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THE TALE OF TWO SERVICES

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By Tim McNutt

If you haven't heard by now, St. Paul's has made the exciting announcement that **on Sunday July 13** we return to the world of hosting two Sunday morning services. **Each and every week, one service will be at 8:00am and the other service will be at 10:30am.** Both will function essentially the same as we proclaim the Word and serve the Sacraments.

Since August of last summer, St. Paul's has been on a bit of a renewal-oriented upward swing. More people have been coming for Holy Communion and to listen to the preached Word. Sunday School is full and our youth ministry has been active and busy. Our budget has increased and the giving has been coming up along with it. (We always need your help there!) Obviously, not every Sunday is the same in numbers, but the trend is moving up in line with greater church family spirit and church health.

We give God the glory for what He is doing at St. Paul's, not us. It reminds me of 2 Corinthians 4:7 - ***But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that the extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.*** (New English Translation)

Yes, there are positives and negatives to hosting two services. (I am glad you thought of that!) Currently, we encounter parking shortages and seating issues once we're over 80% capacity either way. And no, we won't always see everyone the way we do now.

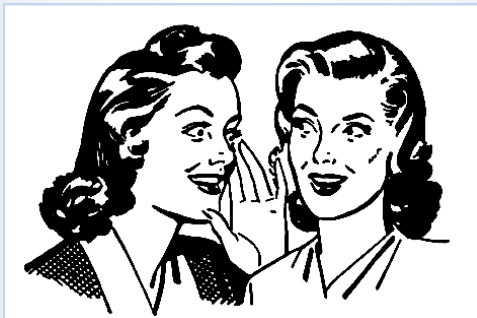
So.....

This will give people options. You can come at 8 or 10:30 for Word and Holy Communion. This will give us parking. Now you can choose to park where you want a bit easier. This will give us seating. Now you can choose where you sit a bit more freely.

In preparing for this with ministry leaders, we want to assure you as well there will be plenty friendship / fellowship events where ALL of St. Paul's will be able to gather together at one time. And don't forget, it's not required you attend the same service all the time, as you may want to mix it up to be with people you may be missing. Other ideas will be coming up as time passes.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to invite your friends and family and co-workers and acquaintances and people you've always wanted to invite to St. Paul's knowing there are now options, parking and seating available!

Did you hear?








No, What?

St. Paul's has a new Worship schedule!

8:00 and 10:30 am

Services!

<p>COFFEE WITH JESUS</p> 	 <p>Did you hear that prayer from the pastor opening the NASCAR event in Nashville?</p>	 <p>I hear all prayers. Praying at a public event is hard. I like that this guy did it from his heart and wasn't reading it. His joy was contagious.</p>	 <p>That prayer has been viewed millions of times on YouTube. I'm afraid it just reinforces a negative view of Christians as dumb Hicks.</p>	 <p>That's a big negatory there, Lisa. You hear those cheers? See those smiles? That's <i>joy</i>, sister! Like how you feel when you get a pedicure at 20% off.</p>
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Elder Paul Mehrkam

Winter, Summer,... What Happened to Spring?

Many of us are used to four seasons in the year. One of the first things that I learned after moving to sunny southern Maryland is that there is little or no transition from winter to summer. Coming from Pennsylvania, I miss the spring time transition.

What are other transitions in our lives do we experience? Well it all starts when we were conceived, then we were a fetus, baby, teenager, and so on. After a life time of experience, what's the next transition? Luckily for us, Jesus gave us some clues in the Bible. For starters, there was His transfiguration on the mountain in Matthew 17:2. After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to Thomas with the holes in His hands, feet, and side in order to fulfill the prophecy and proving that He had risen.

Does this mean that your tattoos and scars will end up on your heavenly body? Probably not, but that is part of the mystery. St. Paul tells in chapter of 1 Corinthians Chapter 15:35-49 that our earthly bodies and heavenly bodies are different. He further discusses the mystery: "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed." (1 Cor 15:51-52).

Don't be concerned or caught up with the end transition. For our salvation has already been set and paid for by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor 15:58). Always put your faith and trust in the Lord.

Dear Lord Heavenly God, we give You thanks. Through Your grace and sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You give us victory over the sting of death. Amen.

Church Hours for July—Lorrie Ching

Hello,

I will not be in the office for the following days:
Monday, June 30—Tuesday, July 8th

This has no effect on Vacation Bible School! They are running as scheduled!

