

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS JUNE 2017 Edition



PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 4, 2017

This festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the

reading from Acts (Acts 2:1-21), images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel, (John 20:19-23) the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

From: <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources#texts>

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
Summer Hiatus

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Church Office Hours:

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



PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick:

This year, Vacation Bible School will focus on stories from the early days of Christianity. The church was often referred to at this time as being “underground” because of it had to survive in the face of possible persecution.

While I don’t wish persecution on anyone, I think that we’ve become too comfortable in the several centuries when it has been legal for us to gather and worship as we pleased. Members took care of each other in the early days of the church to the point of giving all they had for the common treasury so that everyone’s needs were met. They stood by each other knowing that all of them were risking their lives for their faith.

This continued on through various points in history. Reformers faced possible death when speaking up for the need to change. Later, others left Europe for the New World so that they could freely express their religion without fear.

Through all of our lifetimes, however, we have faced no real danger of persecution from the government or others that would keep us from being faithful followers of Christ. The only problems we face are the ones that we have created for ourselves.

We have the freedom to attend church each and every Sunday, but we also have the ability to choose to sleep in or go do something else. (don’t forget the 3rd Commandment folks)

We have the freedom to speak up for the forgotten in society (the poor, sick, and hungry), but stay silent because we worry about what others might think.

We have the freedom to give back to God all the time, treasures, and talents that we have received from God; but we mistakenly claim our “stuff” as our own and return only enough to stay comfortable.

Has being a disciple become so safe that we fail to value our call from Christ?

A couple of months after 9/11, I (along with several other pastors) was interviewed by a local paper to see if the huge upswing in church attendance from after the attacks had continued months later. The consensus from all interviewed was that once things appeared to be safe, people fell away again and attendance went back to normal levels.

As we take time to look at the early church, may we remember how they not only depended on God when times were dangerous, but also how they thankfully rejoiced with God during the safer times in life.

Peace, Pastor Rick



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

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SYNOD NEWS



A Message from our Council President

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, my Father has blessed you! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me into your home. I needed clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ “Then the people who have God’s approval will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you into our homes or see you in need of clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “The king will answer them, ‘I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you did for one of my brothers or sisters, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:34-40

Summer is here! Sunshine, warm weather, cook-outs, park visits, and days spent at the Zoo. Summer is full of so much fun, but I worry about all of those that don’t have enough food for their families.

Many organizations that support the Community Food Connection are on hiatus over the summer. Students are not in school to receive breakfast and lunch over the summer which means the need for food is greater.

Less food donated + Greater need = Our time to step up!

Next time you go to the grocery store, please pick up non-perishable food items that a child could easily prepare and place it in the Community Food Connection bin.



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

FOOD DRIVE June 10th & 11th at Alcoa Kroger

You may volunteer the usual way, log onto our web site (cfcbloount.org) and click on the “SignUp” logo just below the photographs. This will take you to the SignUp page where you can pick your activity and time. If you have trouble signing up, just call me (738 3347) or email (bobharalson@icoud.com)

SUPPORTING

Tom Sims - Coordinator

WORRY FREE GIVING

Do you sometimes forget to write a check for your regular offering?

Or wonder if you will remember to catch-up after returning from an extended vacation or other absence?

Or wonder if your weekly or monthly payments are up to date with your stewardship commitment?

Relax, there is a solution which provides worry-free giving.

It is called e-pay or more correctly fund transfer. You simply make arrangements with your bank or credit union to periodically issue a check/draft from your account to Saint Paul's account at First Tennessee Bank in Maryville. If you are ready to increase your peace of mind, contact Robert Bryant, Financial Secretary, at 865-977-4070 or rdbryantpe@bellsouth.net for a few simple instructions to get you started.

Church finance report Jan thru April 2017:

Projected income -----\$ 104,250.

Projected expenses ----- \$ 105,164.

Actual income ----- \$ 94,078.

Actual expenses ----- \$ 118,027.

As you can see income is \$10,172 below projections and expenses are \$12,863. over our twelve month budget. We have had an unforeseen building repair expense of \$2,500. in April. Our other expenses should average out throughout the year in line with our budget. Your help is needed in supporting this budget and helping us fill this short fall in giving. If you have any questions about the churches finances feel free to contact any member of the finance team.

Thank you for your support of the ministry expenses here at St. Paul. Peace of the Lord be with you.

John Walker, Tom Sims, Robert Bryant, Ed Martin, Herb Perry, Greg Caldwell



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 9th ~ 7:00pm

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June 10th ~ 9:00am

(For those not camping)

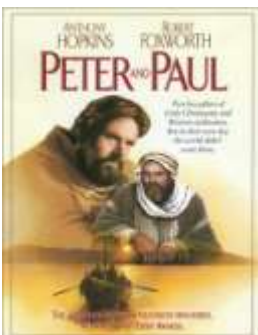
Classes for all ages begin Friday night and through the day on Saturday. Families can *camp out on Friday night if they choose or come back Saturday morning for more VBS fun.

