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St. Paul's Newsletter

Message from the Pastor

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Beloved,

What a wonderful time these past few months have been. There is a spirit of peace and calm here at St. Paul's that I haven't experienced during my time here.

There are lots of things happening. We ended the Sunday School year this past week with a wonderful program and fellowship with a meal afterwards. Many thanks go out to Melissa Chew, Brenda Bowling and their Sunday School staff for the great things that they do and the seeds that have planted this year.

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On the 12th of June, we will be confirming Owen Chew (8:00 Service) which will also culminate a wonderful Confirmation program that is led by our Head Elder Andrew Maack. We look forward to great things in Owen's future. We are truly blessed in this congregation to have many wonderful teachers and leaders.

Looking towards the rest of the summer, (Can I say that term yet?) we have wonderful events planned as well. Starting June 27th through the 1st of July we will be once again hosting our community outreach event Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year's VBS is entitled "Monumental! From 9:00 AM until Noon we will engaging in study and fun that is aimed to equip our kids with God's Word. We will be attending the Family and Faith night at the Blue Crabs stadium on the 19th of August. We will also be hosting the "Rockets to Heaven" project starting July 10th. We will also be having another Family Movie Night this summer.

Starting July 14th, we will be starting another Thursday night Bible Study while we wait for The Chosen, season three, to be released. It is a study based on the book "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. This study will run 8 weeks and the materials for this study (book & workbook) are available from Pastor. Due to the expense of this study, we are asking for a \$20 donation to partially cover the books. Don't worry, if you cannot come up with that, we have had donated money to help cover the costs of several participants by some generous congregation members. I don't want money to be the reason you don't attend. Be advised, this is a deeper study than The Chosen, but it will stretch us, but I don't think anyone is not capable of understanding this study. We will continue with our study of 2nd Corinthians in the kitchen in between services. Once we finish this study we will be engaging in a study on the book of Revelation.



So, as you can see ... St Paul's is buzzing with activities that I hope will meet the needs of every member of our congregation. It is a great time to be a part of the Body of Christ. I pray you participate in the coming events. Always remember when the "Body" is studying the word, the Gospel will be heard. Then we can do as the "Great Commission" bids us to do ... GO and make disciples. I have the best job in the world ... I truly do.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Pomrenke



LWML-

The ladies have been busy bees celebrating Mother's Day, prayer breakfast and upcoming graduations. It is summer and the heat has been cranked up but God granted us a beautiful day to celebrate the end of another successful Sunday School year and picnic. I LOVE potlucks. I get to try new things and make things that I enjoy even though Pastor is a picky eater. 😊

We will continue with our busy church family life with another special coffee hour to honor our Father's/Men/and graduates of the congregation on June 19th. Before that we will have a cake on June 12th after the early service to celebrate Owen Chew, our only confirmand this year.

The Gray family would like to extend an invitation to everyone in our church family to join them in celebrating Joshua's graduation on June 26th at 2pm at Gilbert Run Park. We will have invitations in the narthex which will allow you to not pay for parking. Please RSVP 301-904-6681.



SAVE THE DATES!! Join Pastor and I on Sept 23 and 24 at the 2022 Chesapeake District LWML Convention. It will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Gaithersburg, MD. Coincidentally the musical talent for the weekend will be our son, Jake and his wife, Erin. We would love to see more participation at the District Level. Every time I go, I am genuinely renewed in spirit. This year we will be celebrating LWML's 80th birthday!! We are being encouraged to celebrate the milestone by having our church do 80 of something. For example... give 80 items away as a church like sweatpants to the Veteran's Home, we could collect 80 items for the food bank, we could tag 80 bottles of water with a Bible verse and our church's location and service times then give them away at a public event. We are encouraged to be creative and to take pictures for the district and national publications. Feel free to give me ideas! I would love to do this as a group. We really could do even more than one 80-year celebration!!

Blessings,

Tracie Pomrenke



Family Ministry-

As was mentioned in the bulletin it was decided that the Game Night would be postponed to September. I am currently looking at Sept. 16th tentatively.

We are accepting registration for our Rockets to Heaven which will take place after the 10:30 service starting July 10th. There will be a registration form in the bulletin on Sunday, June 5th and extras on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please return registration to us **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so we can order the necessary parts for this adventure. Please do not let the \$35 fee be a deterrent, please let Pastor or I know if you need financial assistance. Look for the flyer for all the details and if you have questions, please contact Gayle or myself.

We, of course, also have VBS the week of June 27th. Please register soon so we have enough supplies and feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us too. Spread the word of God's "monumental" love for everyone. You can either register online or grab a paper registration from the bulletin board in the narthex.

On August 19th the Blue Crabs will be holding their "Faith and Family" night and coincidentally they will also be honoring veterans that night as well. The prices for the box seats have gone up dramatically so it will be general seating this time but if you need to have handicap seating that can be arranged as long as we know ahead of time. Sadly Pastor and I need to be out of town that weekend to attend an anniversary party but I will make sure all the arrangements are taken care of before our trip. Every time we have gone, we have had a great time. I am sure this time will be no different.

Have a blessed and safe summer. Hopefully you can get out and enjoy this beautiful Earth our heavenly Father has made for us!! He is certainly a great artist!

Have a fun and safe summer!
Tracie Pomrenke



Hi St. Paul's!

It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School! This year's VBS will be Monumental as we go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. VBS participants can be anyone entering preschool (age 3 and must be potty trained) to 5th grade. Please visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaulslutheranvbs> to register your child today!

We're also looking for volunteers! Anyone going into 6th grade and older can be a volunteer. This is a great opportunity for kids to give back to their community. Please visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaulslutheranvbs> and click on volunteer registration.

