



# Proclamation

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## *Words from The Deacon...*

God Is Good! What a great Sunday finale to Our Stewardship Series. I have never felt so energized in my time here at St. Paul's. I saw something in a great number of faces Sunday... Hope & Excitement. I am excited as well. We now have defined what a Steward is, how they are to responsibly care for the blessings that God has provided, and how stewards use their gifts to serve God's Church and our surrounding community. Let me first say how blessed I feel to be guiding this church, in the here and now. Over the next couple months, I plan to reach out to every family in the church and visit their homes. I am doing this because I truly want to engage each and every one of our members. I want you to know that I care, and I want to be able to minister to any needs that you, or your families, may have. I pray that these visits will allow you to share your thoughts and needs to me in a thoughtful and purposeful manner.

As we discussed over the last 6 weeks, it is now time to act ... in the here and now. We need to be ready to move! God doesn't want his stewards stationary; He wants them to move and minister with His Word, and love with the love His Son Jesus Christ exhibited in His death on the cross. This outreach is not going to be without hardship. we know that as soon as we engage our Community and minister in Christ's name, our foe Satan will appear and make our mission as difficult as he can. But we must remember that we have the Savior of the World (Jesus), His Father (God), and the Holy Spirit to help us overcome anything that Satan can throw at us. We must keep in mind that God has never been defeated, most assuredly not from Satan. So, we must relax, go out into His Mission Field and proclaim the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen, My Beloved?

In His Service,

*Deacon Gary*

**From the desk of the Congregational President**

**Paul Mehrkam**



## President Newsletter June, 2018

June is a busy outreach month for St. Paul's which includes the Sunday School End of Year Celebration, a summer time yard sale, Father's Day, and Vacation Bible School. Please encourage your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come to these events and share in fellowship with us.

Whatever you plan to do this summer, please don't take a vacation from God. I am not saying that you have to come to St. Paul's every Sunday. Instead, bring God with you or at least make worship plans on your trip. Be sure to take a copy of the Portals of Prayer with you. Here is the link to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod church locator [http://locator.lcms.org/nchurches\\_frm/church.asp](http://locator.lcms.org/nchurches_frm/church.asp). You would be surprised what you can learn from other church congregations.

Smart phone users can download a Bible app which you will find useful for travel, Bible study, and devotional reading. There are only a gazillion Bible apps available, but I have been using the YouVersion Bible by Life Church for nearly nine years. You can select nearly any translation that you want to use and there is an audio play feature as well. To keep your kiddos busy, there is a Bible App for Kids that has animated stories about Jesus.

Dear Lord, Please, watch over those who are travelling. Protect them and remind them that You are with them no matter where they may go in exploring Your magnificent creation. Amen.



## Sunday School News

### The Little Children and Jesus – Matthew 19:13-15

*The little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

### Summer Fun Sunday School

"Super Fun Summer Sunday School" is a new program that will begin this year for kids ages 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the month of July. Everyone will be meeting together in the main room of the Education building from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> for a fun hour of bible stories, crafts, songs, games and snacks as we come together to learn about Daniel, Jonah, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and Nicodemus and discover together that God is always for us and will never let us down. We will also see how God answers some really tough questions that at some time in our lives we have all also thought about. Each Sunday the lesson will be taught by a different pair of our Christian Education staff. Please put the above dates on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun and bring a friend!

Thanks for Sharing your Child with us! Mrs. Bowling



Don't forget to clear your calendar for this year's Vacation Bible School called "Shipwrecked", where kids will learn the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. This year VBS will be June 25 – June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm. VBS is always an exciting, fun and faith building experience for all who participate, but it takes a lot of hard work from as many volunteers as we can get. If you can help out this year please talk to this year's VBS Leader, Meredith Johnson.



"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Col. 3:15  
In His Service, Meredith Johnson

## A View from the Pew



*Some thoughts on sharing the Good News--- We Entered to Worship-*

*Did ---You Exit to Witness ?*

A correction to last month's article- part of the intro dialogue (**bold type**) was omitted upon translation into the newsletter format. It is central to the understanding of our charge to make disciples of all. **Jesus who is the Christ wants You** to go forth and proclaim the year of our Lord to all. *(missing text)* **"Christ has defeated our enemy and we are called to stand and proclaim His victory!"**

Christ's command remains before us- Heb 10:23-25 ***Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.***

### ***And when is the Day?***

It is the time when Jesus who is the Christ returns for you and **ALL** with whom **you** have shared the Gospel!

Our lack of lifetime ministering has consequences and scripture warns us repeatedly about ignoring Jesus' calling. *Heb 10:30* ***For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."*** Our Lord understands we need endurance and grants such as revealed in *Heb 10:36-38* ***For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*** May all heed these powerful scriptures and act accordingly.

*While researching this article, I came across a secular quotation by Albert Pine a 19<sup>th</sup> Century author who reflected upon our impact on others- has some ponderable value but---*

***"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."*** *Albert stated the last part incorrectly. As Christians, we know the only immortal one is Jesus the Christ who promises immortality to believers - Albert you need a rewrite.*

**Sharing Christ with the world remains.**

**Tell the world Jesus is coming again, soon!**

# VENTURING CREW

## Venturing Crew 1785 “survives” winter fun and “Springs” forward

2018 has been an engaging year for St. Paul’s Venturing crew so far. The onset of cold weather didn’t slow the pace of activities for the crew.

