



Proclamation

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Words from The Deacon....

Good Day My Beloved,

It's almost unbelievable to think that it is August already. This summer is flying by. It's been wonderful to see many of our families take well-deserved vacations this summer. As we return from our trips, let's get ready to dig in because we have a lot of things happening here at St. Paul's. I waited to finish my article until after the voter's meeting that was held after the 1030 service this past Sunday (29th). The vote was unanimous to start a praise service here at St. Paul's. Much conversation was had regarding this subject and the follow-on agenda items that needed to be discussed to enable this service. The overwhelming majority voted to have a Saturday evening service. There was a suggestion made to "demo" the service at both of our existing services so that our congregants will have an idea of what this service will look like. We hope to do this in October of this year. We pray that this service will start in early November of this year.

We will be offering the Praise service on the first, third, and fifth Saturday's of the month at either 5:00 or 6:00 PM. The money needed to accommodate this service (approximately \$2000) was also approved as we will begin to purchase this needed equipment. I am very excited about this service and what it could mean to our community. As we get this service in place, we will also be moving towards posting all of the sermons online and maybe someday a "live feed" to allow our shut-ins an opportunity to be a part of our worship services. This is the start of what I have been talking about regarding being ready to move as a congregation. We need to be there for our "family" here at St. Paul's but we also need to remind our neighbors that there is always room for the at God's Table. Outreach and stewardship are not defined by the actions that we confine to our property. If that were the case, the early church surely would have died. We need to be relevant to our family here at St. Paul's, but that needs to extend to the "mission field" as well. Jesus challenged us to go and make disciples of men ... It's now time to act on that charge. Let us love our neighbors with the love that He modeled for us. Amen?

Blessings,

(D.V.P) Pomrenke

From the desk of the Congregational President

Paul Mehrkam



President Newsletter August, 2018

Thank you for everyone that participated in the special voter's meeting last month. The approval by the congregation to add a contemporary music and praise worship embarks St. Paul's Church on a new path of evangelical outreach in Southern Maryland. Such a service is necessary to help our young adults stay connected with Jesus and to bring the lost sheep into the fold.

The praise services will be held on Saturdays starting in the November/December time. In the upcoming months, you will see changes in the back of the sanctuary to build an audio and visual control center. If you haven't been to a praise worship or don't know what it is like, you will get the chance in October in which one Sunday will be done as a praise service.

With the end of the summer vacation season coming to a close soon, many families are preparing young ones for school and likewise older ones for college. To help save money, Maryland and Virginia have tax free holidays for apparel and school supplies. Maryland's holiday is about a week long, August 12 to 18, while Virginia's last only 3 days, August 3 to 5.

Dear Lord, Heavenly God, Be the lamp to our feet at St. Paul's as we continue to harvest the mission field with the start of the praise service. May you also give us generous hearts in help those that are in trouble and need. Amen.

Sunday School News

To All Sunday School Families and Friends of St. Paul's!

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer enjoying lots of family fun and adventures. Many opportunities will be offered this year to help all of us study God's word so we can grow closer to him and feel strengthened by His love and promises as we go through each day.

It was also great to see many of our friends at our Summer Sunday school in July. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway for some great photos of the fun we shared!

The Sunday School staff at St. Paul's is preparing to begin a new Sunday School year. Classes for all ages three thru adult will begin on September 2nd, 2018 with our annual Rally Day celebration. Sunday school classes will start at 9:15 AM in the education building with an all class opening before students break into their individual classes until 10:15 AM. We ask each student to fill out a yearly registration form so that we can have updated contact and grade level information. A registration form is included with this newsletter. Extra forms are available on the bulletin board in the church hallway. Please place completed forms in my mail box across from the kitchen. All are welcome! An adult class continues to meet in the kitchen for anyone who would like to join in on their study of the book of Ephesians" from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM.

Our Rally Day celebration will continue with a special worship service which will include our Sunday School children leading the congregation in singing a couple of their favorite VBS songs. ***(If you were unable to attend VBS this summer, don't worry, the words will be projected for all to follow along!)*** Following the service all are invited to stay for a wonderful fellowship potluck picnic with games, good food, a fun moon bounce and great fellowship. Drinks, hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and or a dessert to share! We thank our Thrivent team once again for helping to sponsor this great chance for all of us to come together as a church family!

Upcoming Events

Sunday School teacher's meeting on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:30 PM. All current teachers and anyone else who is interested in helping out with openings or teaching should plan to attend. We will be discussing curriculum, teaching assignments and other preparations for the new year.



