



Proclamation

Pointers from District Conference 2015

By Tim McNutt, *Pastor*

One of the main messages that came out of this year's District Conference was that our churches need to refocus on what it means to be intentionally outward focused.

Specifically, Lutheran churches are known for being inwardly focused with the power of the Sacraments – especially Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Yet Jesus has another message for us as well – He's looking for His Church to be outwardly focused as well - ***“God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”*** (Matthew 28:18-20, the Message)

St. Paul's is part of a great initiative known as the Southeastern District (SED) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Within our district there are 32 million people represented by 3,878 zip codes. Whether it's by Jesus or the SED – we are called to be out and about in Southern Maryland doing our part sharing the Good News of the arrival of Jesus. Besides other important roles, our lives are meant to be markers and commercials of the love, peace and comfort found in absolutely only Jesus.

In the near future we are going to be clarifying what this means for St. Paul's. We need to think about our mission and the development of strategies to fulfill that mission. This is the same as the Apostle Paul, himself making plans about which city to evangelize next and what he was going to do there for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Specifically in cooperation with the SED, we are going to be thinking about the neighborhoods that make up Southern MD. Do you know your neighbors? Have you ever prayed for them? How can St. Paul's help you serve your neighbors better in a well-rounded way? More than just inviting them to church, what needs do your neighbors have that we can meet in the name of Jesus?

The Sacraments and discipleship are part of the life of a local church! But even more so, we need to be about the business of the Good News when so many live outside the love of Jesus.



From the desk of the Congregational President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for everyone who participated at the Semiannual Voter's Meeting and for approving the installation of a small HVAC system to cool and heat the church offices.

At the time of writing this letter, we have gone forward with the submission of our mission building permit with the St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning office. I am hopeful that our permit application will be approved by the time you read this June newsletter. Keep watch for announcements after service, on the bulletin board in the narthex, and on our website.

Although the lazy days of summer are here, we will be busy this summer reaching out to the community. Here are just a few of the things we will be doing: offering a new praise style worship to reach out to the younger members of our community; raising money for the Relay of Life; and Vacation Bible School will be in session with the theme of "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Almighty Power."

I attended the awards banquet for the Robobees robotics team who made it into the semi finals at the world championship. At one point in the awards presentation, all the seniors on the team came up front to be recognized. I was very much reminded how young and innocent they appear to be in entering the world with jobs, military, or college. Please include in your prayers our confirmand, high school, and college graduates.

Heavenly Lord, as we feel the warmth of the summer sun, may You keep us warm in our faith in You. Turn us from the temptations of this world and have us make Your ministry be our priority each and every day. For our confirmand and graduates who are entering the early summer their lives, keep them looking to You for guidance as they begin their new life struggles. Amen.

Paul Mehrkam

Check out St. Paul's website:

Get the latest in Calendar Events and News! If you missed a Sunday, you can download the bulletin on the Services page.

Elder News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“St. Paul’s will be hosting *SUMMER PRAISE SERVICE AT 9:15 AM* Sundays starting JUNE 7TH”. This was the announcement in the bulletin last Sunday. Pastor Tim is offering this form of worship to hopefully motivate the youth of the congregation to worship our Lord in a style that is more “contemporary” and where the music is geared to their generation. That is not to say that the more mature members can’t feel motivated to participate. For me, my comfort zone lies in the traditional music and order of service in the Lutheran Hymnal that we follow in our regular service. **But we need to realize the future of St. Paul’s and in a broader since, the Lutheran Church, rests with our youth.** When Martin Luther began to restructure worship, he introduced music and an order of service that was out of sync with the traditions of the church of the time however, it took hold and the Reformation of the church began.

Last Sunday, the Reverend Keith W. Loesch conducted our service for Pastor Tim. Pastor Loesch is the Ministry Director of the Wittenberg English Ministry. This ministry is established to take the Word to German Christians living in Wittenberg Germany where Luther nailed his 95 Theses that sparked the beginning of the Reformation. The services are held in English by Lutheran Pastors from the U. S., Canada and Australia from all Synods’ (Missouri, ELCA, WELS, LC-C etc.). So why is this ministry needed? The reason is that over generations, the size and strength of the Lutheran church in the home town of the original Reformation has dwindled so that it is practically non-existent. So desperate is the situation, that the local authorities requested the establishment of this rather unusual outreach and ministry. We are taking the good news of Jesus Christ back to the place where, for us Lutherans, it began.