In January, we competed in a Klondike Derby with other Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and made a strong first showing. There were numerous challenging outdoor stations like fire building, geocaching and a simulated river crossing that made the crew think and put their outdoor skills to the test.

February saw the Venturer’s hitting the slopes at Liberty Mountain for a day of skiing, snowboarding and tubing. Despite a couple of rain showers, snow conditions were excellent. Warm cabins with wood-burning stoves at a nearby Scout camp served as our lodging for the weekend. Various card games kept everyone engaged in the evenings.

The crew survived for 24 hours using only their “ten essentials” in natural and tarp shelters they prepared for an overnight in the “wilderness” at Summerseat Farm in March. Water purification was practiced and in addition to collecting fresh pine needles for a nourishing tea, simulated snares yielded some birds (Cornish game hens) just in time for the crew to prepare over an open fire and enjoy dinner al fresco. In addition, we cleared fallen trees and limbs from their nature trail and replaced a rotted trail marker.

In April we headed up to Lums Pond State Park in Delaware for horseback riding. Many of us had never ridden a horse before. The stable owner was thrilled to hear we’d spent some time learning about horses beforehand with Frank & Vicki Rappa, who educated the crew about the various kinds of tack and how to properly mount and dismount a horse. Barry the barrel horse made a special appearance for our training session with the Rappas. Everyone cooled off with a victory ice cream after a warm trail ride through the park. We enjoyed campfire skits with a troop camped nearby. Winter reminded us that it wasn’t gone just yet when we awoke to a windy 45F temperature on Sunday morning despite highs in the 80’s the day before.

Finally, the youth completed a goal setting and time management seminar while some of the adults completed backcountry outdoor leadership skills training in May. The crew also worked on being good stewards of God’s creation by planting milkweed in a plot on the church grounds as part of a wider Boy Scout effort, “Milkweed for Monarchs”. The Monarch butterfly has been in decline in recent years, seeing a 1/3 decrease in its “overwintering” count from February 2016 to February 2017. Milkweed is the only host plant for the caterpillars that eventually become the Monarch; they depend upon it as their food source.

In between outings, several local crew activities such as watching movies, playing tennis, swimming and learning about fossils from an area collector provided fun times together.

If this all sounds like fun and you’d like to join us, contact David Nelsen at 301.884.4631 or [danelson@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:danelson@alum.rpi.edu).



# LWML NEWS

## God Loves Marriage

### 2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

Your marriage relationship provides one of the greatest potential for earthly happiness. Is your living up to its potential? These marriage encounter weekends include two nights lodging, 5 meals, and all the supplies needed for just \$100 per couple!! You will be given the opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to keep the program going for other couples like you. To register and see other dates of availability in other locations go to

[www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org)

September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA

October 19-21, 2019 at Olmstead Retreat Center in Allegheny National Forest, PA

If you have questions contact Fred and Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email them at [fjschamber@comcast.com](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.com)

## LWML News

If you are Lutheran and a woman you are part of the LWML! On April 28<sup>th</sup> I joined other Lutheran woman in the DMV for the LWML Spring Rally. Please join me from September 21-23, 2018 for the District Convention in Richmond VA.

I am hoping to build our group of women at St. Paul's. It is all about serving God together as part of a supportive community. I am open to any suggestions you may have so feel free to contact me! My cell phone number is 920-901-5840 and my email is [journesandpromises@gmail.com](mailto:journesandpromises@gmail.com).

Blessing,

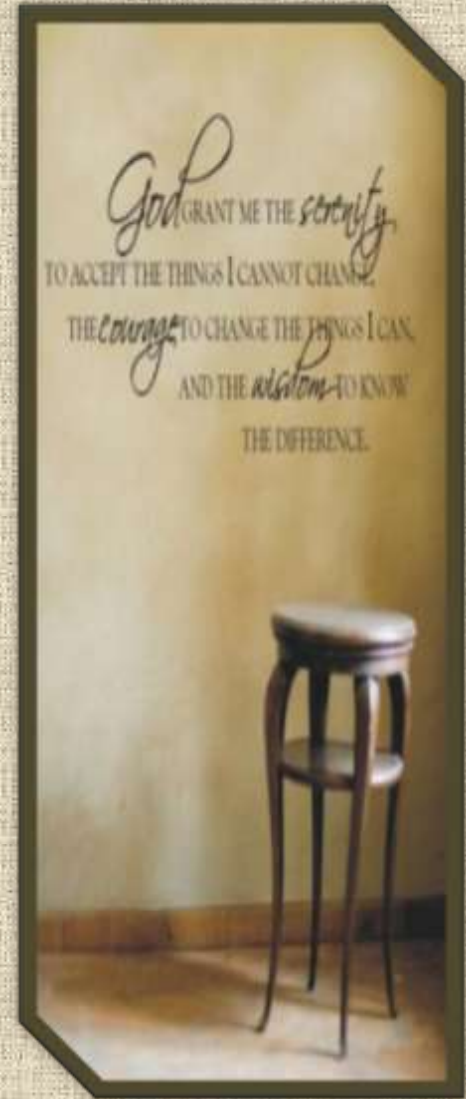
Tracie Pomrenke





# St. Paul's Inspirations

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b></p> <p>6/7 – Owen Chew    6/30 Kim Mozingo</p>			<p><b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>6/13 – Patrick &amp; Mary Guy                      6/18 – Jack &amp; Patty Gumtow                      6/19 – Jason &amp; Lisa Reithmeyer                      6/25 – Matthew &amp; Melissa Chew</p>		01	02
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