



# Proclamation

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## What's in Your Formation Plan?

By Pastor Tim

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pt. 3:18)*

How would you rate your life in Jesus? Are you spending time with Him, getting to know Him more and more like any other relationship in your life? And as you spend time with Him, how is the Lord influencing the way you think, feel, behave, or act in life?

This coming Sunday is known as Trinity Sunday and it's meant to stimulate our faith in all three persons of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the Trinity is not an absent corporation working in our lives from some unknown international headquarters. Instead we understand God as *personal*. We talk about the fact God “knows us”. *And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* (John 17:3)

Overall we are meant to know and relate with God through all three persons of the Trinity. And just like any of our other relationships in life, this requires effort and thought and time. Relationships just don't happen as much as we like to believe in spontaneity. Relationships happen because of determination.

In our ancient traditions we know God through two main factors in our weekly services – the Word and the Sacraments. God reveals Himself and we are able to know Him better. I hope as you attend St. Paul's you are purposely listening for God to reveal Himself to you each week. Especially as you come with doubts, fears, joys or excitement; God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are there for you!

There are also private formational practices each of us can be practicing as well:

How is your praying?

How is your Scripture reading?

How is your fellowship with others?

How are your serving and good works?

How is your giving?

How is your meditating or reflecting?

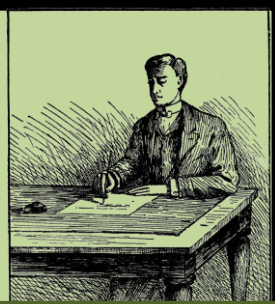
How are you listening for God in all of the above?

In order to grow in your relationship with God you have to have a plan. It should fit you and your lifestyle and way of doing things. Don't compare yourself to others. But you still need to consider your life and where you are in knowing God as He forms you into His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)

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**From the desk of the Congregational President**

**Paul Mehrkam**



June 2017 President News Letter

I was on vacation for three weeks in May, which involved travelling out west and camping at various destinations. My experiences included checking out the world's largest cave system in Kentucky, enjoying the changes in scenery along the former Route 66, exploring the Gila Cliff Dwellings in New Mexico, visiting my sister in Phoenix, hiking in the Grand Canyon, and driving over the Rocky Mountain range in Colorado on my way home. As a nation, we are very blessed with the land we have and freedom to worship a God who not only create these worldly features, but gave His only Son to die on the cross for our eternal salvation.

Don't worry, God is not taking any vacations this summer. Summertime provides us opportunities to reach out into our community and bring others to Jesus Christ. Be sure to invite your friends and family to St. Paul's to share fellowship in worship on Father's Day. Invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to bring their kids to this summer's 2017 VBS. Our Vacation Bible School team have planned an exciting VBS program for this summer.

For the past several months, we have been working on our ministry with each other with the help of the Peace-Making team from the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They are planning to come to St. Paul's and brief the congregation on June 17 @ pm. I encourage everyone to come to learn how to take part in this effort. Watch for upcoming announcements for this meeting.

*Dear Lord, Thank You for the many blessings you have bestowed on us through loving parents, the right to worship, and the help that You provided to improve Your ministry at St. Paul's in serving Southern Maryland. Amen.*



At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids will learn they're created by God and built for a purpose!

Register at: [vbspro.events/p/stpaulslutheran](https://vbspro.events/p/stpaulslutheran) or fill out the registration form on the next page and drop it off at church between 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday.

VBS dates: June 26 -30 VBS times: 8:50 am to 12:00 pm

For more information call: Meredith Johnson 301-653-0792

### VBS supplies needed by June 18<sup>th</sup>

(A box for VBS donations is located in the Narthex)

• White Christ Lights (please put your name on them)

• Coffee & Soup Cans

• Plastic Table Clothes – Rectangle in Yellow, Red, & Blue

The VBS Team is also looking for financial gifts to help with specific decorating needs. Please see Meredith Johnson if you have questions.





