

# ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

## THE GOOD NEWS

**MAY 2017 Edition**



### May 26 - May 28, 2017 Chattanooga, TN

St. Paul will be sending seven people to Assembly this year:

**Pastor Rick** - Voting Member/Rostered Leader

**Rick Anger** - Voting Member & Synod Council Conference 6

**Kara Birdwell** - Voting Member

**Sue Tyler** - SESLYO Board/Adult Rep

**Emma Liner** - SESLYO Board/ Chair

**Philip Tyler** - SESLYO Board/ Chair-elect

**Scott Lindquist** - SESLYO Board/Chaplin

*The SESLYO Board will be leading a workshop and assisting with worship.*

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### Worship Times

**Sunday Morning**

8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Sunday School**

9:15am

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Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm



## PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

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### A Message from Pastor Rick:

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27*

Lately, I have found myself praying for peace more than usual. The news is filled with stories of terrorist attacks across the globe, violence and killings in several African countries, the continuing war with ISIS in Syria, and rising tensions with North Korea.

Peace in this world seems closer to a dream than it ever seemed to be a reality. The world does not feel as safe to me as it did when I was a child or a younger adult. I attribute part of this to the information age. Through the internet, we can know if anything has happened anywhere in just a matter of seconds. I am sure my worries are also tied to the fact that we live in a more dangerous world than we did even 15-20 years ago.

When I pray for peace, I try to remember to pray for “shalom”. Shalom is the type of peace Jesus gives us. It is more than just the absence of war. It involves wholeness and completeness of individuals and communities. Shalom helps us to see our connections with each other and shows us how we are called to be peacemakers.

The pursuit of peace is the obligation of the individual and the goal of the church and other groups.

No, none of us can by ourselves solve all of the problems in the world; but we can begin to foster peace one person and one community at a time. Our lives are not whole if our neighbors are hurting. On a bigger scale, nations are not whole and healthy if their neighbors are hurting.

As we strive to be bringers of shalom, Jesus will always be with us. These words are a major comfort to me because being a peacemaker can be scary at times. It is easy to hole up and not reach out to help our world, but that is the opposite of faithful living. Our calling is to be active in this world in order to share the good news of Christ. This includes doing all we can to make shalom a reality wherever we are.

Shalom, Pastor Rick



*Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator  
We are family  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.*

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The St. Paul Church Council will meet monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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## SYNOD NEWS



Under this year's theme, **We are church for the sake of the world**, we will consider what this means in light of the commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. We will also give special attention to creation care, as the 2016 Southeastern Synod Assembly declared 2017 as the Year for Care for Creation in our Synod, and to advocacy initiatives in our four states following the formation of the Southeastern

Synod Advocacy Council earlier this year.

To help us in this exploration, we are excited to welcome the Rev. Kevin Strickland as our Churchwide Representative. Pr. Strickland, former pastor of Holy Trinity, Nashville, TN, now serves as ELCA executive for worship and Assistant to the Presiding Bishop.

***This Changes Everything*** - Is the title of the Assembly Workshop to be lead by, Assistant to the Bishop, Rachel Alley and the SESLYO Board, which includes Emma Liner, Philip Tyler, and Scott Lindquist.

Join us to hear about the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, June 27-July 1, 2018. A week of faith formation, where 30,000 youth will spend 5 days in interactive learning, worship, Bible Study, service, and fellowship. The Gathering seeks to be a place where young people can encounter God in new ways, and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

**An important part of the Gathering's ministry is the Service Day**, where youth will be going into the community, to listen, see, and serve others. The 2017-18 SESLYO board will be sharing with you about their own community project this year, "Here We Stand, in our Community" Blessings Bags. You'll be able to pack a Blessing backpack and take it back to your own community to share with someone who needs to know someone else cares.



## SERVING

*Charlie Malin- Coordinator*



**Community  
Food Connection**  
of Blount County, Inc.

### May Collection

School will soon be out, some children will be home alone while parents are working. During the summer months we will collect food items that are easy for children to prepare.

The month of May will be Ramen Noodles any variety



### Congratulations to Chase and Amber

To all of our friends at St. Paul, Thank you so much for such a generous gift. We feel so loved and could not be more excited to be a part of such a wonderful group of people. *Amber*

As I mentioned to some of you Easter Sunday, I can't think of a single instance in the last four years when my time here has felt like work. You have all made me feel welcome from the very beginning through your love and support, and that continues to show now through your extremely generous gift to Amber and me. I count myself blessed to be able to pursue my passion for making music in a place that not only encourages me, but accepts me as one of their own.

Thank you - each and every one of you - for making this possible, and thank you all again for your gracious gift. *Chase*

# DISCIPLESHIP

Winnie Johnson - Coordinator

High School Graduation Recognition  
Sunday, May 21st  
Both Services

*A reception in their honor  
will be held after the 10:30 service*



*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

## High School

Teddy Joyal - Graduates from Heritage High School on Friday, May 15th, 2017.

