



Blessed is   
the nation  
whose God  
is the LORD.

*Psalm 33:12*

## *Pastor's Message*

From The Pulpit,

I pray this message finds you all well. I must take a second to mention how proud I am to be your Pastor. I have witnessed some amazing things in my lifetime, but none that equals what I have seen from this congregation over the last year. You have been there when some of our members have needed us the most. You have met needs in our community. You have volunteered to teach and be a part of the best VBS that I have had the pleasure to be a part of. You have done as the great commission in Matthew 28:19 has told us to do ... *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* Because of our actions towards our members and the friends of St. Paul's, we are doing just that. Reflecting the light of the gospel will change people's lives ... I promise. No matter how insignificant you think your actions may be, you will never know what an impact you are making. I mentioned in a message several months ago ... our job is to spread the seed or cast out that line ... It's Our Father in Heaven and Our Savior Jesus Christ who will do the catching. So, keep casting and spreading those seeds.

I pray as you take vacations and schedule family outings over the summer that you will not forget about the most important person that wants your time ... Jesus. After all, He is the only one who can save us from our sins. Be dependent on Him and commit your life to him and you will never be disappointed again. Please be safe over the summer and remember that the church still has bills to pay even when you are not here. So keeping up with whatever tithe that you have committed to before God is needed here ... even when you aren't here. Enough Said! I love You All!

Pastor Gary

## Newsletter – Church President

Hard to believe summer is here, school is out and vacations are in front for everyone. Please remember that church bills do not go on vacation so if you can please try to keep up with your tithes to the church.

I want to thank everyone who helped the week of VBS. It takes a lot of people and work to put this on. This has been a very successful mission outreach for St. Paul's for a very long time. Great job everyone!

Our revised constitution is being sent to District. Once it is approved, we will be calling a special voters meeting for a final approval by the members of St. Paul's. Thank you for everyone's input on this important matter.

Please have a great summer and may God be with you and yours.

**John Bowling, Council President**

## Message From the Building and Grounds Chairperson

During the May voters meeting a comprehensive list of projects needed inside and outside of the the church was presented to the congregation. No vote was taken on the list, however, it was generally agreed to pursue proposals for the following:

- Replace the shingles, replace plywood as needed on the roof of the main building, Remove the guttering, make repairs to the fascia boards, and reinstall the guttering. Two proposals have been requested for these services.
- Install a heat pump in educational building #2. Two proposals have been requested for this work.
- Install new partitions in the restrooms, paint the rooms and install new light fixtures. I am identifying suppliers **of restroom partitions at this time.**
- Proposed sanctuary improvements were also discussed at the May voters meeting, with no action taken. There was discussion during the June Council meeting regarding initiating a fundraiser to purchase new chairs for the sanctuary which would replace the current seating. It has also been proposed to move the pews to the perimeter of the church when new chairs are purchased.

All of these proposed Improvements would require congregational approval.

Once the cost proposals for roof repairs, the bathroom partitions/renovations, and/or the seating for the sanctuary are received, and the congregation has approved to move forward with any or all of these projects, a committee will make recommendations to the congregation regarding colors and other specifics. Four members of the congregation have volunteered to serve on this committee.

**Brad Clements**

**Building and Grounds Chairperson**

**God's Love:** Lutheran Church Extension Fund Announces 2019 Kaleidoscope Fund Grant: Visit [interesttime.org/kaleidoscope](http://interesttime.org/kaleidoscope). Quoted from Issue 1/14 of Interestime. Grants are awarded in November and are available t.o review online. New applications will be accepted April 2020

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Christian Education Report**

Thanks to Meredith Johnson and everyone who helped make this summer's Vacation Bible school program another fun filled event. The decorations were awesome (thank you Brad and Pam Clements!!), the kids were great, the teaching staff was wonderful and God's message that "Life can be wild, with many ups and downs but no matter what, God is good and will give us the strength and faith that we need to face anything!" is a message that I pray all involved will carry with them today, tomorrow and every day of the rest of their lives.

Now onto 4 weeks of fun at our Super Fun Summer Sunday School beginning July 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the month of July beginning at 9 AM to 10:15AM. All ages, 4 thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will be meeting together to learn about some of Jesus' amazing miracles that showed the world that Jesus was truly the Son of God. We will also learn about some of the parables that Jesus taught he help us understand some very important biblical truths. Please join us on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of July for a great day of bible lessons, crafts, fun activities, games and snacks. No need to sign up, just come and bring a friend. For the adults, a bible study will be ongoing in the kitchen beginning at 9:10AM.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Emily Maack who has been teaching Sunday School for the past 2 years. After getting her Associates Degree at CSM this year she will now be leaving the state this fall to finish her degree in Education at Greensboro College in North Carolina. Her love of children, special abilities in theater and a willingness to share her strong faith with the children of St. Paul's has been a true blessing to our teaching staff. She will be greatly missed. Seems like only yesterday, Emily was in my 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class! Another beautiful God sighting! Best of luck Emily!

