

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS AUGUST 2018 Edition



A Message from Pastor Rick:

The 2108 ELCA Youth Gathering was amazing!!

Our youth and adult leaders, as well as over 30,000 others, were blessed with meaningful speakers, spirit lifting worship, and thought provoking learning opportunities. We also spent a day sharing our abilities in the Houston community by cleaning a painting part of Goodman Elementary School.

One thing that caught my attention



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Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
Summer Hiatus

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was how much our speakers and presenters were so passionate about their subject or ministry. Our youth seemed particularly interested in hearing from the leaders at the Peace Without Walls display in the Interactive Learning Center. This focused on the current situation among Jews and Palestinians living in Israel and how things are not exactly what you see on television.

As I met many people from around our globe who were so passionate about their ministries, I began to ask myself “where is it that the people of St. Paul find passion in using their gifts for God’s people?” One of the answers seemed very clear, especially when we made St. Paul’s donation to the ELCA Global Farm Challenge. As a church we are about the size of an average ELCA congregation. As you were inspired to give to the Farm Challenge, we raised slightly over \$1700 (our goal was \$715).

If our 9,200 congregations averaged that amount for a donation, the challenge would have already raised over \$15 million (or over \$20 million when you figure what we gave per member).

Our congregation has a passion for feeding people. Whenever we collect money for a hunger ministry, we almost always surpass whatever goal we have set. Our members faithfully volunteer or donate items for Community Food Connection. Several of our men help pick up food during the Post Office Food Drive.

I’ve heard Sue say a couple of times that maybe our identity should be “the church that feeds people.” Maybe that isn’t a bad idea. If this is a passion of ours, what else could we do as individuals and as a community of faith to feed more folks? Some ideas have popped into interested minds.

A few possibilities are:

- * Sponsoring a hunger walk/run
- * Using some of our property for a community garden
- * Teaching people how to grow small gardens in something like a child’s wading pool.

I am not saying that we do these particular things, but the possibilities are almost endless if that is where we are being called to serve. If this is a passion of yours, talk about it with me and your fellow members.

Peace,
Pastor Rick



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

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In 2016 St Paul adopted a vision plan, "St. Paul Tomorrow," with goals for the direction of our congregation. One of those goals was to begin a Stephen Ministry program. The start-up costs for the program are substantial, so it was not possible to fund the program in the 2017 budget. However, a capital campaign begun in 2017 included funding for Stephen Ministry.

James McMillion and Carolyn Speck attended Stephen Leaders training in June and present this update to the congregation:

We spent a very busy week learning about what a Stephen Minister does and how he or she can help those who are hurting. It might be the result of the death of a loved one, a divorce, illness, losing a job, sending your last child off to college, or other changes in your life. Those changes can result in feelings of loneliness, depression, anger, helplessness or a host of other feelings. In our society it often seems important to put on a brave face and carry on. Denial of our feelings can mean that we are unable to acknowledge the hurt, and thus to heal.

A Stephen Minister is there to listen—not to fix things. Often talking about what hurts—"getting it off my chest" helps a person to move on and clarifies steps one could take in the future. A Stephen Minister does not judge and, most importantly, keeps what you say confidential. He or she is at your side for as long as you need someone to listen.

The next step at St. Paul is to gather a group of men and women who believe this is a ministry to which God has called them. This requires a commitment to read materials prior to classes and to attend 50 hours of training. It is our hope to identify these caring

individuals so that the training classes can begin in September. After the new Stephen Ministers have been commissioned, they will be united with "care receivers" in a confidential manner. Not even the other Stephen Ministers will know who these people are.

An informational meeting to learn more about what is involved will take place on **August 5** between services. **If you think you might be interested, come to Richardson Hall at 9:15** and learn more about what is involved. In addition, you may speak with James or Carolyn or Pastor Rick to get more information. If you are unable to attend on August 5th, speak to your Stephen Leaders to arrange an alternative date.

SUPPORTING

Tom Sims - Coordinator



Stewardship Moment

A wise person once observed, "Half of any task is having the right tool, and the other half is knowing what to do with it." Although we don't often consider it as such, money is a tool which God uses in our lives as a means of spiritual growth.

You see, money is not an end in and of itself. It is a means to an end. And in God's hands, one of its primary "ends" is to instruct us and to help us grow spiritually. God especially wants us to avoid our natural tendency which is a bent toward selfishness, greed, and hoarding. That's why the Lord Jesus said, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15).

Well, if an individual's life does not consist in having a lot of possessions, in what does it consist? Jesus provided an insightful answer to that question in Matthew 6:20-21, where He said, ". . . store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Now, according to Jesus' teaching in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25), there is nothing wrong with saving. There is nothing wrong with investing or earning interest on investments. There is nothing wrong with being a wise steward by planning for the future. In fact, Jesus taught that those who do so are to be commended. But our primary emphasis as God's children is to make our investments in the "Bank of Heaven." When we do that, our investments are secure. They are not affected by inflation, by theft, by wear and tear, or anything of the kind.

Each time you give your tithes and offerings at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, you are giving to the Lord by investing for eternity. You are storing up "treasures in heaven" that will glorify God forever.

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Some changes are coming to our church kitchen.

Thanks to funding from our Capital Campaign the kitchen will be getting a few upgrades over the next few months. A new gas range, new range hood, new refrigerator, cabinets refinished, new sink facet and an expanded island and counter top. This will be followed by a new serving counter in the fellowship hall. Most of this work can be done around our church activities so the kitchen will not be closed for

scheduled events. \$15,000 is set aside from the capital campaign and will cover the costs of all these planned items. We will not be converting the kitchen to a 100% commercial type kitchen. We feel this plan makes needed changes for our kitchen to serve church fellowship and program needs and also provide better equipment for large suppers while meeting necessary safety requirements.