So what do these two issues have to do with one another? Christianity in America is on the decline. The Lutheran church is not immune from this fact. The three major Synods (Missouri, ELCA and WELS) are seeing a continued decline in worship and membership in their congregations. Congregations are closing, do to lack of membership.

One key to keeping St. Paul’s solvent and moving forward is to keep our young people engaged in church and activities that stimulate their interest and dedication. The *SUMMER PRAISE SERVICE* is one way to make this happen. Not only can our own youth enjoy this style of worship but it can also attract non-members from the community and motivate them to come to our white church on the hill (behind 84 Lumber).

We should all keep this in our prayers and help Pastor to make this a success.

Your brother in Christ

Gary A. Wollin, Head Elder

Mission and Ministry



We are collecting non-perishable food for “The Mission” in Lexington Park.
If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Gray at 301-290-1264



“Personal Care Kits” for Nepal earthquake victims

With the tragedy in Nepal, we will be collecting items for “Personal Care Kits”

Items to purchase:

Towels-bath size, Soap-bath size, Toothbrush-adult size, Comb-sturdy, and
Nail Clipper-metal.

Contact Lois Beverage for more information 301-769-3499.



From the TOOL SHED

Through much hard work the Administrative Office has had a makeover. Thanks to Alan Hunter's hard work the office has been painted, the book shelf now has a face and doors, the sound system now has its own shelf, and the safe has been painted. Through an anonymous donor the Administrative Office and Pastor's Office has also been carpeted.

Around the outside, right after the snow melted we had some visitors in the form of Citronella Ants. We typically see a few dozen each year that only last a few days. This year we had several thousand worshipping in the sanctuary and holding meetings in Pastor's Office. The exterminator sprayed and said we need to take measures to seal all the cracks in the building as well as take measures to eliminate water standing around the building. Sealing the cracks has been underway. We have been checking on any standing water after rain storms. At this time there is no water lying around the building and we will be taking measures to eliminate standing water from the snow in the winter time.

We are having issues accessing the church. Mainly we have 3 council members who do not have keys to perform their elected duties. If you have a key to the front door please contact Lorrie Ching in the office or myself at 301-643-4435 and if you have a key that you do not need please contact me also. We have numbered keys to the front door and at this time we are recreating a list of who has front door keys.

In the summertime the Offices double as a Sauna! To fix this we have received estimates for the installation of a ductless air condition that will also heat the offices in the winter. The voters approved the purchase and installation at the Annual Voters Meeting on May 17. As soon as the equipment arrives we will be installing the units. This will place a ductless wall mount in each office connected to a single outside unit. This will eliminate the inefficient wall shaker in Pastor's office and add air conditioning for the first time in the Administrative office. It will be nice to be cool in the summer and warm in the winter. After the HVAC units are installed we will replace the exterior door to Pastor's office, insulate the wall, and replace the interior paneling to close the gaping hole, sorry Pastor we will eliminate the escape hatch and put siding up on the outside.

Thank you,
Your Building and Grounds Council Chair
Jason Reithmeyer

St. Paul's Youth Group

June Newsletter Article

Hello all! We have so much going on and we are very excited for it all!

- June 6 – Relay for Life
- June 18 – Spirit Night Fundraiser at SWEETFROG CHARLOTTE HALL
- June 26 – King's Dominion CANCELED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR JULY
- Things to keep an eye out for in July
 - o King's Dominion
 - o Car Wash

We are hosting a Spirit Night Fundraiser!



Join us at the Sweet Frog in Charlotte Hall

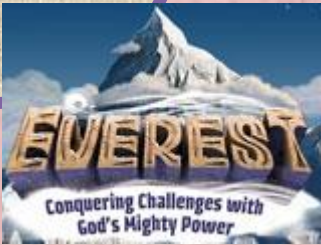
June 18 from 4pm-9pm!

You don't need to stay the entire time! Come on by, grab some yogurt, visit for a little bit, and be on your way!

A percentage of all sales will go towards the Youth Group!

Come on out and support us as we continue to raise money for our different events and activities!

We would love to see you there!



2015 Vacation Bible School

June 29th thru July 3, 2015

9AM to 11:45 AM

"Everest – Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!"

It almost time to embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! Our Vacation Bible school program will begin this month on Monday, June 29th and continue through Friday, July 3rd, from 9 AM to 11:45AM. If you haven't already registered your child/children for this fun filled week, please call the office and pick up a registration form and as soon as possible. You can also email me at b.bowling@amaryllisdesigns.com to put your child's name on the list and have a form mailed to you. Classes are available for all children ages 3 through 5th grade! Looking forward to meeting new friends and seeing all of our old friends again soon! This year we will be adopting Pastor Tim and his mission trip to Africa as our mission project for vacation bible school.

