



## *Pastor's Message*

August 2019

From The Pulpit,

Greetings My Beloved. I pray that this message finds you all well. I hope that all of you have had the time to take a break and re-charge your batteries over this busy and HOT summer. I will be taking a vacation in September and I am looking forward to some time away as well.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support over these last couple of months. They have been trying for Tracie & I, to say the least. We closed on our new house on July 26<sup>th</sup>, so part of that stress is over. Our old house is now back on the market due to some unfortunate events in our projected buyers lives which nullified the contract that we had. So Please continue to pray for a quick resolve to that situation. Tracie's surgery at the end of July was also much more extensive than originally expected. I would ask for continued prayers for her healing as well.

St. Paul's ... God is Good! All the Time! Even though our lives can get crazy, our God **does** and will continue to provide for His children's needs. We must exercise our faith and believe that with all of our being. We have been talking about "putting on the new self" in Christ. Part of that process includes leaving our baggage in the rear-view mirror. God is bigger than anything we will ever face. God allowed His Son to go to that cross to offer us a way to be forgiven and reconciled to Him through that sacrifice of Christ's. Let us never forget that as we face the everyday struggles of this world.

We will be conducting a new members class in late August early September if any of you are interested in finding out what makes us Lutheran's and what theological beliefs separate us from the rest. Look for a sign-up soon and please talk to me if you are interested in attending. We are looking at Saturday mornings at 1000 for this class. The class will be approximately 2 hours in length and will run for 12 weeks.

Till next month,

***Take inventory of Your Blessings and Praise God NO MATTER WHAT!***

Pastor G. Pomrenke

## Newsletter – Church President

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

Hope everyone's summer is going well. Hard to believe that it is August already. I want to thank everyone for keeping up with their tithes while away on vacations this summer. We have gotten some numbers back on replacing the roof on our church. Looks like the best numbers have come in from Beverage's Home Improvement at \$18,300 which is a savings of almost \$6000 from other bids. Next we have to decide how we will finance this cost to the church so we can get going on these much needed repairs as soon as possible. I will be speaking to the congregation after each of the 3 church services to give additional information and to get feedback from everyone. Monies for this project can come from fund raisers, the building fund or church account. A special voters meeting will take place after the 10:30 AM service on August 18<sup>th</sup> to make the final decision.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Fall Rally Day picnic on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A great day of coming together after vacations have taken us in many different directions over the summer to enjoy a day of fellowship and great food. A work day will be scheduled as well in the weeks to come to spruce up the church grounds. More information will be coming once a date is set.

**In His Service,**

**John H. Bowling**

**Message From the Building and Grounds Chairperson**

*Brad Clements*

**THANK  
You  
SO VERY  
much**

I want to start this months' report with a few notes of praise. The first is for Gayle Gepert and Jimmy Swain for their ongoing efforts of cutting all of the the grass at the Church weekly. Our church has a large lawn and this is no easy task to maintain. I would also like to thank Joel Solberg for his work this summer in clearing the brush along the fence line and playground. When you see these individuals please thank them for their commitment to maintaining our Church grounds.

### **Roof Replacement Proposals**

Replacing the roof has been identified as a top priority for church building maintenance projects. We currently have guttering and fascia boards that have pulled away from the rafters and deteriorating plywood in these areas. The shingles themselves have exceeded their expected lifespan and need to be replaced. We received two proposals for replacing the roof shingles and associated work.

The first proposal includes a price of \$23,900 for a three tab shingle and includes removing the guttering and repairing the fascia boards and installing new guttering. The proposal includes an optional architectural shingle for an additional \$1,700. The architectural shingle is a better shingle, and has a longer warranty. The architectural shingle is recommended which would bring this first proposal to a total of \$25,600.

A second proposal for the roof includes the architectural shingles , removing the guttering, repairing the fascia boards and installing new guttering. The proposed cost for this second proposal is \$18,300.

At the July 11, 2019 Church Council meeting the Council voted to proceed with roof repairs as quickly as possible contingent upon final costs with the work being performed by the second proposer. Funding will be determined after receiving input from the congregation.



***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.”***

**Greetings from the Sunday school.**

I hope that everyone is having a great summer. Whether you are off exploring on a vacation or relaxing with some down time at home, there are so many of God’s wonderful blessings that we have to be thankful for.

I want to first say thank you to our creative and dedicated Sunday School teachers for helping to make this summer’s Super Fun Summer Sunday School a success. It was great to see our Sunday School and Vacation Bible school friends come together to hear about God’s great love for all of us.

We now look forward to our upcoming **Rally Day** this fall and the start to another Sunday School year. Many opportunities will be offered this year to help all of us study God’s Word so we can grow closer to Him and feel strengthened by His love and promise as we go through each day. This includes not only our Sunday School classes, but our Confirmation class and our continuing Adult Bible Study which meets in the kitchen at 9:10 AM. This year we will kick off the new term on **September 8, 2019**. Sunday school classes will begin at **9 AM in the Education Building** with an all class opening and then students will break into their individual classes until 10:15. We will have classes for all children from age 3 to high school age. We ask that each Sunday school student (*both new students and old students*) fill out a yearly registration form so that we can have an updated list for September with contacts and grade level information. Extra forms are available in this newsletter and on the bulletin board in the church hallway. Please place completed forms in my mail box across from the kitchen.

