

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS JULY 2018 Edition



HOST WEEK ~ July 8th-15th

Volunteers are needed as overnight host, dinner host (these two require Family Promise Training) set-up crew, take down crew, daily laundry, and end of the week laundry. No training necessary for these last few, just a willingness to support the program here at St. Paul. Contact Susan Ward for more information, smw030364@aol.com
For more information about Family Promise in Blount County visit their website <http://blountfamilypromise.org/>

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:

Seven of us (5 youth, 2 adults) returned on Friday from another wonderful week at AFFIRM, our synod's annual youth camp. It was a great time of discipleship training, spiritual growth, and incredible worship. Our youth love this event so much that they often cry or fall into a minor depression (one of our youth calls it PAD –post AFFIRM depression) when they are returning home.

I have been blessed to be a part of this event since 1983 when I attended it for the first time. Thousands of Lutheran youth and young adults have had their lives changed since the event started as YAS (Youth Awareness Seminar) back in the 1960's. I can name close to 20 pastors (myself included) who name AFFIRM as part of their call journey. I'm sure there are many more than the ones I know.

We have a lot of excellent youth ministry opportunities in our church. Our congregation has been very supportive of our young people in helping them attend some great events. You have also been generous to let our staff help when we have been asked to be leaders.

All of us know the importance of nurturing our youth in the faith, but we sometimes forget that it does not stop once we are grown.

There are many opportunities to be a "life-long learner" in the church. Some, of course, are local; while others might require us to get away for a day or two.

Sunday School, Men In Mission, WELCA, Creative Hands, Faith & Family, and other programs/groups at St. Paul provide us with times to grow in fellowship, faith, discipleship, and service.

If you are not a part of any of these ministries yet, give one or more of them a try. God is always calling us to grow, learn, serve, and love.

The larger church also provides ministries for growth, both through our camps and through synodical gatherings and events. Many of our women attend Wild Women Weekend & Create in Me at Lutheridge and the SES-WELCA Convention.

To learn about upcoming events in our synod and region, you can go to www.elca-ses.org and subscribe to the synod e-news.

God is constantly molding and shaping us, even when we think we might be done growing and learning.

Please pray about how you can continue to open yourself up to the possibilities that God has in store for you.

Peace,

Pastor Rick



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

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SYNOD NEWS



Assembly Actions & Highlights

The 2018 ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly met June 1 - June 3, 2018 at the Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN. Under the theme of **Reformation 500...Now What?** the Assembly began to consider who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do into the future. Read Bishop Gordy's spoken report to the Assembly at elca-ses.org

The Southeastern Synod elected a new Vice President.

Mr. Imran Siddiqui was elected to serve as the Vice President on the first ballot. He is a member of St. John's, Atlanta, GA and was serving his second term on the Synod Council when elected. Ms. Doris Underwood, Messiah, Montgomery, AL completed the second of two available terms as Vice President with this Synod Assembly. She was thanked for her eight years of service in this role, for her leadership of the Synod Council and for her commitment to the gospel.

The Rev. Karen Castillo, pastor, Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala, and her sister Ms. Beatriz Castillo, were the honored guests from the ILAG, one of four Southeastern Synod global companion synods. In addition to bringing plenary greetings, they were featured speakers at the Global Mission Breakfast on Saturday morning. Pr. Castillo was the preacher for Sunday morning's worship service.

The Assembly engaged in two *Southeastern Synod 2019 - Now what?* discerning our future conversations. On Saturday morning, Bishop Gordy led the discussion and invited participants to think about who we are as a synod and where God may be calling us.

Worship services at this Assembly were an inspirational focus point and grounded the Assembly's time together. Friday's worship service was curated using a dinner church format. Worshipers sat together at tables and were invited to be in conversation with one another about the gospel text and to commune one another. Bishop H. Julian Gordy preached.

A hearing for the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice was held on Saturday.

To learn more and to provide your feedback to this draft, Go to www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft

Finally, a number of elections were held, including those for voting members to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

Alternate Voting Members of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly:

The Rev. Rick Ohsiek, St. Paul, Maryville, TN and Ms. Jordan Becker, Faith, Warner Robins, GA



Stewardship Moment

If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word "fiduciary." Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust. For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God's family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since judgment for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price us all. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to God, we will need to report on how we have managed God's assets!

As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done as a fiduciary?



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

School Kit Collection

Collection Through August 19th



WELCA is collecting the items listed below to make school kits for Lutheran World Relief. You may drop off your donation at the display in the Welcome Center.

