



Proclamation

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From the desk of the Congregational President

Paul Mehrkam



President Newsletter October 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped with church clean up during August and September. Projects included the weeding, mulching, and trimming of the flower beds, tree branch cutting, debris removal, flattening and seeding of the tree stump spot, gutter drain work, and many other tasks. The next major project will be re-mulching the playground. Keep watch for announcements on this effort.

The nomination committee has been busy putting together the slate of officers for the Congregational Voter's meeting coming up in November. At the time of writing this letter, they are still looking for someone to fill the office of Stewardship. Keep in mind that positions such as Stewardship require the use of committees so that not all of the responsibility falls on one person.

The Church Council is also working on the agenda for the Voter's meeting which will include council and committee reports and voting on the 2018 church budget. Contact me or the church secretary if you have an agenda topic that you want to add.

We are planning to have Trunk or Treat on the Saturday before Halloween. This is one of our enjoyable outreach community efforts to show everyone that God is always with us. Come and share fun with your church family along with some little ghosts, goblins, and monsters.

With so much loss and devastation from four hurricanes that seem to be striking the same locations over and over, one may wonder how as an individual can help. Don't be discouraged by the words you often hear, "Where was God to let this happen?" God is here and it is not necessarily what happens, but how we as a body of Christ respond to it. Below is the link for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Disaster Response. Here you can get updates on the several ongoing response efforts and learn how you can contribute financially or even volunteer.

<https://www.lcms.org/disaster-response>

Dear Lord of all creation, You have set the foundations of the earth and scheduled the seasons of the year. We pray that You would protect those in harm's way due to earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding. For those that already suffered disaster, may You guide them during this time of grief and loss. Comfort them with the hope of Your everlasting salvation. Amen.

A View from the Pew

Some thoughts on sharing the Good News---“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”



A slight departure this month on sharing the Good News- in addition to sharing the Good News we are to share our gifts for God's work using St. Paul's people and resources. Did you know that roughly 500 verses talk about faith and prayer, but over **2,000 verses are dedicated to discussions about money!** Approximately 40% of Jesus' parables deal with money/treasures and based upon this fact, it is evident that we are to take our giving seriously.

We are in transition for a period of time while we do not have a permanent pastor for our flock. St. Paul's Church **continues to exist** and we have important work to fulfill as God so directs. Like your household, we have expenses – telephone, lights, heat etc.

Please remember these secular obligations- we don't need any services curtailed.

More importantly, we are to render our gifts to God first- from our first fruits of our work incomes.

God must come first in our life as we are only steward of the gifts He has graciously granted us.

Please consider Psalms 116 as you place your offering this Sunday.

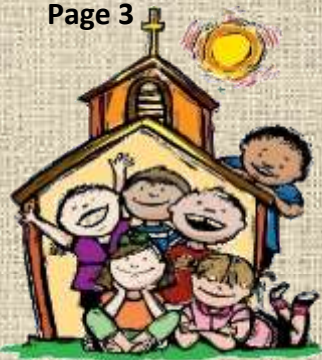
***12 What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?***

***13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,***

***14 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.***

Amen

ps. let me know how many verses you discover as you study.



Sunday School News

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

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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."

I am pleased to report that the 2017-2018 Sunday school year is off to a great start. And why wouldn't it be with all the support the congregation has shown to get the year started. I want to thank all of the people who helped to support the opening of another wonderful Sunday school year at St. Paul's.

Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers, Nursery through 6th Grade, Confirmation and the Adult class. Some of you are returning and some are new but your decision to take time out of your busy lives and share the Word of God is a tremendous blessing for our church.

Thank you to all of you who helped by working on the grounds of the church. Cutting the grass, trimming the trees, weeding the flower beds and attending to the playground were all efforts that helped to create a truly welcoming landscape for our worship.

Thank you to everyone who took leaves from the Giving Tree to help stock our Sunday school supply closets. Equipping our teachers and students with the proper tools helps to ensure that they can focus on the important things like the message of God's Grace.