Our Rally Day Celebration will begin with Sunday School from 9 AM to 10:15 AM followed by a special worship service which will include our Sunday School children leading the congregation in singing a couple of their favorite VBS songs from this summer’s “ROAR”. (*If you were unable to attend this summer, don’t worry, the words will be projected for all to follow along!*) Following the worship service all are invited to stay for our annual Rally Day Fellowship picnic which will include games, tasty food, a fun moon bounce and great fellowship. Drinks, hotdogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided. Please bring a side dish and or a dessert to share! We thank our Thrivent team once again for helping to sponsor this great chance for all of us to come together as a church family! All are invited and please bring a friend!

We will also be having a ***Sunday school teachers’ meeting on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM***. All current teachers and anyone else who is interested in helping out with openings or teaching should plan to attend. We will discuss curriculum, teaching assignments and other preparations for the new term. We will meet in the Education Building.

Thank you again to everyone for the continued support.

**May the peace of God shine brightly through all your windows!**  
**Brenda Bowling**



During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent a lot of time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord (two things I personally struggle with all the time!).

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples said, *"He who receives you receives Me and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you in truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist in the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world, as well as supporting our church. As we provide for the church and church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. With our current heat wave, we may have a better perspective of how important that cup of cold water can be but regardless of the temperature, a cup of water is completely a simple and humble gift. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors by being active members of our 'little church on the hill'. Being an active member means that we actively participate in the upkeep, the fellowship and the mission of this church. If you are like me, this church has provided you with peace, love and a family that includes many members that are not connected by blood. It feeds us with the most important nourishment we need, food for our faith. How can we help pass these gifts onto others? We can start by taking care of God's house and his community. May God bless us all as we work to further His Kingdom.

~Adapted from Ronald J. Chewning's 12 Months of Congregational Stewardship

**Stewardship Board Chairperson,  
Melissa Chew**



**Mission and Ministries  
What's Going On??  
August 2019**

The question was asked in the Bible of our Lord...who is our neighbor? This was the subject of a recent sermon by our Pastor. As we were reminded everyone is our neighbor. With this in mind over the summer our congregation, from the youngest to the oldest, have been providing nourishment, personal care items, and from the youth donations of books. We have been sharing these donations with two offices of the Lifestyles of Maryland Charity which serves homeless neighbors. Many of those in need are children and being able to offer them a book of their own was very much appreciated. There are lists on the bulletin board in the narthex of needed items. Please feel free to donate as you can. Also I would be happy to hear of other suggestions on how to continue to shine the light of God's love on our world. Thank you all also for your generous hearts.

**ST PAUL'S SHARES**

**Mission and Ministries Chair**

**Lois Beverage**

AUGUST 2019	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
8:00 and 10:30 a.m Sunday Service	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm	Praise Team Practice 6 pm		Council Meeting 6:30 pm		Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:30 am <b>Pool Party</b> Mehrkam's 4-7
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 and 10:30 a.m Sunday Service	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm		Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 6:30 pm			LWML Breakfast 8:30 am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>8:00 and 10:30</b> <b>a.m</b> <b>Sunday Service</b>	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm	Praise Team Practice 6 pm		Elder's Meeting 6:30 pm		<b>Praise Service</b> <b>5pm</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<b>8:30 and 10:30</b> <b>a.m.</b> <b>Sunday Service</b>	Venturing crew CEB room 7pm					

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

**Mathew 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven."**

This powerful verse was the inspiration for the following poem I wrote many years ago. On first glance the verse is about children, but in actuality I think it is about all disciples of Jesus Christ.

This is also not a biblically correct poem my friends but merely a "what if..." I would like to dedicate this to Rayne and to everyone that said a prayer for her and her miraculous recovery. Praise God Forever!

### Three Angels

We each have a guardian angel  
And children have three  
To watch and kiss their brows  
And report to the Lord their tenderness  
Babies Always See Them  
Floating brilliantly in new world bliss  
When little ones reach for them  
They quickly teach them to grasp  
Then two angels fly into their hearts  
Causing them to glow, smile, and coo  
They remain there with pleasure  
Until the world is no longer new  
Only one stays with them forever.

When great balances occur they are near  
We call it fate, chance, coincidence, and luck  
The angel beside us just wants us to see God  
We each have a guardian Angel  
And children have three

**Lay Deacon Bostwick**

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY



**Robert & Lois Beverage, 8/14; Renee Maxey, 8/3; Greg Butterfield, 8/5; Paul Pipho, 8/5; Bobby Stasch, 8/7; Tony Grey, 8/12, John Bowling, Sr., 8/16, Kelly Gray, 8/16; Brenda Bowling, 8/19; Andrew Maach, 8/28.**



**Robert & Lois Beverage, 8/14**

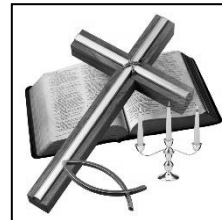




# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## 2019-2020 Sunday School

### Registration Form



Enrollment is for children 3 years old or before September 1, 2019, 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 Class

\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation class for 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Brenda Bowling (301-373-8256) mailbox in Narthex across from kitchen.

Copies of this form are available in the Narthex. (This is a pull off page for registration)

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