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.



notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper



One 2½" eraser



One pencil sharpener



One blunt scissors



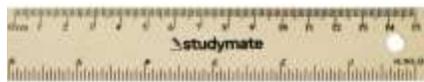
Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

COMFORT QUILTS MINISTRY WRAPPING PEOPLE IN GOD'S LOVE ONE QUILT AT A TIME

Submitted by: Suzanne Bielenberg



Shirley Lips and her husband, Heinz, moved to this area in June 2004 from Germany. They joined St. Paul several months later.

Those of us who know Shirley are accustomed to

often seeing her carrying a quilt or an armload of quilts to and from her car on Sunday mornings. Her passion for quilting began in the summer of 1979 while on vacation. She walked into a little quilt shop, purchased a *Learn How to Quilt* book along with some fabric, and has been quilting ever since! Soon after moving here, Shirley started working at Roosters, a local quilt shop, as a means of meeting

people and giving her something to do. There she taught quilting classes and was even asked by a travel agent to teach a class on a cruise. Additionally, she has organized several quilt retreats.

When the sister of church member, Beth Drane, died, Beth was left with boxes of fabric. She approached Shirley with the idea of using the fabric to make quilts. Coincidentally, about the same time, our church agreed to become a Family Promise host church. It was decided the quilts made from this donated fabric could be used on the cots provided for the family members lodging at our church. God's spirit was at work and the Comfort Quilts Ministry was born! Now, quilts are given to each Family Promise child to keep. Shirley feels rewarded each time she interacts with one of these children when presenting them with a quilt.

She now prefers to stay close to home but has built a business around long-arm quilting. Quilt clients come to her to have their quilt tops quilted. She often shares her enthusiasm for the Comfort Quilts Ministry with them and they volunteer to become a part of the ministry as well. As with the boy and his 2 small fish and 5 small barley loaves, her willingness to share her resources and talents has helped provide hundreds of

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PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator

quilts over the past 9 years and enables the Comfort Quilts Ministry to continue to grow. In 2017 alone, 100 quilts were distributed. In addition to providing quilts for Family Promise children, quilts were distributed to 2 newly baptized members and 8 members within our congregation, New Hope Child Advocacy Center, Vistas Health Care (Pediatric Hospice in CA), Vitas Sibling Survivor Camp and all the children of families receiving Thanksgiving Baskets from the St. Paul congregation. As this ministry has grown, Kris Zimmer volunteered to help put quilt kits together for the annual quilt fests and over time, became Shirley's co-chair! Kris moved here in late 1995 with her husband Rene following his retirement from the USCG. Kris says her real interest in quilting began in the late 1990's when her mother gave her a hand pieced quilt top that her great-aunt had pieced in the 1930's. She thought of hand quilting it but found that was not for her. Instead, she machine quilted a queen size quilt for her first project! Each year (usually in January or early February) an Annual Quilt Fest is held. Even if you are not a quilter but feel moved by the energy of this enthusiastic



ministry and want to participate, there is a job for you! Hand sewers are needed to hand stitch the bindings and labels as well as people to press seams. Additionally, someone(s) to provide mid-morning snacks or lunch is greatly appreciated by the group. Truly this ministry shows how sharing a little can reap huge results.

I am not a quilter myself but have attended several of the Annual Quilt Fests. Despite not knowing many of the participants, there is no other ministry in which I participate that I feel such warmth, enthusiasm and dedication as with this group.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Mark your calendars:

July 14th Smokeys baseball game and fire works. 7:00p.m. Church wide event. Get your tickets.

August 9th 7:00p.m. meeting at the church. Bob Block will be presenting the program.

September 5th Lunch at Calhoun's on the river in Lenoir City, followed by a visit to the Civil War Musuem.

Watch for more details. Tom Sims, tom0884@att.net

SPAM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 24th ~ Noon

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

“Roddie Edmonds, WWII Hero”

Julie Mitchell, speaker.

We will serve a catered lunch.

Cost approximately \$10.

DAYS FOR GIRLS:

At our June gathering we completed 19 kits.

These, along with the 51 completed last month, will give Nan Pusey's sister 69 kits to take on her trip to Central American. We will rest on our laurels in July and meet again Wednesday, August 1 to start on the next batch. Consider joining us then to help in this worthwhile project.



LIBRARY NEWS

Look for the new books in the library on the first shelf you come to when you enter the door.

Thanks to several generous donations, we have some interesting new reads for you. You might want to read “Two Women of Galilee,” a fiction story about Mary the Mother of Jesus and Joanna. There are several lovely devotion books: “Jesus Calling,” “Women of the Bible” and more. For a rather lighthearted look at suffering, check out “Cooked to Perfection.”

