



Deuteronomy 7:6 For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.



## *Pastor's Message*

From The Pulpit,

Blessings My Beloved. I can hardly believe that this year is almost half over. We have had a busy spring. Summer is officially here whether we are ready or not. This is a time of achievement ... graduations, retirements, etc. It's a time of movement as well. We are moving to different places ... starting our new jobs after college. Scheduling out our retirement plans. Whatever is applicable to you, it is an exciting time.

During this busy time, I challenge you all to find time just to be quiet and be with The Lord. Some of the best devotional time I have is spent in absolute silence reading a new section of scripture or possibly one we have read several times throughout our lives. It is time focused on that all-important relationship that we are striving to cultivate with our Savior and Father in Heaven. It must have the same importance (If not more) than any other thing that we busy ourselves with during our days.

Proverbs 17:1 (ESV) tells us ...

*<sup>17</sup> Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.*

Let us strive not for more, but for peace. That is what our Savior wants for us ... peace and unity with each other and with our Father in heaven. Let us Love each other with the Unconditional Love of Our Father. Amen?

Pastor Gary

### **Message from the Buildings and Grounds Council Member:**

I would like to thank all of the congregation for providing input to the development of the comprehensive list of projects inside and outside of the church that are needed to maintain and improve the church property. A special thanks to John Bowling and Pastor Pomrenke for presenting the list of projects including possible future sanctuary improvements.

After the presentation and discussion on the comprehensive list of projects, it was decided to focus on the maintenance items for the church first including the roof, heat pump for the educational building, and restrooms.

The comprehensive list of projects will be updated on a regular basis with projects being added as needed and projects removed as they are completed. The list will be provided to the congregation at future voters meetings as information not necessarily for action.

**Brad Clements**  
**Building and Grounds**

### **Mission and Ministries** **What's Going On?** **May 2019**

Brothers and Sisters of St Paul's in the month of June we have two mission opportunities so far. First there has been an appeal made by Lifestyles of Maryland for food and personal care items for our neighbors in need in Southern Maryland. There will be copies of the list of needed items in the narthex and donated items can be returned there. Second one of our biggest mission outreach projects in our church, Vacation Bible School, will happen the last week of June. The VBS Chairperson Meredith Johnson is doing a mission project with the children and invites the congregation to help as well. This year's project is to collect new or gently used children's books to provide to food pantries so that children in need can have a book of their own. There will be a collection area in the narthex during VBS for the books.

Thank you as always for the caring hearts of St Paul's!!

Mission and Ministries Chair

**Lois Beverage**

## Sunday School News

### Christian Education Report

Thank you to a wonderful teaching staff who has been such a blessing to St. Paul's this past year by sharing the Word of God to the young people in our congregation. They have given their time and love to help so many great kids remain strong in their faith. What they do matters now, in the years to come and for eternity. Most of us learned about Jesus by someone just like our teachers here at St. Paul's. Thank you so much Meredith Stallman, Emily Maack and Dylan Otte, Felicia Bowling, Brenda Bowling, Melissa Chew and Cindy Werth. If you would like to be a part of our teaching staff, please contact Brenda Bowling. We are always in need of substitutes and aids for our classes as they begin to grow larger.

Thank you to all our Sunday School kids for doing a great job sharing God's love at our 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the Veteran's Home on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We were all very proud of them!

The children will be sharing some of what they have learned this past year during the worship service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Service will be followed by a congregational picnic of good food, fellowship and fun. Bring a side dish to share.... Thrivent will be taking of the main course and drinks. Hope to see you there!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in July for our "**Super Fun Summer Sunday School**" which will be held in the Educational Building on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be meeting together for a fun time of bible stories, crafts, games, activities, music and snacks. We will be learning about Some of Jesus miracles and parables this summer. All kids from ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Please bring a friend!

Hope everyone has a blessed, safe and happy summer!  
**Brenda Bowling, Sunday School Superintendant**

## VBS

VBS is just a few weeks away, but there is still time to sign up!

All kids age 3 (potty trained) to 5th grade are welcome to join us in a ROARsome adventure!

Please go to St. Paul's website: [www.stpaulssomd.org](http://www.stpaulssomd.org) and click on the ROAR icon to register.

VBS will be from June 24-28 9am to 12pm

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Johnson 301-653-0792 or [meredith.s.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.s.johnson@gmail.com)

We can't wait to see you there!



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**JUNE 2019**

02	03	04	05	06	07	01
	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm	Praise practice 6pm				Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Praise service 5pm
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Confirmation Sunday (One Service @ 10:30 a.m.) Refreshments to follow	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm	Praise practice 6pm		Council Meeting 6:30 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Service time: 8am & 10:30 am  <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm	Praise practice 6pm				Praise Service 5 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Service times: 8 & 10:30 a.m.	VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Venturing crew CEB room 7pm	VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.	VBS 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	
30 Service Times: 8 & 10:30 a.m.	<div>  <p><b>Happy Anniversary to: Darrell &amp; Sandy Frerichs; Jack &amp; Patty Gumtow</b></p> </div> <div>  <p><b>Happy Birthay to: Julia Wiggins, June 16; Skye Foy, June 21, and Pastor Pomrenke, June 22, 2019</b></p> </div> <p>(We are constantly updating our anniversary and birthday list. Please send any additions or deletions to <a href="mailto:info@stpaulssomd.com">info@stpaulssomd.com</a>)</p>					

## KIDS CORNER:



BEHOLD,  
CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD.  
THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB A REWARD.

LIKE ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A WARRIOR  
ARE THE CHILDREN OF ONE'S YOUTH.

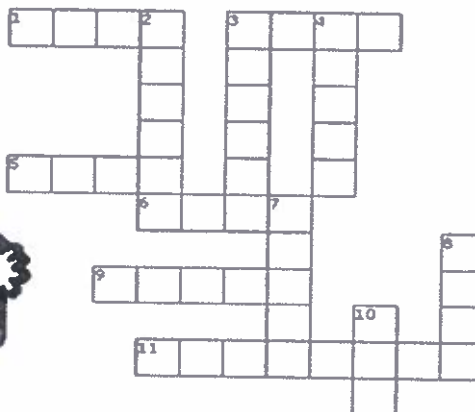
BLESSED IS THE MAN  
WHO FILLS HIS QUIVER WITH THEM!

HE SHALL NOT BE  
PUT TO SHAME WHEN HE SPEAKS  
WITH HIS ENEMIES IN THE GATE.

PSALM 127:3-5

## The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



### ACROSS

1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
3. The period from birth to death
5. A strong feeling of affection
6. Goes faster than walking
9. What we use to speak
11. One who takes care of the sheep

### DOWN

2. The male parent
3. To hear or pay attention to something
4. A group of sheep herded together
7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
8. The opposite of bad
10. A small place where animals are kept

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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Sunday Services:

Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: 9:15 am

Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 10:00am to 2:00pm

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