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SAINT PAUL'S VOICE

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Making the sign of the cross, why do we do that? And who does it? As some people say, "That is so Catholic." I think they should say, "That is so Lutheran." Luther instructed his followers to make the sign of the cross at the beginning and the end of the day. It should be done at the beginning of our prayers and even at the end. As we bless ourselves we should say, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen"

In making the sign of the cross, we are remembering our baptism when we were marked with the cross forever. It's also a remembrance of the death and resurrection of our Lord. We trace it over our body. We touch our foreheads when we say, "In the name of the Father," the middle of our chest, "and of the Son", our left shoulder, "and of the Holy," our right shoulder, "Spirit". Some folks just trace a small cross on their foreheads. Making the sign of the cross is a treasured part of our liturgy as Lutherans. It is also done by the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, and the Episcopalians.

I grew up in the Evangelical Reformed Church, now known as the United Church of Christ. We were not taught to make the sign of the cross nor what it all meant, though the pastor would begin the service making the sign over the congregation. Yet as a young person, I always felt nudged to make the sign of the cross. It wasn't until I was an adult that I learned how important it was to do so. It was while in seminary that I saw and realized that EVERYONE was making the sign of the cross. One would look out of place if they didn't. There I became even more aware how important making the sign of the cross was. For me now, not to do so, would feel the same as not saying an Amen at the end of a prayer.

I will be having First Communion Classes this fall and will be teaching the children how to make the sign of the cross and what it means, just as I have done in previous classes. If any of you would like to learn more about it, please see me. I will be more than glad to teach and show you. May we all be blessed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



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

MEMBERS: Helen Armacost, Lois Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Ruth and Lee Hardesty, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Matthew Moore, Sara Moore, Mary Neuheisel, Anna Schultz, Bill Stratton, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter,

Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Joyce Rhoten, Shirley, Becky Norwood, Bill Higgins, Georgia Winiecki, Emma Miller, Jesse McGee, Will Franz, Chance Nichols, Fred Baber, Pat Dowd, Bert Mooney, Christine Wimert, Heather Lord, Bud Cole, Tom Croft, Tim and Shari Underhill, Ed Pindar, Doug Forney, Bethany Drew, Janie Curley, Sam Meister, Joan Prall, Jody Keydash, Eubanks family, Tammy Severe, Arnold Wagner, Raymond Revis, Jake Boerner, Betty Roderick, Lee Flannery, Sue Cavnor, Betty Latch, Hearther Larsen, Marty Schroeder, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Kay Hoes, Mary Romagnoli, Katherine Witz, Becky Wartham, Pat Shook, Spencer Bauerlien, and Joe Long.

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

THE PRAYER: Sustain all who suffer, O God, with your promise of new life. Strengthen those who are unemployed, marginalized, or persecuted. Renew those who struggle with mental and physical ailment especially (names). We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.

Anton Chekhov

Prayer itself is as simple as conversation between friends.

Sister Wendy Beckett

I make myself rich by making my wants few.

Henry David Thoreau

We must speak to (the poor and suffering) with our hands, before we try to speak to them with our lips.

St. Peter Claver

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who referred to the Israelites crossing of the Red Sea as a baptism?
2. What New Testament epistle tells Christians that they are all priests?
3. Who doubted the resurrected Jesus?
4. What hard working companion of Paul was called an apostle?
5. Who had Jesus as a guest at a meal with many tax collectors?

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to those who washed the tall windows and curtains of the sanctuary and overflow room especially Sarah Morris, Susan and Leon Fleming, and Shriver Foster.

to those who regularly make baked goods for our flea markets.

to those who donated blood and helped with the blood drive especially Suzi Lyons and the Outreach Committee who hold the drive each fall.

to John Kelly who covered for Pastor Mel while she was on vacation and for Pastor Norma Schenning who led the worship service.

to those who helped clean up the basement and had the broken window fixed that was the result of Hurricane Irene.

to all those who helped make our Rally Day special. Thanks to Susan Fleming for getting a bagpipe player, to Selena Kelly who was our crucifer, to all the first responders who attended our special 9-11 service, to Richard who brought the chicken, to all those who brought food to share for our picnic, to Patti Schunk who arranged the animal zoo for the children, and to all those who helped set up and tear down the tables and chairs in the pavilion..

to Sarah Morris, the Flemings and Shriver Foster who oversaw the stripping and re-waxing of our basement floor.

to all those who help with our Christian Education at St. Paul's. They were recognized and installed during the September 18th worship service.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA 1. Paul (I Corinthians 10:1-2) 2. I Peter (2:9) 3. Thomas (John 21:25) 4. Barnabas (Acts 13:1-3, 14:4) 5. Matthew (Luke 5:29)

NEWS

BASKET BINGO

Our annual basket bingo will be held Friday, October 7 beginning at 5 p.m. with sale of refreshments. The games start at 7. Donations of gifts for the baskets are still needed. See Sandy Baber, Mary Neuheisel, or Meg Jones with your donations. See Kelly Mountcastle to get tickets to sell.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Laura Grabowski who was awarded a \$250.00 scholarship from the Pauline and Emory Hoffman Scholarship Fund. Laura is working towards her Masters degree from McDaniel College in Education Administration.

HARVEST HOME

On Sunday, October 16, we will be celebrating Harvest Home. The sanctuary will be decorated appropriately for this event. Please bring canned goods to donate for the benefit NESAP. There will also be a second offering for the benefit of World Hunger. Fellowship will follow after this service.

YOUTH & FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

This is a reminder that the first Sunday of each month is Youth Sunday. The youth are assigned a part to assist in leading worship that day. They are greeters, acolytes, lectors, collect the offering and bring forth the food that was collected that day to be offered and blessed by God. There is an assignment sheet of duties for the youth posted on the bulletin board.

That same first Sunday each month is also food collection for the benefit of

NESAP. We ask our members to remember to bring food stuff that day. Check the bulletin board for current needs of NESAP.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a party for the children after worship and Sunday School on October 30. The children should dress in their favorite Halloween costume. .

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A community Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday, November 23. The place and time will be announced at a later date.

COMMUNITY SHRED

A community shred will be held Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 1 pm at Carroll Lutheran School. Now is the time to shred all of those papers, checks and statements you are afraid to set out for recycling.

A Freewill Offering will benefit the programs and ministries of Carroll Lutheran School. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Contact: Richard Harris 410 239-4696



Celebrations for October & November

October Birthdays

2 Ruth Hardesty
Mary Steger
5 Bill Peters
8 Mary Neuheisel
9 George Walter
10 Jim Bosley
Jayme Folfas
11 Tammy Boose
13 Rosalie Croft
Gene Zepp
14 Rodney Hale
Helen Utz
15 Vivian Chenoweth
16 Samantha Henry
19 Alicia Warren
Brinlee Dubois
20 Jon Armacost
21 Carrie Durham
Mike Durham
24 J.C.S. Bosley
28 Logan Bradford
29 Kimberly Kelly
30 Scott Hale

October Anniversaries

6 Wade & Carol Hilgartner
Shawn & Sara Singer
26 Charles & Sandy Baber

November Birthdays


2 Bobby Watson
6 Bob Durham, Jr.
7 Mike Armacost
10 Anne Durham
12 Eric McGee
Pete Panakagos
16 Sue Bosley
18 Jeff Hale
23 Benjamin Baber
29 Rick Jones



November Anniversaries

5 Bryan & Sue Benson
26 Jesse & Claudia McGee

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
2 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection	3	4 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	5 730 pm AA	6	7 500 pm Basket Bingo fund raiser – Arcadia Firehall	8 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours 800am-400pm Flea Market
9 900am – Worship 1200 - Confirmation Class	10	11 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm – Council	12 730 pm AA	13	14	15 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
16 900am – Worship Harvest Home Sunday Second Offering World Hunger Fellowship after Worship 200-400 Crop Walk	17	18 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	19 6:45pm – Healing Service @ St. Paul's 730 pm AA	20	21	22 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
23 900am – Worship 1215 - Confirmation Class	24	25 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	26	27	28	29 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
30 900am – Worship Reformation Sunday  Halloween Party after Sunday School	31					

November

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		1	2	3	4	5 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
6 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection Sunday	7 1:30 Worship & Music Committee	8 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm - Council	9 730 pm AA	10	11	12 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
13 900am – Worship Second Offering: Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry Annual Congregational Meeting 1215 - Confirmation Class 6:00 CLS delegate meeting	14	15 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	16 730 pm AA 645pm -Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran	17	18	19 9:30 am Council Workshop 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
20 900am – Worship Installation of Council and Officers Fellowship after service	21	22 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	23 730 pm AA 730pm – Community Thanksgiving Service	24	25	26 9 am – 3 pm Christmas Bazaar 12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
27 900am – Worship 1215 - Confirmation Class	28 Pastor Mel Vacation	29 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor Mel Vacation	30 Pastor Mel Vacation			



Christmas Bazaar

For the Benefit of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Upperco

www.stpaulsupperco.org

Saturday, November 26, 2011

9am til 3:00pm

Located 6 miles north of Reisterstown or 4 miles south of Hampstead
on the corner of Dover Rd. and MD Route 30-Hanover Pike



Raffle
Christmas Quilt

White Elephant

Secret Santa

Crafts

Baked Goods



Gift Items

THE FOLLOWING HUMOR WAS SUBMITTED BY MAIDIE BROWN:

HOLY EMAIL

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all the rascally behavior that was going on.

So he called St. Michael and sent him to earth for a time.

When Michael returned, he told God, "Yes, it is bad on earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not."

God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send a second Archangel down to get another opinion." So God sent St. Gabriel to earth for a time.

When Gabriel returned he went to God and said, "Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good."

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, November-December 2011 edition

While in Army basic training, a soldier phoned his mother and said he was attending church on base every Sunday. The mother was pleased to hear this.

"Everyone goes to church here," he added. "It's the only place we don't get yelled at."

Andrew Fisher
Danville, NJ

When I had third-graders in my class at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo, FL, they had learned the order of the names of the first six books of the New Testament.

"One day, I asked if anyone knew the name of the very first book of the whole Bible. Russell raised his hand and answered, "Preface""

Gloria Walz
Clearwater, FL

Sunday School

RALLY DAY and the **FAMILY PICNIC** were celebrated in fine fashion this year. Our guests included an owl, a turtle and a spider. The animals were provided by Piney Run State Park and the young man who came out to present the program was Scott.



9-11 Service

The special and moving September 11 service was held in the pavilion and attended by our congregation and local first responders. Music was provided by a bagpipe musician.

