



Proclamation

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From The Pastor,

My Beloved ... as we continue through this Lenten season, a gentle reminder. We must remember that it is a journey of discovery. It's also a journey where mankind's failure is illuminated quite extensively. Despite mankind's failure, out of His love for all of us, Jesus gave up all that He had and all that He was. Jesus held nothing back ... He gave His life in order to give us a path to salvation and an eternity with Our Father in Heaven. This is the biggest sacrifice ever made in the History of the world. This journey over these 40 days is and has been an emotional roller-coaster for many of us to say the least. Hopefully, I have challenged you during this journey up to this point.

We have been discussing being the body of Christ ... Going where He went, experiencing what He experienced, and learning the lesson of true love taught to us as He goes to the cross for all of us. We celebrate this love throughout the year, but we specifically focus on it extensively during this month. We celebrate His arrival, we arrest Him with no cause, we beat Him and nail Him to a tree to suffer an agonizing death. Be certain of one thing ... Our sins did that. Despite of that sin, Jesus' death and resurrection assures us of our heavenly Home. He conquered death thus creating a path to an eternity in heaven. Without Jesus Christ ... we would all be condemned and lost. Thank God for His Son!

As we continue into the Spring ... how can we not be captivated by the newness of things around us? Flowers blooming ... Days getting warmer (hopefully) ... a renewed vigor to get things done around our homes. Let us not forget about our church home during this time of renewal. We are to be stewards of all that God has given to us ... that includes our tithes, our gifts, and our facilities. We have a Church Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday the 13th @ 0830 Hrs. Please consider volunteering your time to make our facilities the best that they can possibly be. Remember ... honoring the Lord is done through honoring His house!

We will be having Holy Week Services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Those Service times will be 6:30 PM on Thursday and Friday and during normal worship times on Sunday. We will also be doing a praise service during the 0800 service on April 28th and during the 1030 service on May 19th. This will ensure that people that have not been able to attend our Saturday night services will be able to experience our new alternative worship service. Let us Spring into serving the Lord more earnestly ... Our future may just depend on it. I genuinely love you all and I am Proud to be Your Pastor! Amen?

Your Pastor,

Rev. G. Pomrenke

From the Desk of the Congregational President

John Bowling Sr.

President Newsletter April, 2019

Want to thank everyone for coming out for our special Voter's meeting. We voted unanimously to move forward to purchase the equipment necessary to be able to stream our sermons out to members of our congregation and the community. This will be a great tool to help members who are unable to attend our services because of illness, bad weather, etc. to stay connected with their family at St. Paul's and hear the Word of God.

We will be having a Work Day on Saturday April 13th beginning at 8:30 AM to clean up the church grounds before Easter. If you have some time to share please come out to help. The winter winds and rain have left a lot of branches, etc. on the grounds and grass cutting time is almost here.

We are also looking for a new Administrative Assistant for our office. If you are interested please contact Pastor or myself. I want to extend a big thank you to Ashley Groves for serving St. Paul's and wish her the best in her future endeavors. May God bless you always Ashley!

In His Service,

John H. Bowling



Sunday School News

Greetings from the Sunday School! We continue to come together each Sunday to learn more about the amazing love God has for us.

In a few short weeks our journey to the cross will be complete and we will be celebrating the most important event of our Christian faith, the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. It wasn't until Easter Sunday and the resurrection that the disciples finally understood that their teacher and friend was truly the Son of God. A realization that was so life changing that it sent them out into the world filled with the Holy Spirit to share this message far and wide in spite of the many trials and persecutions that they would endure. They had seen the risen Lord and knew the truth: that Jesus, the Son of God, had defeated death to save the world.

We pray that the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of all of our Sunday children and their families with this same joy and excitement as we look forward to our Easter celebration here at St. Paul's. Again, this year we welcome all the Sunday School classes and their friends to join up for our Easter activities that will be held on Easter morning, Sunday April 21st. All classes will first meet together in the main room of the Education Building for some special activities and songs before going outside for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a basket/bag, a friend and your alleluias! All are welcome!

Looking ahead

The Sunday school will be visiting the Veteran's Home once again on Sunday, May 26th.

We will be meeting at church at 1:15 PM and going over together. Children will be sharing some special crafts and artwork with the residents and help with the service that Pastor Gary will be leading.

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School "Roar" will be held June 24th thru June 28th. Please contact Meredith Johnson if you can help and be sure you sign your kids up for this fun week of bible adventures, crafts, games, music and snacks.

In Christ,

Brenda Bowling, Christian Education Chairman

LWML NEWS

We had our woman's prayer breakfast on March 16th and were blessed to have Teresa Tester join us. Teresa is the President of the LWML Chesapeake District. She informed us that we need to have a president, vice president, treasurer, and a secretary. Please let me know if you have any nominees or would like to volunteer for any of these positions.

We were also informed of the upcoming Spring Rally which is being held at Ascension Lutheran at 7415 Buchanan St in Landover Hills, MD on April 6th. Tracie Pomrenke will be attending and if anyone would like to join her the RSVP needs to be in by **April 1st** and we can carpool. Please contact Tracie via text or call at 920-901-5840 or Tracie.Pomrenke@ServiceExperts.com

Even if you cannot attend, they are collecting feminine hygiene products, towels, sheets (any size), pillow cases, deodorant, disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, and new underwear for men, women, and children. These items are being collected to distribute to homeless people. For those who are not going but would like to help please bring any items that you wish to donate no later than April 3rd. If you are planning to attend just bring them with you!