St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
VBS Registration Form  
(One Per Child)-  
June 26 – 30  
8:50 am – 12:00 pm



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Paul's Youth Rooted in Christ Youth Group

We held the Family Game night on May 20th and while the turnout wasn't as expected, all who did come out had fun. We learned and played a new game brought by Mark and Kathy Lewis called Wit and Wagers and then played what should be considered the longest single hand in UNO. We had refreshments and lots of laughs. Thank you to Gene Bostwick who helped with set up and was there when the guests started arriving.

I wanted to plan a get out of school party this month but I may have to plan something for July. I will keep you informed about that event. At this time the yard sale has not been scheduled but when and if the date is set, I will request youth help before, during and after.

I have scheduled a meeting for those from 5th grade and up on June 15th at 6:30 and it will last about an hour. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss activities we can do for the summer. Please plan to attend this meeting.

I want Youth Ministry to grow and prosper at St. Paul's, but I need your help and participation. I hope that those who have attended help spread the word to the congregation and you will consider attending future events.

God Bless You

Keeping the Youth of St. Paul's Rooted in Christ

Cindy Werth



"The church council has agreed to charter a Venturing crew here at the church. In addition to expanding our community outreach and exposure, it will provide an avenue for young adults in our congregation to grow in their own faith and reverence towards God.

What is a Venturing crew? Venturing is the co-ed youth development program for young adults of the Boy Scouts of America that uses adventure with a purpose. So, yes, you read right, co-ed and Boy Scouts in the same sentence.



Venturing uses four areas of emphasis – adventure, leadership, personal growth and service – to provide fun and meaningful experiences for young adults as they provide service to the community while also pursuing their exciting and special interests that they choose to explore. These activities could include backpacking, camping, rock climbing, service projects, skiing, whitewater rafting, career choices, cycling and other outdoor or indoor activities. The youth decide on their fun and excitement with the advice of adults associated with the crew.

The Venturing crew is an activity that is separate from the youth group, so being in the youth group will not automatically make you a member of the Venturing crew.

David Nelsen will be the crew's lead advisor. We need a minimum of five young adults, ages 14-20 (age 13 if graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and three adults to staff the committee in order to form the crew and file a charter. If you'd like to learn more, are a youth interested in joining or an adult interesting in advising and mentoring young adults, even if you're not the outdoors type, please contact Dave at [danelson@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:danelson@alum.rpi.edu) or 301.997.5065. You can also check out [venturing.org](http://venturing.org) for more information.

Expect that there will be an open house/organizational meeting in June. Please, come give Venturing a try - you won't regret it!



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>7 – Owen Chew 9 – Judith Wollin 22 – Amy McNutt 28 – Jackie Mozingo 30 – Kim Mozingo</p>		<p><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>13 – Pat &amp; Mary Guy 18 – Jack &amp; Patty Gumtow 19 – Jason &amp; Lisa Reithmeyer 20 – Brian &amp; Rachael Sichko 25 – Matt &amp; Melissa Chew</p>		1	2	3
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<p><b>Service Times:</b> 8:00 &amp; 10:30 am <b>Praise Service:</b> 9:15 am <b>Adult Bible Class:</b> 9:15 am</p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b> 8:00 Dylan Otte 10:30 Garrett Wiggen</p>						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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	<p><b>Pastor Tim out of town for SMP class @ Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri</b></p>				<p><b>Pastor Tim's SMP Graduation in St. Louis</b></p>	





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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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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

Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Facebook: [St. Paul's Lutheran](#)

*Behold, now is the favorable time;*

*Behold, now is the day of salvation.*

*2 Corinthians 6:2*

**Connecting with Jesus, each other, & Southern Maryland**

**June 26 – 30 – VBS @ St. Paul's 8:50am-12:00pm**

We will send an email out regarding the Venturing BSA meeting date and time.