



Proclamation

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From the desk of the Congregational President

Paul Mehrkam



President Newsletter April, 2018

Spring has finally arrived after several snow storms have made their way across the country to our county. The weather folks even started naming the snow storms. Although one of those storms left its mark on our church building, that too will be repaired.

Spring also brings a time of renewal for St. Paul's in more ways than one. Thank you to everyone who made church clean-up day a success. Also, thanks to the Eagle Scout, Justin, who spearheaded the refurbishment of the playground.

April is going to be a time for us to prepare for the ordination of Deacon Pomrenke as the Pastor for St. Paul's Church. We will be having a voter's meeting on 15 April after the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. Not only we will the congregation be voting for accepting Pastor Pomrenke's commitment to St. Paul's, but also our commitment to supporting him and his family.

The voter's meeting in April will also include council and committee reports. If you have any specific topics that you wish to discuss at the voter's meeting, please contact the church office secretary.

Dear Lord, Thank You for all of the blessings that you have bestowed on the congregation of St. Paul's. With the renewal of spring upon us, please strengthen our faith in You. Guide us with Your wisdom as we continue to expand Your ministry in southern Maryland. 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.”

Greetings from the Sunday school. We continue to come together each Sunday and learn more about the amazing love God has for us.

The Sunday School has been collecting children’s books, packages of stickers and both children and adult reading glasses to send to Nicaragua with Kathe Vachalek in May. She travels there as a volunteer with “Hope Without Borders”, a mission outreach trip sponsored by Concordia University in Wisconsin where she is currently finishing her studies to become a nurse practitioner. A basket has been placed in the Narthex for the children to place their donations.

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 29th. 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.



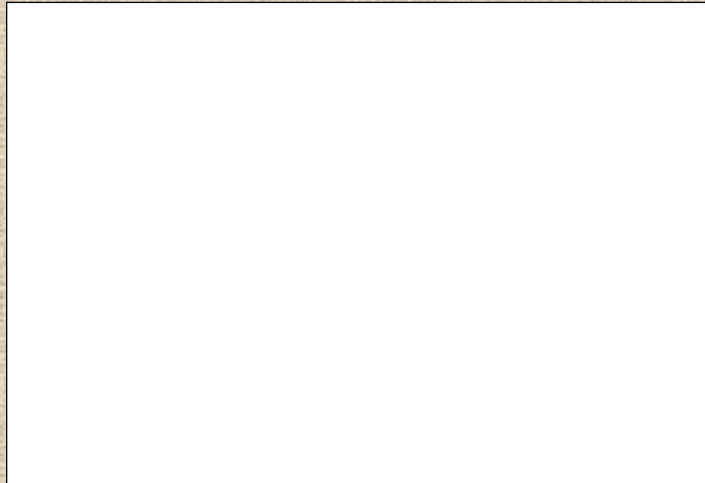
“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” Col. 3:15

In His Service, Brenda Bowling

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A View from the Pew

Some thoughts on sharing the Good News ☩ “Another great light has gone out of this world. And now who will go forth and carry Christ’s message?”



In the late 40's, I occasionally heard Dr. Graham's radio ministry, but watching a 1949 televised Crusade his message literally scared the "hell out of me." This man knew what the Bible was saying and I recognized that I too was sinful and unclean even though I had been in church all my life. I needed to begin a repentant life and share the Good News. Dr. Graham's expositions of scriptures are simple yet profound. Several months ago while preparing for worship at St. Paul's, I tuned my radio to WAVA 105.9 and heard an old recorded message by the Evangelist once more proclaiming the gospel. I so wish that we all have such zeal for Christ.

Dr. Graham's foundation continues with others at the pulpit and I pray that their message (and ours) may always be grounded in scripture alone, faith alone and by God's Grace alone. Well, who at St. Paul's will go forth and carry Christ's light for the world? (*perhaps even to some who are in church*) Matt 5: 14 **"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.** Are people able to see your light? On the back of our bulletin we have the theme in bold type;


"We Entered to Worship... We Exit to Witness!"

May our worship always be in truth and spirit and our witnessing continue daily by word and deeds. John 4:35 **"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."**

Therefore, prepare today with prayer and Study, Study, Study God's Scriptures.
Become that great light for Christ in St. Mary's and beyond!

LWML NEWS

We want to make sure that our congregation knows of this great resource for building strong marriages!



The graphic features a large red heart with a cross inside, surrounded by red floral and vine-like patterns. To the right, the text "God Loves MARRIAGE" is displayed in blue and green, with a heart containing a cross over the letter 'o' in "Loves". Below this, the text "2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced" is written in blue. On the left side of the graphic, the text "MATTHEW 19:6" is visible, along with a quote: "WHEREFORE THEY ARE NO MORE THIN, BUT ONE FLESH, WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER."

2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced

Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage.

