



Proclamation

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Words from The Deacon....

My Beloved,

What a great time it is in the life of our congregation. We have started our praise band practices and we plan for our first service to be on Dec 8th at 5:00 PM. This is a month delayed due to getting a new group together and the bumps in the road that we sometimes face at the beginning of any new venture. We are hosting the Mennonite Choir on the 11th of the month at 6:00 PM. We are honoring the members who have been serving so faithfully at the Veterans Home in Charlotte hall for these many years with a service and pot-luck on the 21st of October. We will be having only ONE service that Sunday and we will be having a pot-luck following that 1030 AM service.

I hope you see the trend that is developing here. We are reaching beyond the confines of our parking lots into the community that we find ourselves a part of. This is an immensely important task that we have been given by Christ to "Go into the world and preach the Gospel." This requires action on our part. We need to be actively trying to win souls *with* the Gospel. Now, sometimes it may be just watching a choir that has some different ways of interpreting that command from Christ. It could be that simple. But we need to be ready ... we need to open ourselves up so that we can effect a change ... if not, then what is the point of all of this? The teaching, the words, the effort?? If it is not true in its aim, then it is pointless.

God has given us the armor to fight Satan in this world ... but that armor is also for forging new ground for the Gospel. It will protect us as we go out into this corrupt world and it will allow us to do God's work. We must also remember that we are the "light of the world" because we are rooted in Christ. With that light and armor how can we fail? Get ready St. Paul's because we are on the move ... on the move for God! Watch Out Satan ... Here we Come! Amen?

Blessings,

(D.V.P) Pomrenke



Sunday School News

To All Sunday School Families and Friends of St. Paul's!

All classes are continuing to study the Old Testament this month using our new "Buzz" curriculum. Now that we are back in the Education Building for our openings again, we will be going back to ***starting our Sunday School openings at 9 AM beginning on October 7th***. This will allow teachers more time in the classroom for their lessons and additional time for special activities throughout the year. Classes will still end at 10:15 AM. (*Note: The High School class and the Confirmation class will continue to start at 9:15 AM*)

We are also excited to have been able to give each of our Sunday School kids a new NIV Adventure Bible this year thanks to a generous donation from a member of our congregation and a Thrivent Action Team grant. It is great to watch them proudly carrying their bibles to Sunday School each week.

After such an unusual summer that included a lot of rain and heat those first cool breezes of fall are such a wonderful blessing! Please take the time to get outside as a family to enjoy the amazing changes happening in the world around us as Fall arrives... the brilliant changing colors of the trees, a beautiful sunset, the cool crisp breezes of fall that make the leaves dance and twirl everywhere. Listen for the geese on their migratory journey and just enjoy a world perfectly planned by God for us.

See you at Sunday School!
God's Blessings to Everyone
St. Paul's Sunday School

Thanks for Sharing your Child with us! Mrs. Bowling

LWML NEWS

I attended the Chesapeake District convention from Sept. 21 to 23 along with our church administrator Ashley who was the DCMarVa Young Woman Representative. While we were there Teresa Tester from Lutheran Church of Our Savior (also known as LCOOS) in Bryan's Road was elected President of the entire Chesapeake District. I also met other LWMLers from Trinity. We voted on the ministry budget and where we would like to have our mission grants go to for the next two years.

The following grants are listed in the order that they will be paid:

1. Orphan Grain Train, making a trip to Shipment to Duk, Sudan
2. Newport News helping a Lutheran Soup kitchen purchase a new gas stove
3. Faith and Work Ministries a faith-based work training program in Baltimore
4. Deaconess Training classes for Latina Women
5. Student Aid Grants for Concordia Students
6. St John's Lutheran School in Dover
7. Lutheran Heritage Foundation who translates the books we use for training like "Luther's Small Catechism" and Bible stories for children so they are available in their language (On a side note they are sending me a copy of the children's Bible stories in the Hmong language for my bilingual niece whose father is Hmong and not a Christian but he is the only one in the family able to read this book to her. They are helping me try to make an eternal impact on this family.)
8. Tuition and Bibles for students at Trinity in Richmond
9. Wyneken Outreach an outreach to the blind in Baltimore, translating the Bible and other materials into braille for them to use during worship

Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 is "Giving Tuesday". On that day, anonymous donors that will double any donations given up to \$20,000. These are all worthy causes and you can stretch your donation by donating on that particular day. I will make sure that we have the directions printed in the bulletin the week before.

I do want to say thank you to those who donated toward the Mite Walk. We raised \$130 to go toward the grants. We also donated toiletries, food, diapers and baby clothing items toward the other offerings given during the weekend.

I was thinking about how we could proceed to band our women together to do God's work here and in our community. I also discussed the possibility of doing joint events with Trinity. I was thinking about starting a woman's Prayer Breakfast in the odd months (Nov, Jan, March, etc.). Please let me know what you think. I was also thinking that on the even months we could have a meeting one evening during the week. I am working with the ladies at LCOOS to help me better organize our women to be "Lutheran Woman in Mission".

They have already announced that the Lutheran's Woman's Retreat will be in Ocean City, MD November 1st to the 3rd, 2019. I will be there. If people would like to go but are worried about funding then let me know because we could start now and plan a fund raiser or two to help cover some of the costs with attending.

I know that I have said it before but I believe it is worth repeating...if you are a woman who attends a Lutheran Church than you are part of the LWML, there are no other requirements. It is really just a matter of joining each other in an effort to be part of a community. As Deacon Gary has stated before, if St Paul's ceased to exist, would we be missed? It also gives us a sense of community in our church.


Have a great month and enjoy the beauty of God's creation as the leaves change color and the temperature starts to cool. I love this time of year!

Blessing,

Tracie Pomrenke



October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u> Joe Willet – 10/02 Melissa Werth – 10/21 Robert Beverage – 10/04 Walt Spangler – 10/22 Allison Werth - 10/05 Francis Tennyson – 10/25 Michael Pipho – 10/07 Cathy Bostwick – 10/12 Carole Smith – 10/16 Justin Lacey – 10/18			<u>Happy Anniversary</u> John & Ashley Short – 10/3 Nathan & Jaime Vickers – 10/4 John & Brenda Bowling -10/6 John & Anita Bowling -10/13			
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One Service: Charlotte Hall Veteran home service @ 10:30 am & Pot Luck after Sunday School: 9:15 am to 10:15 am	 Venturing 7 pm CEB Main Room	Praise Team Practice 6 pm				
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Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: 9:15 am

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