And lastly, thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our amazing Rally Day celebration. There were so many smiling faces, so many tasty dishes and so much strong fellowship as we all came together to celebrate those that Jesus himself said would inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. The success of this one day was only possible through the efforts of the many people of this church. Thank you!

And we are still welcoming new friends to join us. Sunday school opening begins at 9 AM in the church sanctuary. From there students move to their separate classrooms until 10:15 AM. Parents who bring their children to Sunday school have the option to get their own spiritual nourishment by joining the Adult bible study that is held in the kitchen of the main building. There is a little something for everyone at the 9 o'clock hour. We hope to see you there!

Melissa Chew, Sunday School Directress



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

2017-18 Sunday School

Registration Form



Enrollment is for children 3 years old on or before September 1, 2014 thru high school age.

Name of Child: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade as of Sept. 1: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Names of Siblings also enrolled in Sunday School: _____

Allergies or Other Medical Problems: _____

Has your child been baptized? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, Where and When: _____

Please check here to give permission for your child to be photographed and videotaped during church activities. Your child's image may appear in print or online promoting the church's activities. By checking here, you understand that your child's name will not be used to identify your child. This permission form will be kept on file in the church office. If you would like to withdraw your permission, you may do so at any time.

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I would like more information on:

_____ Adult Sunday School classes or weekday adult classes

_____ Confirmation class for youth 7th grade or older

_____ Youth group activities

_____ New member classes

_____ Choir

_____ Teaching or Substituting Sunday School

_____ Getting involved in other ways with the Sunday School

Please return forms or direction questions to Melissa Chew (301-481-2427). Her box is located across from the kitchen.

St. Paul's Adult Bible Class

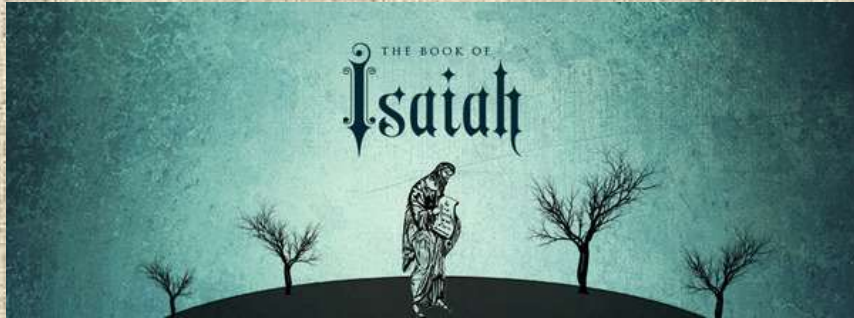
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St. Paul's Adult Bible Class has begun!

There's still room for **YOU!**

Sunday's @ 9:10 am

We will be studying the book of Isaiah and
we would like everyone to join us!



Isaiah's prophecy has been called "The Fifth Gospel". For churches that use Sunday lectionary readings, Isaiah dominates the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Nearly one-third of Old Testament readings come from Isaiah! Many of his passages sound familiar to us, but do we understand them in their context or the prophet who recorded them?

We will be using Lighthouse: Isaiah Part 1 – Study Guide,
which can be purchased online at: <https://www.cph.org>

Thank you, Karen Wiggen
oldcars@md.metrocast.net



Youth Ministry

The Back to School Party that we had in September was a lot of fun. We played a variety of games, had pizza, with lots of additional snacks. Everyone had a good time, took home a treat and learned more about others. Thank you to all who attended and hopefully we can plan another event in November.

God bless you all and stay Rooted in Christ!

Cindy Werth

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Birthdays</i>			<i>Anniversaries</i>			
<i>2 – Joe Willet</i> <i>4 – Bobby Beverage</i> <i>5 – Allison Werth</i>			<i>7 – Michael Pipo</i> <i>12 – Cathy Bostwick</i> <i>21 – Melissa Werth</i>			<i>3 – Ashely & John Short</i> <i>4 – Jaime & Nathan Vickers</i> <i>6 – Brenda & John Bowling</i>
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37707 New Market Turner Road

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Sunday Services:

Traditional - 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00 am – Starting 9/10/17

Adult Bible Study: 9:10 am – Starting 9/10/17

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

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