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Formational Praying

By Pastor Tim

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” – Colossians 4:2

When you order something from Amazon or a catalog chances are you can’t await the arrival of your package. Every time a mail truck drives by your home or the UPS truck comes near your driveway, you wonder if your package will be delivered. There’s great anticipation in the air!

If only we treated our prayers with the same level of expectation.

As a pastor people often come to me with prayer requests, but rarely do I hear anything about the results. Even in our own private lives on average we probably do more asking than looking for answers. In the above quote from the Apostle Paul however, he aligns praying with watching.

Praying helps us to be formed in the image of Jesus partly because it helps to “increase our faith”. In other words, we really come to the place of understanding how great God’s power is to do anything. *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think* is how Paul described the Lord in Ephesians 3:20.

As we are formed and trust in Jesus working in us we come to a place of greater trust in the phrase ‘far more’. We realize God is in charge and we are living under His rule and reign. We come to understand His power far exceeds our levels of watchfulness. Too often we don’t even notice the prayer answers God brings our way.

This means we can and ought to be as expectant to see God’s answers as we are in trusting of our next package delivery! As requests leave our hearts, minds, and mouths we should be on the look out to see how God is going to answer. At the same time we should be ready to say *Thank You* to the One who has provided for our needs.

As you pray, don’t just request. Be on the lookout for what the Lord is going to do next and be ready to acknowledge His works with an attitude of thankfulness.

From the desk of the Congregational President

Paul Mehrkam



The lazy hot summer days are upon us, but many of us are still busy doing God's work. Thank you to everyone that helped in St. Paul's Vacation Bible School. It is a real blessing for everyone coming together to help on this outreach mission for the youth.



As part of our social ministry, we are having family fun Bingo night on Friday, July 28. Be sure to come and share in fellowship and ice cream.



Thank you to those that participated in the brief out last month with the Peace-Making team from the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. In the past several months we have seen heart felt confessions and forgiveness between members. This is essential for St. Paul's to remain as a one body in Christ.

Dear Lord Jesus, You have called us to repentance and washed us in the waters of Holy Baptism to present us to You in splendor as one Body in Christ. Remove from us all begrudging and vengeful thoughts and deeds, which tear us apart. Unite us in your forgiveness and make Your love overflow in our hearts to one and another through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mission & Ministry

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Join us on Friday, July 28 @ 6:00 pm

for a fun night of Fellowship, Ice Cream, & BINGO!!!

Prizes will be awarded for each game played.

Please RSVP:

Call Lorrie @ church office 301-884-5184



2017 Vacation Bible was a HUGE Success

And we want to thank all our amazing volunteers who taught these youngsters, all the terrific youth helpers, set designers and their hard work, and all the donations!

Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



Worship Service & Church Picnic

When: Sunday, August 20

Time: 10:00 am Worship – Picnic follows

**Where: 5th District Park – 37880 New Market Turner
Rd. – behind Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary School**

We will have an outdoor Worship Service before the fun and food starts!

We need: Picnic COMMITTEE (at least 4-5 people to help), Coolers (lots & lots of coolers), Corn Hole games (4 or 5), Volleyball net, Volleyball, other yard games. This is just the start of a list of needs. After the committee meets we'll share more details.

Call Lorrie @ church 301-884-5184 or (C) 602-549-7238.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Birthdays			Anniversaries			01
1 – Dillon Mozingo 3 – June Shewbridge 4 – Ken Mueller 6 – Christopher Piphon 7 – Nettie Trimbath 8 – Lisa Reithmeyer 9 – Bob Maxey 12 – Andrew Wiggen 14 – Rebecca Mozingo 16 – Brittany Lewis	18 – Ryan Chew 21 – Bunny Bailey 27 – Mark Lewis 28 – Jonathan Chase 28 – Christopher Green 28 – James Green 28 – William Green 30 – Nicole Williams 31 – Janet Butterfield		16 – Matthew & Kelly Price 26 – Stephen & Stephanie Stowers			
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Service Times: 8:00 & 10:30 am Praise Service: 9:15 am Adult Bible Class: 9:10 am Acolytes: 8:00 Danielle Hoffman 10:30 Allison Werth	Venturing Mtg 7:00 pm Christian Education Building (CEB)	4th of July OFFICE CLOSED				
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

37707 New Market Turner Road
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Sunday Services:

Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Contemporary – 9:15 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am (Will start again in Fall)

Adult Bible Study: 9:10 am

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*Behold, now is the favorable time;
Behold, now is the day of salvation.
2 Corinthians 6:2*

Connecting with Jesus, each other, & Southern Maryland



Fri., July 28 – Ice Cream Social & Bingo @ 6:00 pm



Sun., August 20 – CHURCH PICNIC

with Worship Service @ the Park 10:00 am

If you want to help with the Aug. 20th Church Picnic –

Please call Lorrie @ 301-884-5184 between M-F 9am-1pm

or @ 602-549-7238 all other times ☺