We will be looking for another teacher this fall. If you are interested, please let me know. Don't worry if you will be good enough. Just open your heart and trust God to do the rest.

**In His Service,  
Brenda Bowling, Christian Ed.**


## **VBS**



"Our week at ROAR VBS was a great success! On our adventure, we learned that no matter what happens in our lives, God is Good! Each year at VBS our kids are given a mission to take part in to give back to the community. This year, we donated books to our local food bank to help children in need have something to read over the summer. There were so many generous donations and the food bank is very excited to receive them!

I want to personally thank the congregation for all of your generous donations. It means so much to have your support for this wonderful outreach program! A huge thank you as well for all the volunteers that helped before and during VBS. It would not have been a success without all of you and I thank you all for sharing your time and talents with all of our wonderful kids!"

**Blessings,  
Meredith Johnson**

| JULY 2019  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|------------------------|-----------|---|--|---|
| SUNDAY   | 01   | 02                     | 03        | 04  | 05   | 06  |
|  | Venturing crew<br>CEB room 7pm   | Praise practice<br>6pm |           | <b>Independence<br/>Day</b>   |  |   |
| 07   | 08   | 09                     | 10        | 11  | 12   | 13  |
| 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.<br>Sunday Service<br><br><b>Summer Sunday<br/>School<br/>9 – 10:15 a.m.<br/>Adult Bible Study –<br/>Kitchen -- 9:00 a.m.</b> | Venturing crew<br>CEB room 7pm   | Praise practice<br>6pm |           | Council Meeting<br>6:30 pm  | Blue Crabs Game<br>6:30 p.m. &<br><b>Tailgate before<br/>game.</b> | Mens Prayer<br>Breakfast<br>8:30am<br><b>Praise service<br/>5pm</b> |
| 14   | 15   | 16                     | 17        | 18  | 19   | 20  |
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| 21   | 22   | 23                     | 24        | 25  | 26   | 27  |
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| 28   | 29   | 30                     | 31        |  <p>James Shewbridge, 7/3; Kenneth Mueller, 7/4; Christopher Pipho, 7/6; Nettie Trimbath, 7/7; Lisa Reithmeyer, 7/8; Bob Maxey, 7/9; Andrew Wiggen 7/12; Janet Butterfield, 7/13; Mark Lewis, 7/27</p> <p>Pastor and Tracie Pomrenke – 7/19</p> |  |   |
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***“Be the Change You Want to See in the World” ... Prayer Changes Everything!***

**Religious Persecution Afflicts One-Third of the Globe,  
Quoted from Page (4), The Lutheran Witness June/July**

A study sponsored by the British government estimates that “**one-third** of the world’s population suffers from religious persecution in some form, with Christians being the most persecuted group.” Some Islamic extremist groups in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, northeast Nigeria and the Philippines seek to eliminate Christians “by the sword.” Such violence, **the commission’s report concludes, can be so severe that it meets the UN standard for genocide.**

Persecution is not always that extreme, but the report also documents anti-Christian laws, social restrictions enforced by vigilantes and mobs and other systematic means of suppression. The most severe persecution occurs in the Middle East (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Northern Africa (Egypt, Libya), sub-Saharan Africa (Nigeria, Kenya, Sudan, Eritrea), East Asia (China, North Korea, Laos, Vietnam), Central Asia (Afghanistan, the former Soviet states of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan and Southern Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka). The persecution of Christians, according to the report, comes from several sources, including militant Islamists, radical Buddhists and Hindus, and Communist, nationalist, and other authoritarian governments.

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**KIDS CORNER:** (Children’s Activity – Challenge them to fill it in!)

**I will pray for . . .**

**Someone Bigger Than Me:**

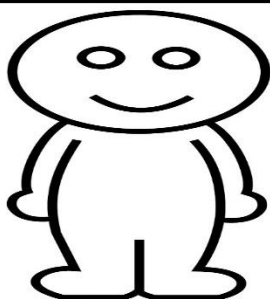
**Someone who  
lives near me:**

**Someone who lives  
far away:**

**Someone Smaller Than Me:**

**Someone I've never met:**

**Myself!!**



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