"Let all that you do be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Thanks for Sharing your Child with us! Mrs. Bowling



St. Paul's Lutheran Church 2018-2019 Sunday School Registration Form



Enrollment is for children 3 years old on or before September 1, 2015 thru high school age.

Name of Child: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade as of Sept. 1: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Names of Siblings also enrolled in Sunday School: _____

Allergies or Other Medical Problems: _____

Has your child been baptized? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, Where and When: _____

Please check here to give permission for your child to be photographed and videotaped during church activities. Your child's image may appear in print or online promoting the church's activities. By checking here, you understand that your child's name will not be used to identify your child. This permission form will be kept on file in the church office. If you would like to withdraw your permission, you may do so at any time.

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I would like more information on:

_____ Adult Sunday School Class

_____ Choir

_____ Confirmation class for 7th grade or older

_____ Teaching or Substituting Sunday School

_____ Youth group activities

_____ Getting involved in other ways with the
Sunday School

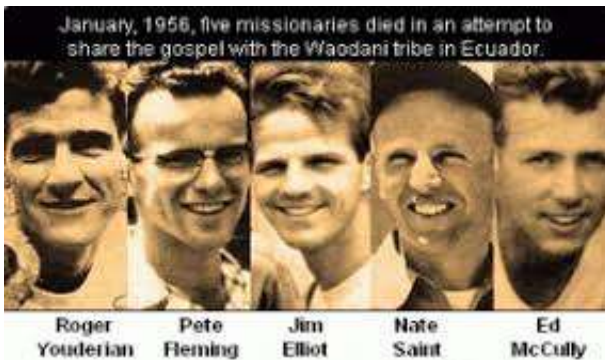
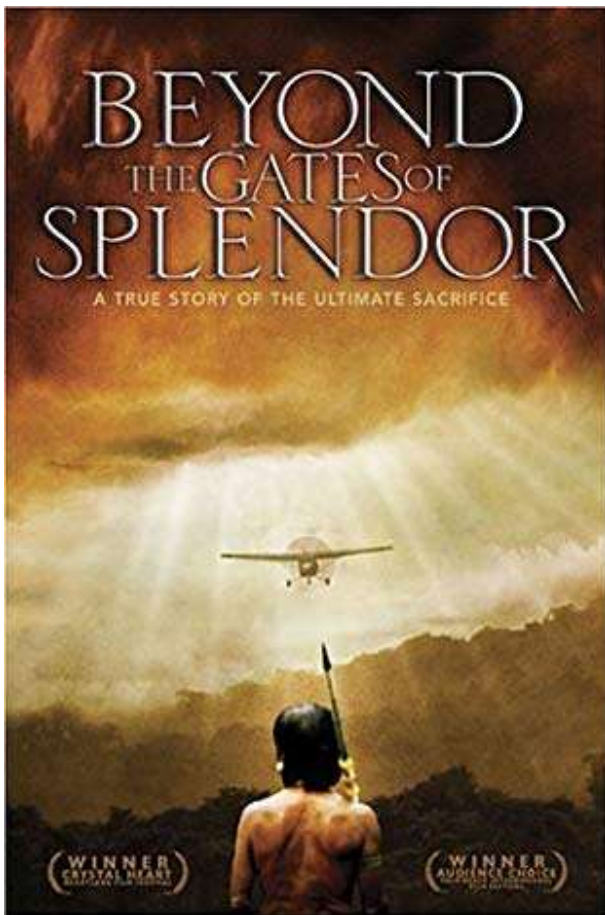
_____ New member classes

Please return forms or direction questions to Brenda Bowling (301-373-8256). Her box is located
across from the kitchen.



A View from the Pew

Some thoughts on sharing the Good News--- Beyond the Gates of Splendor



In America during the 1950's life had slowed down. However, for five young men who attended Wheaton College, life was about to change. With their dreams before them, **Nate Saint, Jim Elliot, Roger Youderian, Pete Fleming** and **Ed McCully** left college with a compelling vision to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who had not heard it. Grippled with love for the Indian people of Ecuador, they left their comfortable lives in the states to live in the jungles of the Amazon. Joined by their wives, the couples established a successful ministry to the Indians. However, there was one tribe no missionary had been able to reach: the **Aucas**. The Aucas were known as brutal savages, who not only killed out-

siders, but also were involved with internal vendettas ending in the loss of many lives.

Armed with a love for others and a convict-

ion to follow Christ's command to take the gospel to the ends of the earth, these five couples dared to reach the Aucas.

Unfortunately, the goal was not without its

Cost as the five men were killed in their attempt to establish contact with the Aucas.

