

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS JUNE 2018 Edition



Engaging in Synod and Churchwide Activities

Southeaster Synod Assembly June 1st-3rd

Rick Anger - Synod Council
Sue Tyler - SESLYO Board
Pastor Rick - Voting Member
Kara Birdwell - Voting Member
JB Johnson - Voting Member
Sylvia Johnson - Visiting Member



Affirm

June 10th-15th

Pastor Rick
Unit Director

Kristen Walker
Small Group Leader



Five St Paul Youth attending.

National Youth Gathering

June 26th - July 1st



10 St. Paul Youth/adults
attending

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
Summer Hiatus

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



PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) exists in three different expressions: churchwide, synod, and congregation.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

As southern, Lutheran Christians, we sometimes feel alone because of our lack of numbers in our part of the country. Taking some time to look at how we relate to each other as church helps us see the impact we do make in the world.

Each expression of the ELCA exists because we need each other for the mission work we are called to do.

The front line of ministry is always the congregation. This is where we have the most hands on contact with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Congregations are where sacraments are shared, youth and adults begin to learn and share stories of faith, and people serve neighbors in need.

Our synod helps us with ministry that we cannot do by ourselves.

The term "synod" is from the same root word where we get "synagogue". It means "walking together". We walk with our congregations in the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee as we plan and share ministry events like AFFIRM, SESLYO, and WELCA gatherings. Our synod staff also helps emerging leaders discern their sense of call for service in the church, as well as prepares and evaluates them through the candidacy process. The bishop and staff lead congregations through transitions of called staff as well as support and counsel congregations in turmoil or crisis.

Our churchwide organization does quite a bit of heavy lifting for the rest of us. They assist us by developing worship resources; overseeing our colleges, seminaries, and camps; and by both training and sending missionaries across the globe. Because of the well-organized national church body, our world hunger and disaster response programs are constantly rated extremely high for their efficiency in getting aid to people when and where it is needed.

I like to write an occasional article like this because I like to remind you of your partners in ministry across the ELCA.

Your mission support helps start new congregations, supports seminary students, feeds hungry children, and comforts people in crisis. Ministry happens here at St. Paul, but you are also a part of what happens across 65 synods and 10,000 congregations in our country as well as the Caribbean.

Together, we are the church.

Peace, Pastor Rick

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

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Church Council



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A Message From the Council President

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”
1 Peter 4:10.



Hey you! Yeah, you!

I heard you have been wanting to get more involved with the St.

Paul ministry. There are various ways to be more active in the ministries at St. Paul.

We are currently in need of ministry team coordinators. - Discipleship and Serving Ministry Team Coordinators oversee and coordinate meetings with all of the groups under that ministry team throughout the year. The Coordinator meets with Council monthly to notify Council of any activities/events coming up.

We are also in need of a Nursery Coordinator that will coordinate the nursery volunteer schedule, check the nursery for any broken toys and replace them as needed, and replenish supplies as needed.

Maybe Sunday morning volunteering is more of your passion. St. Paul is looking to add ushers, nursery volunteers, and fellowship hour volunteers to the rotating schedules.

Please reach out to me, Pastor Rick and/or the church office if you feel called to serve St. Paul’s ministry.

We can discuss with you your passions and find a good fit.

As always, everyone is welcome to our Ministry Team night. We gather for a meal and devotions at 6 pm, meet within our Ministry Teams and then come together as a whole at 7 pm to learn about the activities of each ministry team. We will not be meeting in June. Our next meeting is July 23rd.

Yours in Christ, Kara Birdwell

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” Luke 6:38

Library Corner:

Max Lucado is one of the best-known Christian authors alive today. He writes for children and adults and we have a number of his books in our church library. You will find him to be funny and insightful. Check out one of his books today.



Try **“Traveling Light”**, the newest addition to our library. The premise of the book is that we all carry

too many burdens with us; burdens of guilt, anxiety, fear, and more. Mr. Lucado reminds us of Matthew 11:28 where the gospel writer says, “Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Perhaps you missed the Bible study group that met last winter to discuss Amir Hussain’s book, “Oil & Water; two Faiths; One God.” The author talks about similarities and differences between the Christian and Muslim faiths. The book used for this study may now be found in the library.

The library is always open; come and browse



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Summer Collection ~ Kid Friendly

Kid friendly - any add water and microwave. ie...Mac-N-Cheese

The donation box is located just inside the front door to the left.

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Communication

Preliminary Report ~ Communications Survey

Once again, thank you to all who took the time to respond to the survey concerning communication in our congregation. As we reported last month we received 90 responses with the following five (5) methods clearly identified as the ways in which you would like to receive information:

The five methods most desired for communication were:

- 1) Weekly email news - SPEN,
- 2) Monthly newsletter - emailed,
- 3) Sunday printed announcements,
- 4) Special emails,
- 5) and Council minutes - emailed.

The report was received and reviewed at our most recent Council meeting, after discussion, the five major methods stated above will continue to be largely utilized as a way of sharing information, while using the other methods as appropriate.

We also are committed to posting the due dates (see below) for articles in each issue of the monthly newsletter, and weekly announcements. This will enable information to be published on a timely basis.

So what does this mean to you? Simply put, our commitment is to keep you informed and we will do so using the methods you requested.

What are we asking of you? Please make note of the above methods, read the articles published and make note, however you do that, of the contents. When we each do that we will have accomplished our goal of making communication more effective here at St. Paul.