The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

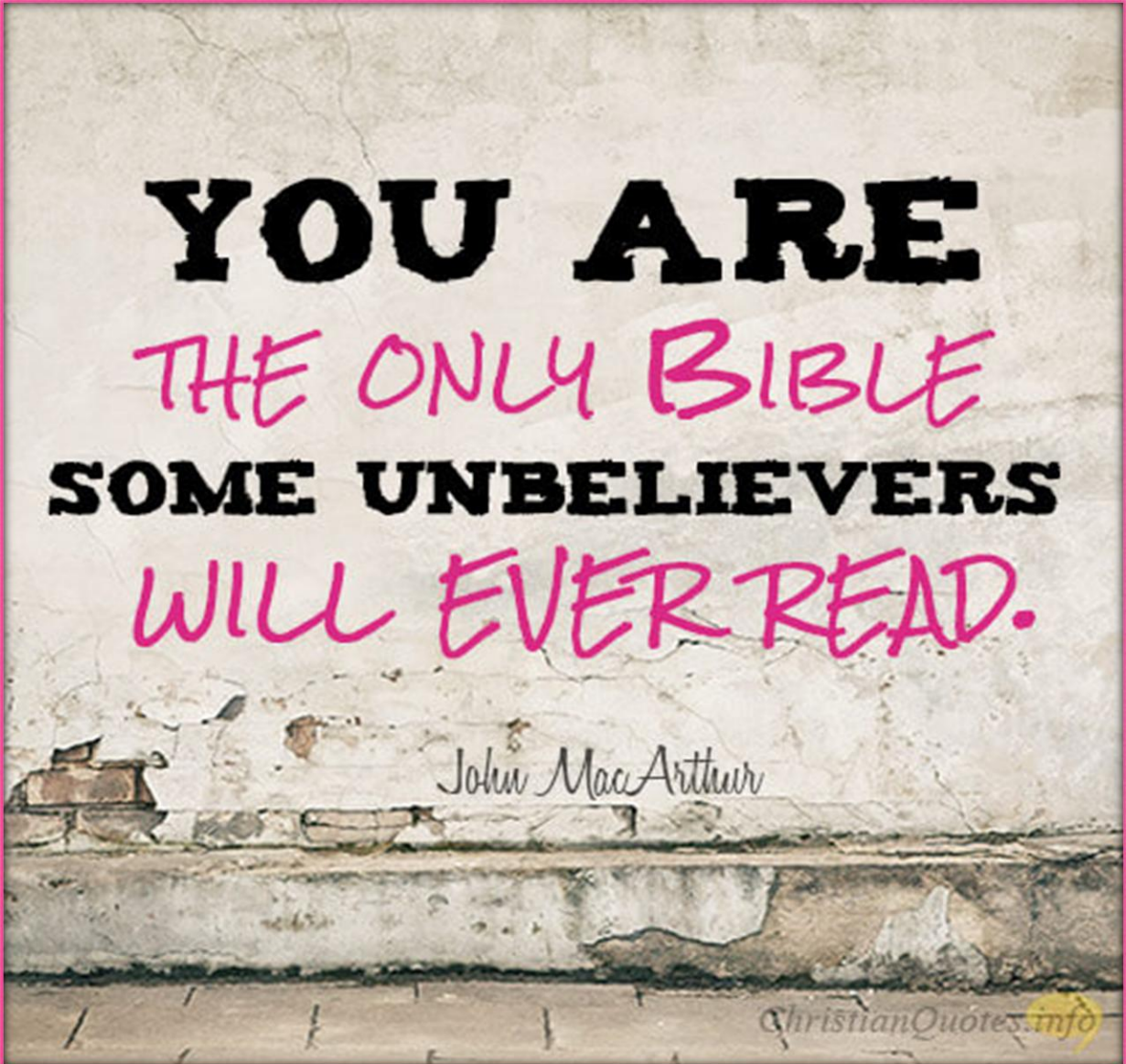
- * **March 16-18, 2018** at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."*
- * **April 6-8, 2018** at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.*
- * **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.*
- * **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.*

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [724-325-3166](tel:724-325-3166) or e-mail them at fjschamber@comcast.net.



St. Paul's Inspirations

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



YOU ARE
THE ONLY BIBLE
SOME UNBELIEVERS
WILL EVER READ.

John MacArthur

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
HAPPY BIRTHDAY			HAPPY ANNIVERSARY			
<i>4/1 - Stephen Stowers 4/25 – James Short</i> <i>4/9 - Jessalyn Mehrkam 4/27 – Matthew Mehrkam</i> <i>4/11 - Betty Ann Wathen 4/29 – Gayle Gepert</i> <i>4/15 - Sally Gheen</i> <i>4/21 – Melissa Chew</i>			<i>4/3 – Gene & Cathy Bostwick</i>			
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