Important Dates:

Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 PM - Staff meeting for all Station leaders, crew leaders and helpers. Please bring a list of all items you will need for your stations. This is a very important meeting as we will be going over the week's program to make sure everyone has what they need to be sure the week runs smoothly.

Sunday, June 28th – We will be setting up after church and ***could use many helpers*** to move pews around, set up tables and decorate.

Thank you to everyone who has taken one of our "Buddy Post Its" of needed items for this summer's program! Your support is awesome! Please continue to keep the staff, our students and program in your prayers!

Your Everest VBS Directors,
Melissa Chew and Brenda Bowling



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REGISTRATION FORM (One per child)

If you would like your child to attend our "**Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Almighty Power**" Vacation Bible School program this summer (June 29th thru July 3th, 2015 - 9AM to 11:45 AM), please fill in a registration form and return it to the church office. Completed forms can also be placed in either Melissa Chew's or Brenda Bowling's mail box in the hallway across from the kitchen. Looking forward to another exciting summer at St. Paul's! Classes are available for kids ages 3 through 5th Grade.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School Grade Going Into This Fall: _____

Name of Parent (s): _____ Home Telephone#: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Cell Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home E-mail Address: _____

Other Siblings Attending VBS this Week: _____

Home Church: _____ I will be picked up each day by: _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions:

In Case of Emergency, Contact: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Crew Name/Leaders: _____

_____ (for church use only)

Please call Brenda Bowling (301-373-8256) or

Melissa Chew (301-481-2427) if you have any questions.





Remember in your Prayers

SHUT-INS: *Pat Gardiner*

Serious Health Concerns: *Dale Bittner*

MEMBERS: Health Concerns: *Chicchina Bailey, Elin Cramer, John Fuchs, Melva Fuchs, Sally Gheen, Carletta Cyrus Parmes, Kathy Lewis, Lucy Price and Kathe Vachalek*

Stephanie Boyer, attends St. Paul's & friend of Gayle Gepert, healing,

Kim Mozingo and Family, pray for God's wisdom and deliverance

2nd Lt. Jackie Mozingo, Air Force, Kim Mozingo's daughter, who is deployed in the Middle East

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

Sandra Peterson, Tony Gray's mother, she has lung cancer.

Missy Hile, friend of Kelly Gray, she has cancer and its in more than one spot.

Isla (EYE-la) Gray Kinlaw, Lee Oxford's (from Zera Missions-Ghana) granddaughter. His daughter had her baby a month premature and she was born with Dandy-Walker Syndrome.

Joey Holman, prayers for healing

Sonny Oden, Ray & Nettie Trimbath's friend, stage 4 Cancer.

Mark Racey, Jack McNutt's friend, had his identity stolen.

Suzanne Phillips, friend of Stephanie Boyer, extended illness from surgery complication

Anita Allard, Kelly Gray's mother, recovery of mild stroke

Donovan Gheen, Fred and Sally's young grandson with cancer.

Harry Maxey, Bob Maxey's father, living with Parkinson's

Tammy Nichols, Dianne Nichols daughter-in-law, recovery

Aunt Edna, Dianne Nichols, serious health concerns

Austin Knarr, Gene Bostwick's nephew, health concerns/chron's disease

Madeline, Health concerns

Rebecca Athenason, Dianne Nichols daughter, serious illness

Alan Burch, friend of Karin Beall & former pre-school parent, cancer

Wee Davis, friend of Alan Hunter, brain cancer

Alma Stowers, Stephen Stowers Great Grandma, Breast Cancer

Johanna Fortney, daughter of Elin Cramer, cancer

Joe Fuchs, son of John Fuchs, bone cancer

Edward DeMarr, nephew of Lucy Price, brain tumor

For safety of all our military personnel & for their families.

