



Proclamation

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My Beloved,

January was a busy month. First off, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for the amazing efforts that surrounded my Ordination this past weekend. I was overwhelmed by the love that you showed me and my family by your efforts from serving to preparing to set-up to parking cars and trying to keep the flow of the day going. I felt your love and I hope that you know how much I love you all as well.

This last weekend we set out on a new journey to engage our community and spread the Gospel of Christ to all who do not know Him. Things are different here now than they were when I got here. There is a different vibe present at St. Paul's. The Holy Spirit is working in this place. Not just in me, but also in every one of you. People are worshipping more joyously. You are seeing more smiles in our midst. I want you to understand that I take no credit or think it is because of me or any of my efforts. You are all allowing the Holy Spirit to let you trust and love each other again. It is He (The Holy Spirit) that is renewing this congregation and its new pastor. I am beyond excited to see where He takes us.

Lastly, I want you to be excited about our future. As our new Council President once said ... "Be ready to move." Let us allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate a new cooperative spirit here at St. Paul's. I can't tell you how proud I am to be your pastor. I truly have the best job ever. Let us work in our congregation and in our surrounding community as that body of Christ I have been talking about. Be His hands and feet and reflect His light in all that we do and say. Amen?

Pastor Pomrenke

From the Desk of the Congregational President

John Bowling Sr.

President Newsletter February, 2019.

To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to thank everyone for all they did to make Pastor Gary's Ordination and Installation Celebration so great. Thank you to those who helped to prepare the meal, desserts and table decorations, those who cleaned, moved pews and helped to set up and take down tables and chairs, to Jimmie Swain for busing people to and from Lettie Dent Elementary School, those who monitored the parking here at church and our elders and acolytes for helping with the wonderful service. A great day of fellowship and celebration!

Now I look forward to the work ahead under the leadership of our newly installed Pastor. With your help and God's blessing we can do God's work together. "Nothing is impossible for those that love God and are called according to His purpose."

In His Service,

John Bowling



Sunday School News

You can't help but think of love in the month of February. The world markets "love" everywhere we go through a variety of cards, candy, stickers, flowers, gifts, etc. but only God can love with a perfect love. His love and forgiveness are a free gift of grace to all people anywhere in the world who believe in Him. It is unchanging and unending. During February we want to help our Sunday School children respond to God's amazing Love for us by reaching out to love and share His love with others. I want to first thank our kids and their families for their response to the family of 7 who lost their home and everything in it including their pets this month in Hollywood. One of the members of this family has been to my home many times as a good friend of my 2 oldest grandsons. We talked to the families and kids in SS about the need and sent the Russell family the money we collected during our opening and the monies in our Mission Birthday church along with some gift cards and some goodies. I am always so thankful for the love and compassion I see in the faces of our Sunday School children and their willingness to help others whenever they have the chance.

We will continue this month with several other outreach projects, the first of which involves an outreach to the Veteran's Home. Classes have been making cards and gifts for the residents at the Veterans Home to take there on **February 10th** when Pastor Gary goes there to lead the church service at 2 PM. We are encouraging all kids and their parents who can, to go with Pastor to give their cards to the residents and help with the service by turning pages, etc. Parents can help to bring the residents down to the area for the service; however, children are not allowed to push the residents in their wheel chairs for safety reasons. Please let me know if you will be able to go with us on the 10th. We will need to be there by 1:30 PM. We are planning on meeting at the church at 1:15 pm and then following each other over. I know from my experience with my mom at the St. Mary's Nursing Home that having children around can bring such joy to the residents.

Sunday School is available for all ages. Adults are meeting in the kitchen. The High School class is meeting in the Nursery in the Main Church and classes for children ages 4 through 6th grade as well as our Confirmation class are meeting in the Educational Building. Please join us!

"We love, because He first loved us"

Brenda Bowling, Christian Ed. Chairman

LWML NEWS

Our first LWML breakfast was a great success!! We had 14 women in attendance and decided to do this every other month. That means the 3rd Saturday of every odd month (so the next one is in March because it is the 3rd month) we will have a breakfast that starts at 9a.m.

During the even numbered months we will meet at dinner time for an LWML pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Monday. Again women only!

I am going to touch base with Teresa Killion, the President of the Chesapeake District and a member of our previous church before the next meeting to verify if there is any structure we need to set up to be “officially” LWML.

One of the members of the LWML at Trinity has also touched base with me about the possibility of doing a joint event. I am so very excited to have a band of Lutheran woman to join me on this journey and I am excited to see where it goes!

Some dates to mark on your calendar...

Feb. 18th 6pm potluck meeting

Mar 16th 9am women’s breakfast

Nov. 1 to 3 LWML retreat in Ocean City MD

Mission and Ministries

What's Going On??

February 2019

The congregation of St Paul's has certainly been a loving and supportive group towards the community around us. The major focus of this generosity has been the St Mary's Helping Hands Food Pantry. This source of food for so many of our neighbors has been very grateful for all the food donations. It is no surprise, as we know our Lord works through us, that what was brought to the food bank was just what they needed. During the government shutdown more families were showing up for assistance. Once again, the food bank asked for help and many community neighbors, including our congregation, pitched in and the needs were met. I will keep you all informed of future needs.

On January 27th St Paul's hosted a special day with the ordination and installation service of Pastor Gary Pomrenke, who is now our minister. I want to thank all who assisted with the very delicious dinner served and all the yummy deserts. With all the talents in our congregation it was a very special event!

With our Lord's help when St Paul's shares we can accomplish so much!

Lois Beverage

Missions and Ministries Chair

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Rochelle Brynside -2/2 Aidan Price - 2/12 Felicia Drury - 2/5 Simon Bowling - 2/13 Gary Wollin - 2/9 Patty Gumtow - 2/13 Cindy Werth- 2/11 Garrett Wiggen - 2/13</p>			 <p>Jim & June Shewbridge - 2/1 Bob & Renee Maxey - 2/8</p>		01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School: 9:00 am	 Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room	Praise Team Practice 6 pm				Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 am ----- Praise Service at 5 pm
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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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