Our meeting in April will be the 3rd Monday which will be the 15th. It will be a pot luck at 6:30. I hope to see you there. Even if you cannot attend but would like to fill one of the positions we need to fill please let me know. I have a new email address Tracie.Pomrenke@ServiceExperts.com (actually it is not new but it is the only one I check daily ☺). I would also like to plan a ladies tea during this meeting, the dates I am considering are June 1st or May 25th. Again, if you have input but will not be attending please send me an email.

Don't forget that if you want to attend the LWML Christian Life Retreat in Ocean City from Nov. 1-3 we need to start planning now. It will be at the Carousel Hotel and the theme is Perseverance: A Nehemiah Battle Plan. We can do fundraising to help curb the cost but only if we start now!

Mission and Ministries

What's Going On??

April 2019

As we are now on the threshold of spring it is certainly when we tend to feel renewed and look forward to new starts! So, with that in mind lets as a congregation start increasing our reach outward into the community and inward to how we can better serve in our church. I am always interested in thoughts and ideas from the congregation for mission work and if you are looking for how you may serve please let me know. Fresh ideas and thoughts are always welcome! If you are someone who likes to work with and grow vegetables let's talk! Welcome Spring and all the promises God's world brings!

Lois Beverage

Missions and Ministries Chair

VENTURING CREW

Winter? Not a time to hibernate!

Just because it was winter, didn't mean that the Venturing crew went into hibernation. On the contrary, we took advantage of the cold weather to show we can still have fun.

The crew continued with training hikes to get ready for our Summer 2019 expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM along with Boy Scouts from Troop 1785. The crew has been refining its backcountry skills and learning the importance of layering when it comes to the clothes we wear to stay warm. Even though we're backpacking in New Mexico in July, mountain temperatures can drop into the 30's and 40's at night.

January yielded yet another rainy day hike at the American Chestnut Land Trust in Prince Frederick where we practiced setting up dining flies and how to rig a bear bag. After enjoying a trail lunch, we drove down to the NAS Patuxent River Drill Hall for some physical training, working on strengthening our leg and core muscles and some cardio as we begin to prepare to tackle more vertical terrain.

February found us hiking in the sun around the central perimeter at Catoctin Mountain National Park in Thurmont, MD. It was our first exposure to some steep hills. Despite some unexpected snow and ice on the trail, the crew did well.

Finally, we took advantage of the offer for the use of a cabin to do some hiking in Moorefield, West Virginia a couple of weekends ago. It was sunny all weekend and in addition to a hilly loop hike from the cabin, we stopped on the way home Sunday to tackle another big hill hiking Wolf Gap to Big Schloss along the WV/VA border in the George Washington National Forest.

Backpacking wasn't the only thing we've been up to, though. In January, the crew again competed in the Klondike Derby in Harpers Ferry, WV with other Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews. We tackled more stations this year including first aid, "fishing" and roasting a marshmallow to perfection.

We went skiing and snowboarding again in February on the slopes at Liberty Mountain. Despite the warm weather and rain earlier in the week, Liberty was blowing snow all night Friday and into Saturday so snow conditions were excellent. Warm cabins with wood-burning stoves at a nearby Scout camp served as our lodging for the weekend.

On Shrove Tuesday, we fed pancakes and sausage to a sell-out crowd. We were deeply gratified with the turnout this year and thank everyone so much for your support and enjoying breakfast for dinner with us. We ended March camping at John & Brenda Bowling's farm in Hollywood. We were nearly blown away by the high winds Friday night but survived to go to Sanners Lake Sportsmen's Club on Saturday for a morning of archery and an afternoon of .22 rifle shooting. All of the youth managed to qualify for a marksmanship award. The winds died off Saturday evening and we enjoyed pineapple upside down cake for dessert and a campfire under the stars.

Finally, we enjoyed bowling and a couple of video game nights in lieu of regular meetings.

You can also check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Crew1785/ to keep up with our activities. If you're 14 or 13 and completed the 8th grade but under 21 and you'd like to join in on the fun, contact David Nelsen at 301.884.4631 or danelsen@alum.rpi.edu.





Easter Altar Flowers 2019

Please fill out this form and attach a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
earmarked "***Easter Flowers***" & ***place in offering plate.***

ORDER FORM & monies are due Sunday, April 7, 2019

Easter Lilies **\$9.75**

Hydrangeas (Assorted) **\$14.00**

Plant# 1 Lily_____ Hydrangea_____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Plant# 2 Lily_____ Hydrangea_____

In Memory/Honor of _____

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In Memory/Honor of _____

Plant# 4 Lily_____ Hydrangea_____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Given by:_____

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April

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 <p>04/01- Stephen Stowers 04/01- Lindsey Trowbridge 04/09- Jessalyn Mehrkam 04/11- Betty Ann Wathen 04/15- Sally Gheen 04/21- Melissa Chew 04/22- Tracie Pomrenke</p>					 <p>Cathy & Gene Bostwick - 4/3</p>	
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Palm Sunday Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Sunday School: 9:00 am	LWML Potluck @ 6:30 pm  Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room			Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm	Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter 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		Elder's Meeting @ 6:30 pm		
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