While the ad hoc committee was officially disbanded, we will always continue our quest to improve communication.

Let us know how we are doing.

Communication Survey Team: Susan Ward and Merl Krull

DUE DATES

These are the general deadlines when information is due in to the office. These deadlines may occasionally change, like this month. Because of the National Youth Gathering the deadline for the July Newsletter is June 15th.

The Weekly News (SPEN) and the Sunday printed announcement due date is, Wednesday by Noon to be published that week. Example, *if you want an article/notice in Sunday, June 3rd printed announcements you need to submit it via email (splchurch@bellsouth.net) by Wednesday May 30th - Noon*

The monthly newsletter due date is the 20th of every month. For example, if you would like an article published in the June newsletter the information would need to be received, via email, by May 20th.



Stewardship Moment

“Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that God also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from God's hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then God allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what God has entrusted to us, no doubt God takes great pleasure in our enjoyment when our actions are in conformity to God's

Word and will. How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth:

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at Saint Paul.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory as the number one priority in your use of money?

Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?

PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

St. Paul Men's Group – Men in Mission
Tom Sims President tom0884@att.net



Annual Cookout
Thursday, June 7th
6:00pm

Louisville Point Park

Men of all ages and their guests are invited to come and eat and enjoy the evening. Jan Hanes will lead the grilling team.

Men In Mission are hosting
Red Lewis Night at the Ballpark

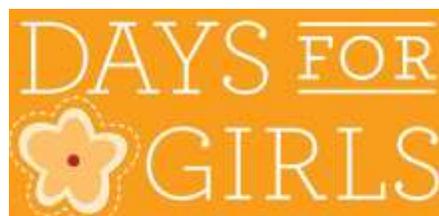
July 14th ~ 7:00pm



Gates open at 6:00pm
**Purchase your tickets
NOW**



from: Perry McClellan, James McMillion, Jan Hanes and Tom Sims.



June 6th
2:00pm

Sewing event
We will sew and then assemble kits.

Bring a sewing machine or help with non-sewing tasks. **We are on target to provide 65 kits for Central America.**

**You are called
to attend the
Thirty-First Annual
Convention of the
Southeastern Synod
Women of the ELCA.**



It will be held,
September 14-16, 2018
at Lakepoint State Park in Eufaula, Alabama. Our theme is *Women in Action... Answering the Call*, which is based on I John 3:18, and the convention hymn is "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve". Talk with Beth Drane or Barb Miller for more information or visit <https://seswelca.weebly.com/>

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S

GLOBAL FARM

Challenge

HELP US BUY THE FARM

\$715 can offer one family in an impoverished country a fresh start. Which can help them escape the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Noisy offering collection days
Sunday, June 17th & 24th

Checks can be noisy too - *make it payable to St. Paul with youth in the memo line*

ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge is a year-long, youth-driven

fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Many youth and youth groups will raise funds in advance of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in June, and many will bring their offerings to the Gathering. At the Interactive Learning space in the NRG Center, youth and young adults will have the chance to participate in an unforgettable experience designed to immerse them in what it's like to be a smallholder farmer around the world.

St. Paul Youth will hand deliver the offering to the collection center on behalf of the congregation.

Thanks to generous friends of the ELCA, your gifts will go even further: All gifts toward the Global Farm Challenge will be matched – dollar for dollar – up to \$515,000, so together we can raise more than \$1 million this year to create healthier families, stronger economies and a future filled with hope.



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.

June 3	JB & Sylvia Johnson, Bob & Linda Ullom
June 10	Tom & Anne Sims, Kris & Rene Zimmer
June 17	Merl & Judy Krull, Elizabeth & Rick Anger
June 24	Denise & Kara Birdwell, Jacqueline Conzemius

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries



June 4	Barbara Chumley
June 5	Joe Abbott
June 6	Chris Ems
June 9	Frank Rutherford
June 9	Melissa Lindquist
June 10	Kaia Gordon
June 11	June Woodcock

June 11	Perry McClellan
June 12	Carol Perry
June 13	Mackenzie Brandau
June 13	Olivia Brown
June 14	Dawn Hutchison
June 18	Carl Bell
June 18	Alice Andrews
June 20	Virginia Frye
June 20	Beth Drane
June 22	Noah Keeble
June 23	Marianne Searfoss
June 24	Isabella Burnett
June 24	Della Basil
June 25	Steve Zrioka
June 26	Christie Leonard

ANNIVERSARIES



June 4	Gene & Virginia Frye
June 7	Larry & Carol Galyon
June 8	Merl & Judy Krull
June 15	Bernie & Pat Coddling
June 20	John & Jean Beck
June 22	Dave & Kathy Kaun
June 25	Henry & Karin Bell
June 26	Joel & Marianne Searfoss
June 30	Nan & Chip Pusey

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*Sharing Christ's Love
With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places
Church Office limited hours: June 26th-July 2nd

Council:

No Council meeting in June

Discipleship:

Sunday, June 10-15th ~ AFFIRM

Tuesday, June 26th-July 1st ~ National Youth Gathering

Parish Life:

Wednesday, June 6th ~ Days for Girls

Thursday, June 7th ~ MIM Picnic @ Louisville Point Park

Thursday, June 28th ~ Creative Hands ~ **ONLY MEETING ON THE 4th Thursday in June/July**

