray Grabowski
18 Joshua Neuheisel
20 Hope Hale
22 Ryan Meadowcroft
23 Emily Hilgartner
25 Bob Graff
Dena Warren

June Anniversaries

2 David & Angie Henry
6 Kimberly & John Kelly, Jr.
12 Ray & Suzi Lyons
17 Mike & Helen Armacost
24 Shaf & Sue Bosley

July Birthdays

3 Jamie DuBois
9 Sydney Henry
10 Madison Baber
12 Selena Kelly
14 Grace Benson
Paige Jenkins
15 Peg Beverly
16 Louisa Neuheisel
18 Jessica McGee
19 Samuel Jones
22 Denise McGee
24 John Eichler

July Anniversaries

10 Bob & Ann Durham, Jr.
15 Richard & Ginny Harris
22 Rob & Denise Holtz
26 Tim & Denise McGee
30 John & Carolyn Eichler
31 Pete & Heather Panagakos

Sunday School News

Where does the time go? Memorial Day has come and gone along with our last day of Sunday school.

We celebrated our last day on May 26th by having a small party for our students and by playing a game of Bible Trivia just to see how much our students remembered from their studies this year. Teachers were very pleased to see that our students had retained so much information that had been taught.

Confirmands with Pastor Mel: Carliana Folfas, Felicity Meadowcroft, Natalie Panagakos, Alex Panagakos



Sunday School News Continued:

Thanks to our teachers:

Pre-School – Tiffany Meadowcroft Helpers: Natalie Wickline, Hope Hilgartner, Cheyenne Kelly

Klndergarten: Colleen Geldmacher and Amy Goerner

1st and 2nd Grade: Kelly Mountcastle

3rd and 4th Grade: Madison Baber

6th and Up: Carol Hilgartner and John Kelly

Music: Mary Neuheisel

Substitute Teachers; Laura Grabowski, Carol Hunt, Sandy Baber, and Patti Schunk

Snacks: Josh Neuheisel and Patti Schunk

Snacks were provided by parents, teachers, and members of our congregation... THANK YOU!

Perfect attendance Pins and Bars will be awarded on Sunday, June 2nd to the following students:

STUDENT:

Mathew Moore

Lila Singer

Lucas Meadowcroft

Ryan Meadowcroft

Matthew Meadowcroft

Felicity Meadowcroft

Emmy Neuheisel

Christian Neuheisel

Louisa Neuheisel

Sophia Panagakos

Gaige DuBois

Christopher Geldmacher

Sara Moore

Andy Geldmacher

Carrie Moore

Ben Baber

Sam Jones

1st Year Pin

1st Year Pin

2nd Year Wreath

2nd Year Wreath

2nd Year Wreath

2nd Year Wreath

2nd Year Wreath

3rd Year Bar

3rd Year Bar

3rd Year Bar

3rd Year Bar

4th Year Bar

4 Year Bar

4th Year Bar

5th Year Bar

5th Year Bar

6th Year Bar

6th Year Bar

PARENTS:

Patrick and Sherry Moore

Shawn and Sara Singer

Pete and Tiffany Meadowcroft

Pete and Tiffany Meadowcroft

Pete and Tiffany Meadowcroft

Pete and Tiffany Meadowcroft

Joshua and Mary Neuheisel

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Joshua and Mary Neuheisel

Pete and Heather Panagakos

Derek and Jamie DuBois

Jed and Colleen Geldmacher

Patrick and Sherry Moore

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Patrick and Sherry Moore

Charles and Sandy Baber

Rick and Meg Jones

End of Sunday School Ice Cream Party



We wish each student a safe summer. Enjoy the beautiful world that God has given you and remember your PRAYERS...

Ms. Kelly's and Ms. Madison's Resurrection Rolls Project