I have relatives visiting and will only be in the office to minimally.

Sincerely, Lorrie Ching

Vacation Bible School's "Weird Animals"

We are coming down to the final days before St. Paul's Vacation Bible School summer program; "Weird Animals" begins.

Our VBS day will begin on Monday, July 7th at 9 AM and run through Friday, July 11th.

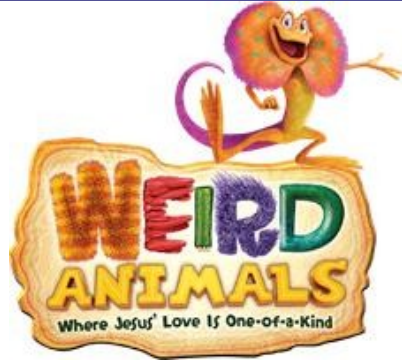
The day will end at 11:45AM each day, except for Friday, when we will extend the day and invite all parents and friends to come in and join us at "The Tail End", a celebration at the end of each day that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned, to hear some of the great songs your children have been learning during the week and join in for our closing picnic.

"Weird Animals" is for kids from ages 3 through 5th grades.

Thank you to everyone who took an "Iggy" donation form off the bulletin board and donated so many much needed items for our program. Your response was overwhelming!!! New items may be posted as teachers hand in their lists so please keep checking the bulletin board.

See you at "Weird Animals"!

Brenda Bowling and Melissa Chew
VBS Directors



St. Paul's RISING YOUTH

Wow what a great year St. Paul's Rising Youth just had! From yard sales and helping with the Christmas Brazier. Having the privilege to assist the Angle Tree program and the 12 hour lock-in in January. Don't forget, Shooting for Heaven, where the youth learned how to make a rocket from scratch and then taking them to a farm to Shoot to Heaven. Collecting money for relay for life and helping to find a cure for cancer.

Its been my privilege to lead St. Paul's Rising Youth the last three or so years, but I will be stepping down this summer. I want to thank Cindy Werth for being my right hand person. To Andrew Maack for teaching lesson's and Gail Geper's help with the youth singing. To Jimmy Swain for all he did with rocket club, to John and Brenda Bowling for having all the youth on their farm, and for all the church council support in the last three years. **Finally to all St. Paul's Rising Youth, you are and will be great Christians in this world.**

May God Bless you and keep you safe. You will always be in my prayers,


Bob Maxey





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	 4th of July	5
6 Divine Services 10:30 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Acolyte: Lisa Curtis	7 Vacation Bible School M-Th 9 -11:45 am	8 Council Mtg 7 pm	9	10	11 Last day of VBS 9-??:??	12
13 Divine Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am Acolyte 10:30 : Russell Watson	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Divine Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am Acolyte 10:30 : Emily Maack	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Divine Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am Acolyte 10:30 : Garrett Wiggen	28	29	30	31		

July Birthdays



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| 4 Fred Gheen | 27 Mark Lewis |
| 4 Kenneth Mueller | 28 Karin Beall |
| 6 Christopher Piphon | 28 Jonathan Chase |
| 7 Nettie Trimboth | 28 Christopher Green |
| 8 Lisa Reithmeyer | 28 James Green |
| 9 Kristina Lacey | 28 William Green |
| 9 Bob Maxey | 29 Sheldon Cramer |
| 11 Rebecca Nichols | 31 Janet Butterfield |
| 18 Ryan Chew | |
| 25 Kenneth Sprouse | |

July Fun Facts

Did you know.....

Two US President's passed to Glory on the same day on July 4, 1826. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

The cornerstone for the Washington Monument was laid on July 4, 1848?

That the only US President born on July 4 was Calvin Coolidge. He was born July 4, 1872.

July 7th is the 188th day of the year.

There are only 177 days left in 2014!



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**Behold, now is the favorable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.**

2 Corinthians 6:2

Recycling Program for Building Fund



Aluminum Cans – Save your aluminum cans during the warm summer months. Please bring only cans; no foil or pie pans.

Empties4Cash – Save your used Inkjet printer or toner cartridges. Bring them with you to church on Sunday and place in the box in the Narthex. Only originals that are undamaged and have print heads are applicable. No re-manufactured ink-jets or toner cartridges. **Old Cell Phones also!**