*** If you are camping please have your tent set-up before 7:00pm.**

Contact Sue Tyler if you would like to help 982-4285 or splchurch@bellsouth.net

SCHEDULE

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| Friday | 5:30-7:00pm | Register/set-up – supper on your own |
| | 7:00pm | Main Gathering/Opening 1 ~ Songs & Drama |
| | 7:20 | 1 st Rotation - <i>God's Love is a Gift</i> |
| | 8:30 | Closing Campfire & Snack Time/Fellowship |
| | 9:00-11 | For those staying: games/movie, s'mores... |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Breakfast/break down camp |
| | 9:00am | Main Gathering 2 ~ Songs & Drama |
| | 9:20 | 2 nd Rotation - <i>God's Love Changes us</i> |
| | 10:30 | Activity Break/Snack |
| | 11:00 | 3 rd Rotation - <i>God's Love is Always with Us</i> |
| | 12:10 | Lunch |
| | 12:40 | Main Gathering 3 ~ Songs & Drama |
| | 1:00 | 4 th Rotation - <i>God's Love Saves Us</i> |
| | 2:10 | Snack |
| | 2:30 | 5 th Rotation - <i>God's Love is Worth Sharing</i> |
| | 3:40 | Closing |
| | 4:00 | Clean-up ~ <i>Many hands make light work</i> |



Adults there is a place for you too!

You can choose to be in a family group or you can join Pastor Rick in watching and discussing the movie, "Peter and Paul". Everyone will start together, share snacks and a meal, and end the day together. *This made for television mini-series brings to life the precarious existence of early Christianity. The new movement is beset by violent opposition from without and constant turmoil from within. Two key leaders emerge--Peter and Paul--who struggle to keep the faith alive.*



Men In Mission are hosting
Red Lewis Night at the Ballpark

July 15th ~ 7:00pm

Enjoy Fireworks after the game

Cost: \$10 - Includes seat and meal voucher

Limited number of tickets may be purchased NOW from: Perry McClellan, James McMillion or Rene Zimmer.



WELCA is collecting Personal Care Kit items for Lutheran World Relief during the month of June. Please leave items at the display in the Welcome Center.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

**The Wednesday Quilting Group
is now Peace by Piece Quilters**

June 28th ~ 9:00am

To avoid a conflict with St. Paul's commitment to The Food Connection, beginning in June we will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, starting at 9am.

Bring your own project or UFO and join us for inspiration, fellowship and fun.

All are welcome.

For more information, contact Shirley Lips (865-856-6608) or Kris Zimmer (865)681-7795

Keep'em In Stitches Every Thursday

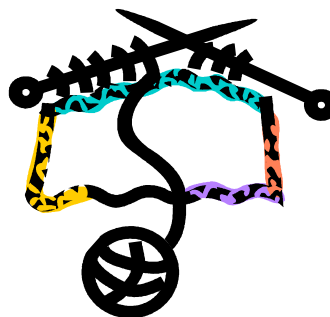
- Except the 4th week

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.



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.

Duties	June 4		June 11		June 18		June 25	
	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Joel Searfoss	Jean Beck	Carolyn Speck	Marsha Wynn	Warren Bielenberg	Art Hafner	Jean Beck	Merl Krull
Communion Assistants	Nan Wylie Steve Zrioka	Kris Zimmer	Warren Bielenberg Merl Krull	John Walker			Jackie Kreider Carolyn Speck	Marsha Bryant
Lector	Will Ludwig	Carol Perry	Marianne Searfoss	Susan Ward	Chis Ems	JB Johnson	Carolyn Speck	Gail Hafner
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Alice Andrews	Herb Perry James McMillion Roy Johnson	Bertha Franks Dot Dishman	John Beck Robert Bryant Tom Sims	Will and Betty Ludwig	Tom Sims Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Greg and Tami Wyatt	Perry McClellan James McMillion René Zimmer
Altar Guild	Suzanne Bielenberg	Karin Bell	Linda Zrioka	Janice Hoover			Betty Ludwig Sandi Weber	Karin Bell
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Hannah Rundle		Alyssa Rundle		Kajler McMillion		Drew Ohsiek
Nursery		Dorine Keeble Scott Lindquist		Marianne Searfoss Philip Tyler		Jacqueline Conzenius Noah Ohsiek		Carol Perry Jody Ohsiek
Greeters	Mo Brueckner	Janice Hoover	Bertha Franks	Denice Birdwell	Will and Betty Ludwig	Thelma Fastner	Jackie Kreider	Patricia Harmon
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Perry McMillion	Joel Searfoss	Ben Ward	Kevin Rokavec	Tom Sims	Will Ludwig	Bob Block
Tellers		Tom Sims David Lanzer		Herb Perry James McMillion		Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss		John Walker Roy Johnson
Torch Bearers	Jan Hanes Steve Zrioka	Beth Drane JB Johnson	Jan Hanes Steve Zrioka	Marsha Bryant Art Hafner				
Flowers			Perry and Brenda McClellan	Perry's Birthday	John and Jean Beck	Anniversary		

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 Konzemius for more information.

June 4	JB & Sylvia Johnson, Bob & Linda Ullom
June 11	Tom & Anne Sims, Kris & Rene Zimmer
June 18	Merl & Judy Krull, Elizabeth & Rick Anger
June 25	Herb & Carol Perry, David & Ruth Silseth



June 2017 Birthdays & Anniversaries

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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	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 21	Regina Culver
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

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*Growing in the Spirit,
Making Christ Known.*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Council:

No Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting scheduled for June

Discipleship:

Friday/Saturday, June 9th & 10th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ ALL AGES

June 18th - 23rd ~ Affirm

Worship:

Sunday, June 4th ~ Pentecost

Sunday, June 11th ~ Holy Trinity

Parish Life:

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