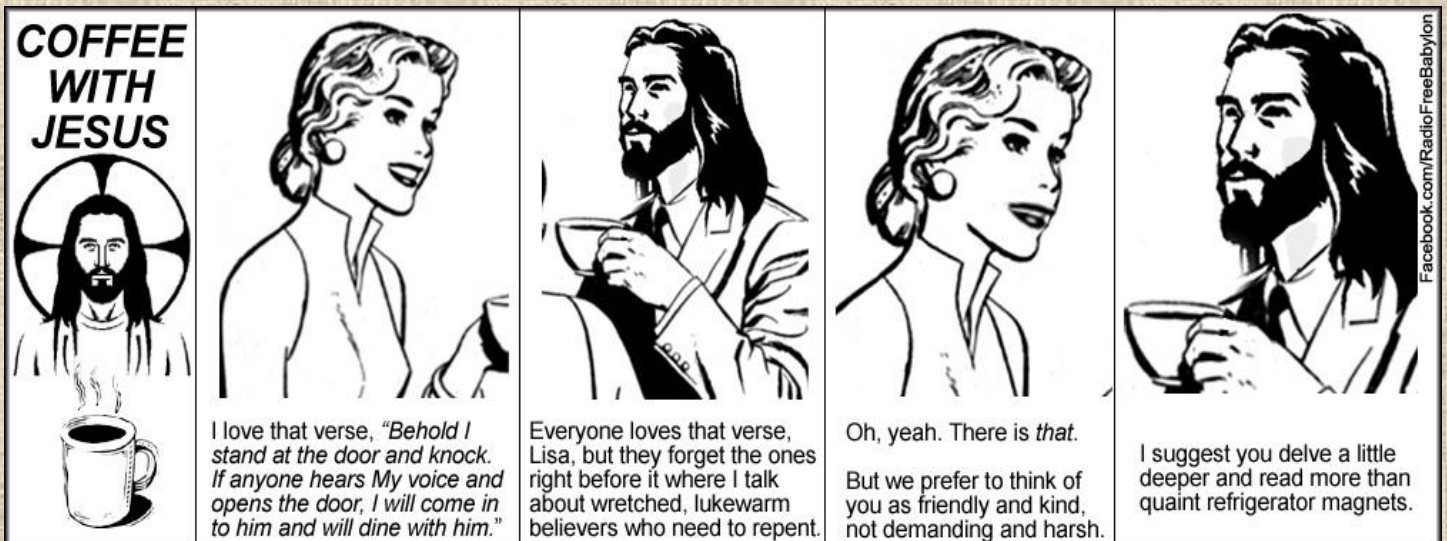
God listens when we pray

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:6-7



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Birthdays	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 – Nick Beall 7 – Owen Chew 22 – Amy McNutt 24 – Courtney Beall			Wednesday Night Service 6:30pm			Youth Group 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Program Times: 8:00am 9:10am – PRAISE SVC 10:30am Acolyte's 8:00 Danielle Hoffman 10:30 Kaleh Wollin		Council Meeting 6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Service 6:30pm		St. Paul's Ice Cream Social and Movie Night 7:00 PM Movie – "God's Not Dead"	Pastor Tim officiating Wedding for Mary Trowbridge & Guy Patrick 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Program Times: 8:00am 9:10am – PRAISE SVC 10:30am Acolyte's 8:00 Dylan Otte 10:30 Russell Watson			Wednesday Night Service 6:30pm	Sweet Frog Fundraiser in Charlotte Hall from 4 pm-9 pm Youth Group activity 		Pastor Tim officiating Wedding for Rachael Nines & Brian Sick 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Program Times: 8:00am 9:10am – PRAISE SVC 10:30am Acolyte's 8:00 Emily Maack 10:30 Alison Werth			Wednesday Night Service 6:30pm			Dr. Paul Maier Special Faith Formation & Enrichment Event – 9 am Registration Ends 3:15 pm at Concordia L.C. Hagerstown MD See Bulletin Board for info.
28	29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3	Anniversaries
Program Times: 8:00am 9:10am – PRAISE SVC 10:30am Acolyte's 8:00 Dylan Otte 10:30 Garrett Wigen	<div>Vacation Bible School – Mt. Everest!</div> <div>9:00 – 11:45 am daily</div>					June 18 Patty and Jack Guntow, Happy Anniversary

Funnies and Coffee with Jesus



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37707 New Market Turner Road
Mechanicville, MD 20659-3075
Sunday Services 8:00 and 10:30 am
Sunday School and Adult Classes 9:10 am
Wednesday Connections Service 6:30 pm
Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Phone: 301.884.5184

Website: www.stpaulssomd.org

Email: stpaulsicsmd@netzero.net

Behold, now is the favorable time;
Behold, now is the day of salvation.
2 Corinthians 6:2

Remember these dates:

Sat., June 6 – Youth Group Relay for Life 6 pm – 2 am

Tues., June 9 – Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Fri., June 12 – Ice Cream Social & Movie Night 7 pm

Thurs., June 18 – Sweet Frog Youth Group Fundraiser in
Charlotte Hall 4 pm – 9 pm

Sat., June 27 – Special Faith Event with Dr. Paul Maier

Mon., June 29 – Fri., July 3 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL