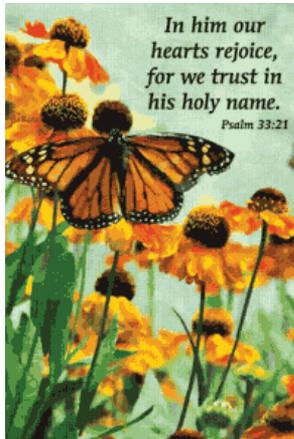


# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

**August 2019**

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## Pastors' Letter for the August 2019 Newsletter

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."-Revelation 21:5

I have been thinking a lot lately about new things. Perhaps it is because the church building we occupy is undergoing major changes, our grandchildren are constantly changing and growing bigger, and all around me I see new plants and flowers popping up. So much of the Gospels talks about the transformative power of Jesus. When God makes things new he is really seeking to have things conform more to His nature, to his ways of doing things, to all that he created simply being what he has created it to be. In some ways this seems very simple, in other ways very difficult. It is simple because God wants what is best of us and that is simply to live as his followers, his children, and he has given us his Word and his church and our Lutheran Confessions to confirm this. It seems hard in that we often want to be sovereign over our own lives, which causes rebellion and keeps us in what can be described as an all too predictable alienating rut.

Lamentations 3:22-23 states, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Some might think that in a rapidly changing world the beauty of the Gospel is only its unchangeable truths, but as we daily live out our lives with Christ we see how his love for us frees us to be willing disciples, how all around us we see the sustaining bounty that Christ has provided us with, how each day there is opportunity to help spread the Kingdom though word and prayer.

We are excited about so much that is happening at Saint Paul, new visitors appearing, new spaces being created, the outstanding enthusiasm and caring of so many of our members, we see the hand of God working in so many ways. "What's new?" we may ask, come to church and you will find plenty.

## **SPECIAL APPEAL FOR August: Center for Young Children**

Exciting things are happening at our Center for Young Children (CYC) which meets on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for 4-year olds and Tuesday & Thursday mornings for 3-year olds. Roxanne Donnan, our director and her aide Amy Austin are our caring and experienced staff ensuring that CYC is a very enriching program which is supplemented by regular visits from the pastors, field trips and other events.

The CYC is basically self-supporting with the tuition that is collected covering the salaries and supplies. Tuition for the 3-year olds is \$90 dollars a month and \$115 a month for the 4- year olds and there are still several openings for each class, so spread the word!

Occasionally, a family will be interested in enrolling their child, but they find that the tuition is more than they can add to their family budget. Therefore, we have developed a scholarship fund that would help defray those costs so that no young person would ever have to be deprived of this enriching experience because of cost. This month's special appeal will supplement this fund. And also, half the money will go to the CYC savings for larger purchases. Please give generously to this appeal, (make checks payable to Saint Paul Lutheran) to support this important ministry of our congregation.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles for the September newsletter need to be in the church office by **August 16th.**

## Book Club



Please join us on September 11 at Noon, we will be discussing Eclipse of the Sun by Michael O'Brian. A copy is available at church. It's long but we have all summer to read it!! Bring a lunch and join our conversation.



## BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY AUGUST 18 at both services

School age boys and girls should bring their backpack to church and they will receive a tag for their packs and a blessing for the start of the school year.



**OUR DAILY BREAD:** Our desserts for August are Ice Cream Dixies. Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation for this snack, please mark an envelope "Our Daily Bread Dixies" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



**Please call the church office** if you or a loved one are in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!



**Sympathy is extended to the family of:** Charles Witman. We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ our Lord.

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally for their daily visits when we were both in the hospital, and also for bringing communion to our home. We appreciate all of the many cards, phone calls, and prayers from our Saint Paul family. We know that helped us during our long recovery. God bless you all! Bill & Nancy Zerby

Thank you so much for remembering me on my graduation! I was happy to share my plans with you. I will treasure the gifts and using them will remind me how much God loves me, and so do you! Thanks for all you do for children and teens like me. God bless each of you, Jamie Renehan

I would like to thank all those who donated food items and drinks for the meals at VBS this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated. It makes shopping so much easier. Also, I would like to thank those who so graciously volunteered and helped to prepare and serve the meals: Marvin & Fran, Sue, Faye, Donna, Sam and Roxanne. Preparations and serving would not go as smoothly without you. God's Blessings to each and every one!  
Diana Fake

## Men of Faith

Through Christ and in following him as his disciples we are better equipped to be good husbands, fathers, church members, etc., God's forgiven people living life for his glory. The book **Man Up!** by Lutheran Pastor Jeffrey Hemmer will be our engaging study. For our meeting times we have several proposed dates, but it will be starting in early September and copies of the book will be available at the end of this month.

### WORSHIP IN AUGUST

- Aug. 4**      **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14:1-18-26  
Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21
- Aug. 11**     **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16  
Gospel: Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)
- Aug. 18**     **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16-29  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:17-31;12:1-3  
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53(54-56)
- Aug. 25**     **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-23  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:4-24(25-29)  
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



**Women of the Word** are collecting items to complete School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The Sunday School children will assemble the school kits at the end of August. The items we need to complete these kits are: 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college-ruled), Ruler (with cent. included), Pencil sharpener, **BLUNT-TIP** scissors, Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), Box of 16 or 24 crayons, Sturdy drawstring backpack approximately 14"x17" (no standard backpacks). Please give **new items only**. **DO NOT** donate items with any **religious symbols, messages, or decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.**

You can place the donated items in the basket under the table in the back of fellowship hall. Any questions, please contact Barb Sloat. Thank you!

## LCMC

**At the LCMC Annual Gathering** we have the opportunity to hear key note speakers, Bible Study leaders, and great preaching. In addition, we get to participate in break out sessions such as:

- Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew – Steve Turnbull
- Keynote Q&A – Greg Finke
- What is a Millennial – Aaron Thompson
- Organizational Behavior – John Lewis
- LCMC Lutheran Men – Wilson Metz
- Retirement Planning – Tom Luing
- Discipling the Next Generation – Sam Dittrick & Gabby Arland
- Immanuel Prayer – Dean Wheeler
- Meet and Greet – Stephen Anenson
- Introduction to Church Planting – Dan Clites
- Call Committee Coaches – Linda Krei, Nathan Hanson, & Perry Fruhling

Take a look at the LCMC web site and, even if you are not going along, think about which of these workshops would benefit our congregation. When we send members to these gatherings our goal is to get information that would be helpful to our various ministries. Please let us know if you have been considering attending or if you have a ministry interest that we could gather more information about. In this way we can make the most of our partnership with our Association.

**SPONSORSHIPS**  
**ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)**

**Aug. 4** Georgianne Eyster & Paul Emig  
**Aug. 11** Open  
**Aug. 18** Roxanne Donnan  
**Basket** Pat & Butch Maul  
**Aug. 25** Donald & Diana Fake & family / Ken Hoffman

**BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)**

**Aug. 4** Open  
**Aug. 11** Richard & Mary Keller  
**Aug. 18** Bernice Bahn  
**Aug. 25** Brenda Shorts & family

**BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)**

**Aug. 4** Ted & Norma Krebs  
**Aug. 11** Richard & Mary Keller  
**Aug. 18** William & Lois Markel  
**Aug. 25** Rodney & Joyce Smyser

**DVD MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)**

**Aug. 4** Gary & Dot Mann  
**Aug. 11** Charlotte Hoffman & family  
**Aug. 18** Hax family  
**Aug. 25** Richard & Mary Keller

**PARISH MESSENGER**

Open

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Concordia Adult Sunday School Class

**OPEN 2019 SPONSORSHIPS**

- **Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, it may not be available next year.** If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office (792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you."*

*James 1:5*

### **Sunday School for all ages! (Faith Learning 9:45am on Sunday Morning)**

#### **For Adults:**

**Parents of Faith** – prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith – this class meets on the stage

**Summer Sunday School-** Not many congregations offer a significant year-round Sunday school, but Saint Paul does, with a total of 6 classes reaching out to all ages. The Lutheran Theology Class will be meeting in the Sunday School wing as will the Concordia Bible class, Parents of Faith, confirmands through young adult will be meeting in the youth room, nursery will meet as usual, pre-k through elementary ages will be combined. All of our Christian Education classes deal with exciting materials about the word of God! Learn and grow with us! We rotate teachers in the combined elementary class.



**Free Revolution Baseball Tickets:** We have received free Revolution tickets for lawn seats to the **6:30pm game on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets can be picked up in the Narthex. If you take tickets and then find you cannot attend the game, please return the tickets so another family can use them. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for obtaining these tickets.



## HARVEST OF HOPE NEEDS



Canned pasta, Beef stew, Pork and beans, Canned soups, Canned fruit, Vegetarian beans, Canned vegetables, canned chicken breast, boxed mac & cheese, elbow macaroni, boxed rice, hamburger helper, chicken helper, boxed potatoes, canned tuna, canned diced tomatoes, canned corn.

*Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated.*

**CYC is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year** for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by the 1st of September. Registration can be done through St. Paul's webpage [www.saintpaul-trinity.org](http://www.saintpaul-trinity.org) or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form. The 3-year

old's meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 and the 4-year old's meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30. Tuition for the 3's is

\$90/ month and for the 4's it is \$115/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$20.00.



**Be sure to visit the new CYC website at**

<https://www.cycpreschool.com/> And don't forget to post this link on your Facebook page and share it with friends! There are lots of exciting things planned for the fall!



**BLANKET WORKSHOP:** The quilters will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.** We are currently in need of flat sheets, large square non-polyester fabric tablecloths, or cotton material to be used for quilt backs. Please join us! New friends are always welcome!

**Trip to the New Windsor Service Center  
Tuesday, August 6th**

**Leave 6:45am and return by early afternoon.**

**Signed permission slips needed for youth over 14.**

We will volunteer in their gift processing center.

Any questions, please see Barb Sloat

we must give the Service Center advance notice about how many are coming.

**Sign-up sheet is on the table, sign-up today!!**

## **Phase II Sharing the light of Christ update**

Wow, things are really underway now! The workers are here Monday through Friday and have begun to prepare the footprint for the new parlor. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we Move forward in Faith.

We will provide picture updates in the Sunday School wing as they become available. We continue to ask for God's guidance so that we use this building improvement for the ministry He has called us to and as an outreach to a world that is longing to hear the Good News of Jesus!



**Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.**

Our Fall schedule will be:

**Amos Herr House** in Lancaster on September 18. We will meet at church at 9 am. Tour the house and grounds at 10 am and then go for lunch. The tour is by donation. We will car pool. Please sign up at church.

October: Goodridge Freedom Center

November: Anstine's Candy

December 12 - Bird N Hand Christmas Show - reservations including payment of \$52 is due by October 31

**Upcoming activities for EVERYONE!**  
**Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

**Upcoming dates for Youth and Family Events:**

**Family Fun Day at William Kain County Park** – August 25  
We'll meet at the park at 4. Chicken and drinks will be provided. A sign-up list is available at church so that we know numbers and you will have an opportunity to bring a side dish! The park has canoes, paddle boats, walking trails and playground areas.

More information is available in the upcoming church newsletters and bulletins!

**Sunday School Kickoff** – September 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Church Family Retreat** – October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

**Summer reading Program for Youth-**

Whether your child is an infant or in High School he/she can read or be read to. This summer Saint Paul Lutheran is encouraging the reading of Christian Books. Kids from age 1 day-to 18 can borrow a book from the read a book cart in Fellowship Hall and when they have read one return it for another. Those youth ages 1 day through 12 who read 12 Christian books will get a prize at the end of the summer, and those 13-18 who read three of the longer works will also be rewarded. These choices can of course also count towards some other reading programs. Brochures with stickers to mark books read are available on the cart.

**Junior High through Young Adult class.**

Learn about Christian Music New and Old  
Throughout the summer Junior high through young adults are invited to meet in the youth room at the end of the Sunday school wing on the right to learn about different contemporary Christian groups and the use of music in the praise of God in general. Join us for these interesting and fun sessions and participate in our taste test of different snack foods if you wish. Come about 9:50 AM on Sundays.