Jessica Lindquist Graduates from Maryville High School on Friday, May 19th, 2017. She will be attending Pellissippi State in the Fall and plans to continue her education at UT Chattanooga with a major in psychology.



Anna Murray Graduates from West High School on Saturday, May 20th, 2017. She will be attending Pellissippi State in the Fall to pursue an Associates in Business Administration. Upon completion transferring to pursue her bachelors in business with a minor in equine management.



Eric Walker - Graduates from William Blount High School on Monday, May 15th, 2017. He will be attending Tennessee Tech in the Fall pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering.



## College

Shawn Hutchison - Graduates from Cincinnati College of Music on Saturday, April 29th with a Bachelor of Music in Oboe Performance. Future plans: He will attend Yale School of Music in the Fall to pursue a Master's degree.



Kristen Walker - Graduates from The University of Tennessee on Saturday, May 11, 2017. She will receive a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

# Wednesday Night

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

**Wednesday, May 3rd & 10th**

**6:00pm - Family Meal**

**6:25pm - Devotions/Activities**

*Leaders - Confirmation  
& Sunday School Kids*

# Faith -N- Family

# Closing Celebration Cook-out

Wednesday, May 17th

Everyone is invited!

5:30pm Outdoor Games ~ Large Inflatable Slide

6:00pm Family Meal/Picnic

6:30pm Closing Devotions

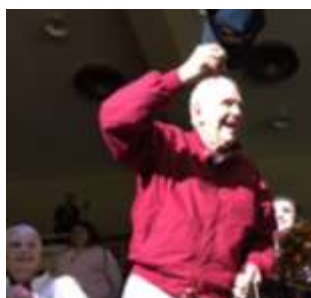
6:45pm-7:30 More games



## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



Family Fun Night



Clayton at the Ice Bears

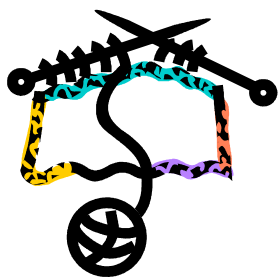
### Keep'em In Stitches Every Thursday

- Except the 4th week

10:00am-1:00pm

Join us for a time of fellowship and knitting, crocheting, needlework, quilting... We meet in room #8.

Bring a sack lunch and a stitching project you are working on.



## Princess

DAUGHTER OF A HEAVENLY KING

All Ladies of St Paul are invited to a

**ROYAL TEA PARTY**

**Saturday, May 6th**

**2:00-4:00pm**

Richardson Hall ~ St Paul Lutheran Church

*Bring your favorite Tea Cup  
Wear your best Princess attire,  
Tiara's and Scepters will be provided.*

*Chase & Amber will provide Music*

**Please Sign up on the WELCA Board**



# FELLOWSHIP

Leigh Caldwell - Coordinator



## 10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

*Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.*

**May 7** Barb & Bob Miller, Tim & Leslie Walker

### May 14 MOTHER'S DAY

Jacqueline Conzemius, David & Charlene Dubs

### May 21 High School Graduation Recognition

Darla & Brian Kaufman, Marsha Wynn,  
JB & Sylvia Johnson

**May 28** Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer,  
Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon



## May 2017

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



**May 2** Ramona Bishop  
**May 2** Linda Zrioka  
**May 5** Barb Miller  
**May 8** Shelly Foster  
**May 14** Laura Mallette  
**May 16** Sara Wainwright

**May 17** Kris Zimmer  
**May 18** Norma Watson  
**May 19** David Walker  
**May 19** Kristen Walker  
**May 23** John Walker  
**May 24** Anne Sims  
**May 26** Kara Birdwell  
**May 27** Dana Conzemius  
**May 29** Ken Dressler  
**May 29** Brian Kaufman  
**May 30** Gail Hafner

## ANNIVERSARIES



**May 4** Bill & Beth Drane  
**May 11** Kevin & Donna Dornfeld  
**May 15** Steve & Jacqueline Conzemius  
**May 17** Tom & Lyla Lindquist  
**May 20** Shari & Ed Martin  
**May 24** Ramona & Danny Bishop

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*Growing in the Spirit,  
Making Christ Known.*

## **Dates of Interest**

*Check Calendar for times and places*

### **Council:**

Monday, May 15th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Sunday, May 21st ~ High School Recognition

Friday, May 26th-28th ~ Synod Assembly

### **Discipleship:**

Wednesday, May 3rd, 10th, & 17th ~ Faith-N-Family resumes

### **Fellowship:**

Wednesday, May 3rd, 10th, & 17th ~ Faith-N-Family Meal

Sunday, May 20th ~ Reception for High School Graduates following second service

### **Parish Life:**

Thursdays, except the 4th ~ Keep'em In Stitches