From the book and study guide by Elisabeth Elliot

St. Paul's, what are we doing on the mission field beyond our church home? Sadly nothing! In the past couple of years, we have received three missionaries at our church- wherein they presented their mission and asked for our support in prayer and funding. Our church has not responded to their requests. **The Great Commission is not a suggestion! It is a command by Jesus Christ!** I wish to present this wonderful film to you at St. Paul's- the feature is 96 minutes- Kleenex tissues will be provided.

Please let me know your opinion on the proposal.

Elder's Entry

I want to thank the men in the congregation for attending our Men's Prayer Breakfasts in June and July. This event grows each month with more men enjoying the fellowship, really good food and of course devotion with our brothers. The next breakfast will be on August 11th at 8:30AM.

If you are a teen in our church and are looking for a way to serve please consider being an usher. The usher's take up the collection during service and assist with handing out bulletins and greeting whoever comes to service. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions you can ask Deacon Gary or any Elder.

The Elder's will be working with the new Altar Guild to ensure the Lord's Supper is prepared for each service and the altar is cared for.

Please remember if you have questions or needs and you would like to speak to someone your Elder's are standing with you.

**Your Brother in Christ,
Bob Beverage**

LWML NEWS

In September the LWML Chesapeake District Convention will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Richmond Virginia from September 21 to 23. Registration will begin in July for this event. The registration fee includes some meals and the event but it does not include the hotel fees. I will be there and would love to have a few other ladies from St. Paul's join me. We can carpool and share rooms to help keep costs to a minimum. The theme for the convention is "Our Journey With the Lord".

If you are unable to attend please let me know if you would like to make a donation toward the wonderful causes that the LWML are supporting like Faith House in Frederick MD where homeless women and children are given shelter and shown God's love, Orphan Grain Train which feeds many Haitian's and teaches them about their Heavenly Father, and even right here in southern Maryland where they gave Grace Lutheran's Prison and Recovery Ministry \$4000 to teach those who have been incarcerated that God loves even them. At the convention I will be participating in the "Mission Pledge Walk in the Park" to raise funds for these very worthy causes.

We are also looking for someone to quilt a banner representing St. Paul's LWML which is to be a quilt that will be donated after the convention to babies in need. I have the specifications which are in this month's Chesapeake Breeze which is the newsletter for the LWML in our area. Feel free to take a look at www.lwmlchesapeake.org If you are interested in making our quilt/banner I have lots of material that I would be happy to donate. I have never made a quilt but I have made receiving blankets and if you are willing to teach me this skill I would be willing to help.

Every Lutheran Woman is part of LWML whether you actively participate or not. Deacon Gary has made the comment that if St. Paul's disappeared, would we be missed... Help me build our St Paul's LWML and go forth and show God's love in ALL that we do in His name. God bless you! Have a safe and compassionate summer and enjoy the beauty of this world that God made!

Blessing,

Tracie Pomrenke



Mission and Ministries

What's Going On??

August 2018

The generous heart of St Paul's has certainly been visible in the months of June and July. There was a community yard sale in June to raise funds towards new altar paraments. Thanks to the varied and wonderful donations provided by the congregation we were able to raise over \$1000! Besides this benefit the fellowship was priceless, always so good to work together.

We have sent food donations twice to Howard County and in St Mary's County. In Howard County Deacon Gary and I delivered several cases of bottled water and food items to help them deal with the demands following the Ellicott City Flooding. There were kid friendly food donations delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park that were collected during Vacation Bible School. This food will be used to assist children who depend on the school food programs to get through the summer months. There will be less hunger thanks to these two efforts.

Although a Christian Education event I would like to note all the donations given by this congregation to support VBS!


There are more opportunities to come. On August 8th there will be an ice cream social at 6PM to not only share a cold bowl of ice cream and maybe some sprinkles, but also to share an evening of music with our neighbors in the Mennonite Community.

As always I am looking for willing hands to assist with this event and others in the future. If you think this is where you can serve. Please let me know.

**Mission and Ministries Chairperson
Lois Beverage**

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
<p><u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u></p> <p>08/03-Renee Maxey 08/05-Greg Butterfield & Paul Piphoo 08/07 -Bobby Stasch 08/08-Christian Wollin 08/12-Tony Gray 08/28-Andrew Maack</p>				<p>08/19-Brenda Bowling 08/16-John Bowling & Kelly Gray</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>		<p><u>Happy Anniversary</u></p> <p>08/14- Lois & Robert Beverage 08/15- Charles & Andrea Morris</p>		 
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<p>Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am</p>	 Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room		Mennonite choir Ice cream social 6pm	Council Mtg. 6:30 PM		Youth pool party @ Paul Mekrham's 2pm-6pm		
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Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: 9:15 am

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It's not a Religion.....It's a Relationship!!