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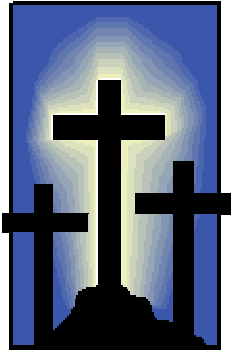
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

June/July 2008

Many in our congregation, and even pastors in the Westminster Conference, have been going through sickness and many trials and tribulations. We know that suffering is part of this life. Our suffering may be from brokenness, job loss, job dissatisfaction, physical pains, worries, grief, and many numerous things. Suffering is part of this life. No one escapes it. How is one to respond?

I suggest you read I Peter 3: 13 – 22. Peter reminds us: “Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.” When we do what Jesus wants and it brings hardship then we tend to look at suffering differently. Others may watch to see how we handle the suffering. For us Christians, we will manage to keep on going and live with hope and joy. It is because of our faith in Jesus Christ.

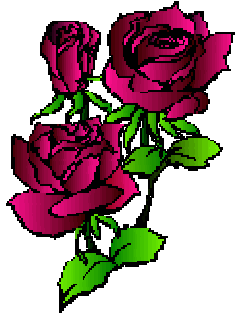
We must always be ready to point to the presence of Jesus who is our hope in the midst of every wrong and terrible thing that happens to us. It is our task to point others to Jesus and we must do that in a way that doesn't turn people off but, encourages them to keep trying to see for themselves the healing light of Jesus.

If we listen to Peter's instructions, we know it doesn't matter how people approach us or react to us. We are not to become frustrated by their attitudes or by our inability to get through to them. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. Our task is to make certain that we don't make the Holy Spirit's work any harder than it already is. God does bring blessings out of the most horrendous events in our lives. We may not see it immediately but, one day, by the grace of God and because God is present, we will be able to see once again that life is good and worth living. In the meantime, we will persevere in hope because we know the faithfulness of the One we follow. Jesus didn't give up on us when things got really bad and we should not give up on Jesus.

Our hope and salvation is in our belief of what Jesus did for us. Each of us is touched by God's love. May we hang on to that hope as we suffer the woes of this world. Isn't it wonderful to have that joy of the Lord? May God's merciful healing touch you in whatever you may be suffering.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Stricklin



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

Members: Lois Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Kim Boose, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Matilda Griffin, Dorothea Gross, Olan “Eli” Harris, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Jesse McGee, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

Family & Friends: : Jenny Casper, Esther Watson, Ann Stricklin, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Doug McGee, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Clyde Utz, Andrew Shipton, Thom, Braylynn, Pastor Marty Roberson, Connie Pilloud, Phyllis Wilmarth, Ryan Mahoney, Casimer Gorecki,, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Bishop Jerry Knoche, Darlene, Madeline Sabo, Shirley, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Pastor Andrea Hagan-Arendt, Tracey, Sterling Walsh, Lauren Bryant, Janety Hilton, Pastor Mike Adams, Joan Prall, Pastor Charles Frederick, June Heiss, Paul Jeager, Luanne Frebertshauser, Jessica McGee, Pete and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: Family and friends of: Mary Owings, Brandon Peele, Sidney Miller, Sylvia Harris, George Crouse, Vernon Walter, Thelma Lucas, Franklyn Miller and Vera Peele.

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

THE PRAYER: : O God, we pray you send witnesses to care for the sick and the poor. Stir up within us your compassion for all those in need especially (names). Grant your care to all in need. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Some days there won’t be a song in your heart. Sing anyway.	Emory Austin
Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.	Zora Neale Hurston
Mirth is God’s medicine. Everybody ought to bathe in it.	Henry Ward Beecher

Thank You



We thank everyone who made our blood drive a success. Many people will be helped by the gift of life by all the blood donations. We especially thank Suzi Lyons for heading this up and by Maidie Brown who assists with the set up. A blood drive is held here at our church every April and September. Be sure to sign up to give your gift of life to someone at our next blood drive.



We thank Sarah Morris for heading up the flea market fund raiser that is held each month from April through October and to those who volunteer their time for this event.



Special thanks go to Richard Harris and Carol Hunt who oversaw the purchase and installation of the playground equipment.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. On what day did God create the birds?
2. What kind of bird did Jesus compare to his love for Jerusalem?
3. What, according to the New Testament, produces the smallest seed of any plant?

4. What kind of weed does Jesus say will be separated from the wheat at the last judgment?
5. What two long-dead men were with Jesus when a shining cloud covered them?

NEWS

SPY

Mark your calendars:

Car Wash: We will have a car wash fundraiser July 19th during the Flea Market. Money raised will go to fund upcoming SPY events.

Movie Night: SPY will be going to Bengies drive-in on June 20..

FLEA MARKET

The June Flea Market is Saturday, June 21st rain date June 28th. The July Flea Market is July 19th rain date July 26th.

Space rental is \$15.00 call Sarah Morris @ 410-526-7598

Time 8 AM - 2 PM

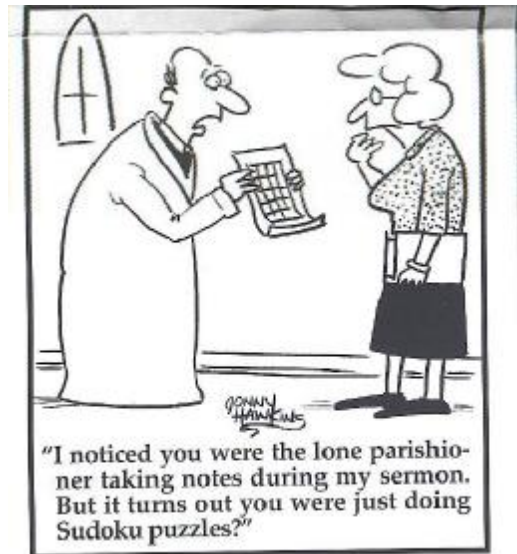
Food Donations greatly appreciated, Hot Dogs/rolls, Hamburgers/rolls, soda, water, small bags chips, please place these in freezer or on top of freezer.

OUTREACH

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our spring Blood Drive.

We collected 28 units of blood which will in some way help 84 people.

Our fall drive is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27th. Please mark your calendars and become a donor for this lifesaving cause.



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READ TO FEED

Our youth are looking for sponsors for their Read to Feed event. Money raised will go to the Heifer Project. The event will be held June 1, after worship. Be sure to support this event and sign up as a sponsor for one of our youngsters.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

We congratulate Grace Benson, Colton DuBois, and Glenys Hunt who completed their confirmation studies. They gave a presentation of what they learned to the congregation. They, also, completed their service requirements which are usually assisting at a worship service at Long View Nursing Home. They were confirmed on Sunday, May 4.

Celebrations for June & July

June Birthdays

- 6 Kim Boose
- 7 Genny Casper
Matthew Binbrink
- 9 Tim McGee
- 13 Jenny Siperko
Megan Baskette
- 14 Alisa Armacost
- 15 Mary Armacost
- 20 Hope Hale
Shirley Harris
Kristy Durham
- 23 Emily Hilgartner
- 25 Bob Graff
Dena Waren

June Anniversaries

- 2 David & Angie Henry
- 4 Dave & Nelly Warren
- 6 Claude & Mary Steger
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
- 11 Mildred Alban
- 12 Selena Kelly
- 14 Grace Benson
- 15 Peg Beverly
- 16 Carol Graff
- 18 Jessica McGee
- 19 Samuel Jones
Michael Hoffman
- 22 Denise McGee
- 29 Helen Hoffman
Michael Tracey, Jr.

July Anniversaries

- 2 John & Mary Letts
- 15 Richard & Ginny Harris
- 12 Bob & Ruth Bare
- 22 Gary & Susan Hann
Rob & Denise Holtz

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection Read to Feed Pastor Mel Vacation	2 Pastor Mel Vacation	3 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours Pastor Mel Vacation	4 Pastor Mel Vacation	5	6	7 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
8 900am – Worship Picnic after worship 1:15 Long View Nursing Home Worship	9	10 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours 700pm –Council	11 730 pm AA	12	13	14 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours 9:30am Shared Ministry Workshop
15 900am – Worship Special Father’s Day music Second Offering Carroll Lutheran Village Fellowship after worship	16	17 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	18 645 pm Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran 730 pm AA	19	20 SPY – Bengies Drive-in	21 800am-200pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
22 900am – Worship	23	24 1000am-1200pm Treasurer’s Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor’s Office Hours	25 730 pm AA	26	27	28 1200 pm -130pm Pastor’s Office Hours
29 900am – Worship 1:15 Long View Nursing Home worship	30					8

July

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20 845am – Worship Fellowship after service	21	22 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	23 730 pm AA	24	25	26 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
27 845am – Worship 4:00pm – Shared Ministry picnic at Jerusalem Church	28	29 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours	30 730 pm AA	31		

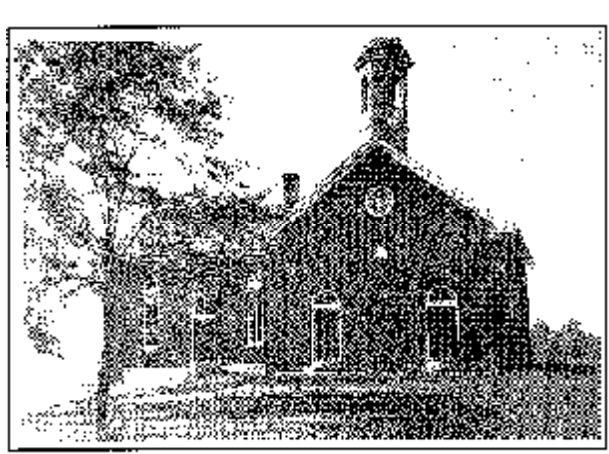
Answers to Bible Trivia

1. The fifth day (Genesis 1: 20) 2. A hen gathering her chicks (Matthew 23:37) 3. Mustard (Matthew 13:31) 4. Tares (Matthew 13:25) 5. Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17:5)

Miscellaneous



St. Pauls Lutheran Church 1908



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Mar-Lu-Ridge Fall 2007



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SPY Tubing Winter 2008



Playground Dedication Spring 2008