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Duties	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assistant Minister	Carolyn Speck	Warren Bielenberg	Charlie Malin	Charlie Malin	Jean Beck
	Jean Beck	Marsha Bryant	Charlie Malin	Joel Scarfoss	Elaine Fisher
Communion Assistants	Warren Bielenberg Jackie Kreider	Betty Ludwig Joel Scarfoss	John Walker	Warren Bielenberg Nan Wylie	Elaine Fisher
	Susan Ward	John Walker		Elaine Fisher	Loda Wylie Steve Zrioka
Lector	Marianne Scarfoss	Tami Wyatt	Beth Drane	Carolyn Speck	Warren Bielenberg
	Elizabeth Anger	Beth Drane	Carolyn Speck	Art Hafner	Warren Bielenberg
Ushers	Mo Brucekner Alice Andrews	Greg and Tami Wyatt	Herb Perry Robert Bryant Roy Johnson	Ed Kreider Will Ludwig	John Beck René Zimmer James McMillion
	Tom Sims Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Herb Perry Robert Bryant Roy Johnson	Ed Kreider Will Ludwig	John Beck René Zimmer James McMillion	Tom Sims Denny Mansmith Roy Johnson
Altar Guild	Linda Zrioka	Jackie Kreider	Carolyn Speck	Betty Ludwig	Will and Betty Ludwig
	Janice Hoover	Jackie Kreider	Carolyn Speck	Betty Ludwig	Will and Betty Ludwig
Acolyte /Cruifer			Noah Ohstiek	Darian Lindquist	Karin Bell
	Drew Ohstiek		Noah Ohstiek	Darian Lindquist	Karin Bell
Nursery			Alyssa Rundle	Kara Birdwell	Deb Johnson
	Emma Liner Anna Murray		Alyssa Rundle	Kara Birdwell	Deb Johnson
Greeters	Warren and Suzanne Bielenberg	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Elaine Fisher	Rick and Elizabeth Anger	Herb and Carol Perry
	James and Ann Hall	Heinz and Shirley Lips	Elaine Fisher	Rick and Elizabeth Anger	Herb and Carol Perry
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Will Ludwig	Tom Sims	Paul Rogers	Bob Block
	Ben Ward	Will Ludwig	Tom Sims	Paul Rogers	Bob Block
Tellers			Warren Bielenberg Joel Scarfoss	Tom Sims David Lanzer	John Walker Roy Johnson
	Carolyn Speck John Beck		Warren Bielenberg Joel Scarfoss	Tom Sims David Lanzer	John Walker Roy Johnson
Flowers	David and Ruth Silseth Anniversary	Glenn and Chris Ems Anniversary			Bob and Linda Ullom 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 Conzemius for more information.

- July 1** Herb & Carol Perry,
David & Ruth Silseth
- July 8** Tom & Lyla Lindquist,
Carla & James McMillion
- July 15** Barb & Bob Miller,
Tim & Leslie Walker
- July 22** Darla & Brian Kaufman,
Marsha Wynn
- July 29** Jacqueline Conzemius,
David & Charlene Dubs



July 2018 Birthdays & Anniversaries



- July 3** Aaron Liner
- July 5** Helen Johnson
- July 6** Jamie Ogle
- July 7** Sarah Snoderly
- July 8** Leona Patty
- July 9** Dave Kaun
- July 11** Sharon Bell
- July 12** Carol Galyon
- July 14** Bertha Franks

- July 14** Patty Harmon
- July 14** Pastor Rick
- July 18** Dorothy Dishman
- July 19** Suzette Stauffer
- July 19** Dee Dee Walker
- July 20** Ed Kreider
- July 20** Herb Perry
- July 20** Jacqueline Conzemius
- July 20** Ralph Wynn
- July 23** David Lanzer
- July 24** Mike Culross
- July 24** Philip Tyler
- July 25** Liz Lanzer
- July 26** Charlie Malin
- July 28** Jim Foster
- July 30** Rick Anger



ANNIVERSARIES

- July 2** Jim and Ann Hall
- July 3** David & Ruth Silseth
- July 10** Chris & Glenn Ems
- July 12** Dallas and Dorine Keeble
- July 27** James and Carolyn Speck
- July 30** Bob & Linda Ullom

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*Growing in the Spirit,
Making Christ Known.*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Church Office limited hours: June 26th-July 2nd
OFFICE CLOSED ON THE 4th of JULY

Council:

July 23rd ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

Parish Life:

Saturday, July 14th ~ Smokies Baseball Game

Thursday, July 26th ~ Creative Hands & Peace by Piece Quilters

Discipleship:

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