If you have any questions, please contact VBS Director, Meredith Johnson by phone 301-653-0792 or email meredith.s.johnson@



You can go to the above webpage to register or if you prefer there are paper registration forms on the bulletin board in the narthex.





I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to help make our closing program and picnic such a wonderful day. First a big thank you to our God who is always watching over us for giving us such a beautiful day. Second I want to thank my amazing teachers and staff for another great year.

Andrew Maack our Confirmation Class teacher, Paul Mehrkam our teacher for the Senior High Class, Karen Wigger our 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teacher,

Victoria Drury and Skye Foye our Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade teachers, Melissa Chew for doing openings and John Bowling Jr. for helping us with the music. I have had the privilege of teaching the 5th and 6th grade class this year. Teaching Sunday School is such an honor and joy. Not only do we get to be a part of all these wonderful kids' lives but studying for each week's lesson keeps us focused on God's Word which helps keep our faith strong as we walk through the many ups and downs of our lives. If you would like to join our staff please let me or Melissa Chew know. We will be needing to add a teacher this fall.

I also want to thank all our children who shared such a variety of talents and gifts with the congregation during the closing service. St. Paul's is truly blessed! Can't wait to see what God has planned for them in the future!

Another thank you goes out to those who helped with the picnic lunch. So sorry that my grandson's truck broke down after he picked up our chicken from Chaptico Market. But like the puppet skit about Josiah and the lost Bible, the chicken was found, brought back to church and all celebrated and enjoyed a great and tasty lunch with a lot of great fellowship.

Looking forward to the last week of June when St. Paul's Vacation Bible School will be held!

"Every morning and noon He hears my voice." Psalm 55:17

Brenda Bowling, Sunday School Superintendent



Building and Grounds Update

June, 2021

Status of Projects:

Parking lot driveway resurfacing project.

At the voters meeting on May 15, 2022 there was a presentation regarding the deteriorating condition of our parking lot / drives, and the need to repair and resurface. There were several options presented regarding phasing of the project, however the general consensus was to resurface and restripe everything at one time.

We requested proposals from three paving contractors. At the time of the Voters Meeting we had received two verbal estimates from two of the paving contractors for approximately \$30,000. We had not received the estimate from the third contractor at the time of the voters meeting.

On May 16, 2022 we received the third company's written proposal. Their price to resurface and restripe everything is \$22,590. The church has approximately \$11,000. The general consensus at the voters meeting was to proceed with fundraising events and requesting donations for the resurfacing project, as well as looking at financing, that would include combining the existing land loan with a portion of the \$11,590 needed to complete the funding for the project.

New doors for Pastor's office

The exterior and interior doors for Pastor's office are scheduled to be delivered in early July 2022. Once the doors arrive, they will be installed. Tentative date for completion of the project is early August 2022.

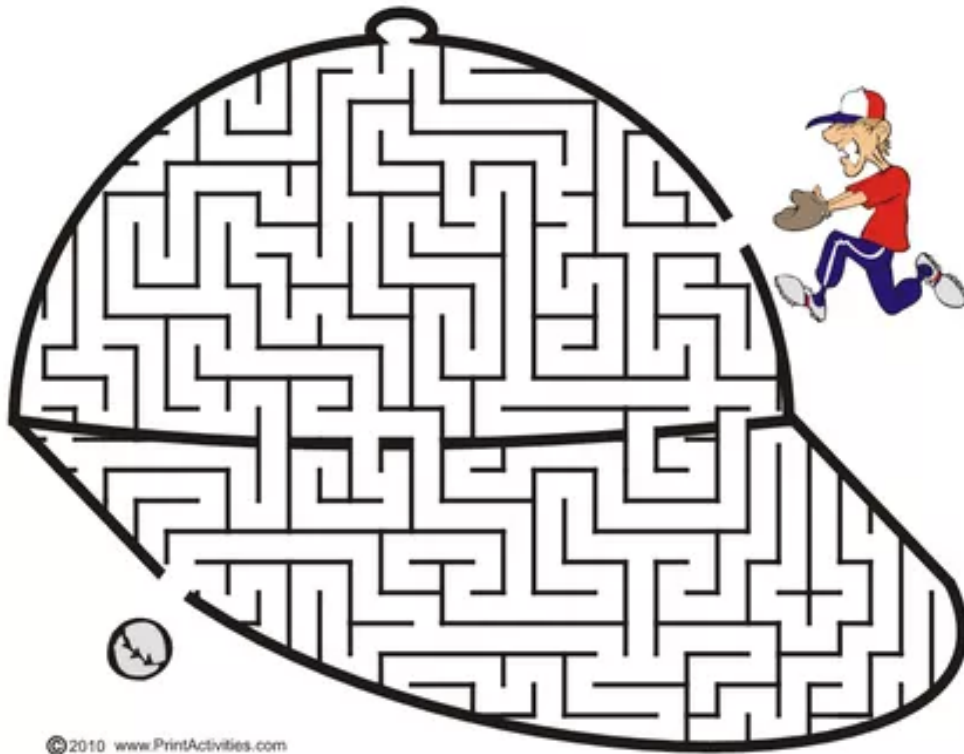
Special Thanks

I would also like to recognize the Wigger's family for their support in maintaining the church grounds; especially cutting the grass. This is a huge task

A very special thanks to Bobby and Lois Beverage, Beverage Home Improvement for their donation of a new refrigerator for the church kitchen.

Fun page!

Help the baseball player through the cap shaped maze to find his baseball



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As we wait for the Blue Crabs game try this maze.

God made beautiful butterflies. Connect the dots and color.

Connect The Dots

Trace my wings. They are what make me fly and look pretty.