Thank you for supporting this project and the other items being funded by this three year special campaign.

DISCIPLESHIP

- Coordinator



St Paul Youth would love to say Thank You and share their Gathering experience with you

Please join us between services

Sunday, August 12th

Breakfast Burrito Bar

& Pastries

Meal Served 9:00am

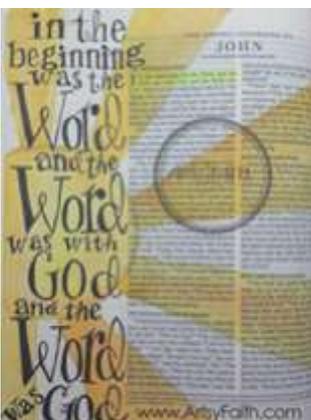
Program will begin at 9:30am

BIBLE JOURNALING

A CROSS + GENERATIONAL GATHERING

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:15am
August 19th, & 26th, Sept. 2nd

When was the last time you opened your Bible?



Join us each week as we explore together ways to bring scripture alive!

This gathering will encourage you to open your Bibles and see the Good News of the Gospels, find comfort in the Psalms, be encouraged by people of Faith...

Learn a Little

Sign Language

4 Week Class:

Begins

Thursday, August 23

6:30pm

Learn some Conversational Sign Language along with the Lord's Prayer

Taught by Interpreter: Jean Beck

Each session will last an hour. Class space is limited so please contact Jean to let her know you are interested. jjbeckx2@gmail.com

Also, contact Jean if this time doesn't fit your schedule, she is willing to offer other sessions at a different time if there is enough interest.

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 of your donation at the display in the Welcome Center.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



70 page notebooks of wide- or college-ruled



One 2½" eraser



One pencil sharpener



One blunt scissors



Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



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

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Men's Group Activities:

If you have questions feel free to call or send me an email. Hope to see all you guys at these activities. Tom Sims tom0884@att.net

Thursday evening August 9th at 7:00p.m.

(note it's the seconded Thursday this month)

Bob Block will be presenting a program on his military career. We will meet at the church. Men of all ages are invited to be a part of the evening.

Wednesday, September 5th

we will be doing something a little different.

We will meet at the church at 12 noon.

Carpool to Calhoun's on the river in Lenoir City for their buffet lunch. Then on to an amazing Civil War collection, museum in Lenoir City.

We plan to be there from about 1:30 to 3:00.

Cars can head back to Maryville when ever they are ready.

Coming up on Sunday, October 28th

The Annual Oktoberfest Supper. Tickets will be on sale soon.



DAYS FOR GIRLS ~ August 1st ~ 2:00 p.m.

Ladies: please join us to sew for our Days for Girls project.

We recently completed 69 kits to send to Central America. We'll start on another set using sewing machines and sergers. **There are also tasks for non-sewers.**

Contact Carolyn Speck for more information.

August Collection

Tuna and other canned meat. Please place all non-perishable food items in the collection bin just inside the front door.



Community
Food Connection
of Blount County, Inc.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Duties	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Assistant Minister	Warren Bielenberg	Joel Searfoss	Art Hafner	Charlie Malin
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider Marianne Searfoss	Marianne Searfoss Carolyn Speck	Mark Fisher	Betty Ludwig Nan Wylie
Lector	Betty Ludwig	Chris Ems	Elizabeth Anger	Joel Searfoss
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Alice Andrews	Betty Ludwig Dorothy Dishman	Perry McClellan Robert Bryant René Zimmer	Will Ludwig Ed Kreider
Altar Guild	Bertha Franks	Suzanne Bielenberg	Janice Hoover	Bertha Franks
Acolyte/ Cruceifer			Hannah Rundle	
Nursery			Kara Birdwell Alyssa Rundle	
Greeters	Mo Brueckner	Greg and Leigh Caldwell	Thelma Fastner	Will and Betty Ludwig
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Will Ludwig	Tom Sims	Paul Rogers
Tellers			John Walker Roy Johnson	
Flowers	Art and Gail Hafner 47 th Anniversary	Tim and Leslie Walker 36 th Anniversary		Dee Dee Walker Kris Zimmer
			Roby and Ethel Hartley 67 th Anniversary	Alice Andrews In Memory of Edgar and Thelma Rudolph

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.

- August 5** Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer,
Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon
- August 12** JB & Sylvia Johnson,
Bob & Linda Ullom
- August 19** Tom & Anne Sims,
Kris & Rene Zimmer
- August 26** Merl & Judy Krull,
Elizabeth & Rick Anger



August 2018 Birthdays & Anniversaries

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

- August 4** Jan Hanes
August 6 Bill Drane
August 6 Sandi Weber
August 9 Hannah Hatmaker
August 13 Wyll Yoder

- August 18** Horace Odom
August 19 Daniel Snoderly
August 19 Robert Bryant
August 19 Marty Lewis
August 23 Kristi Ullom
August 24 Nathan Rundle
August 27 Ann Hall
August 29 Leigh Caldwell
August 31 Kevin Dornfield

ANNIVERSARIES

- August 4** Roy & Helen Johnson
August 7 Art & Gail Hafner
August 7 Tim & Leslie Walker
August 14 Kaia & Zach Gordon
August 18 Roby & Ethel Hartley
August 22 Tom & Anne Sims
August 22 Joe & Sherri Clark
August 27 Bob & Barb Miller
August 28 Warren & Suzanne Bielenberg



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*Growing in the Spirit,
Making Christ Known.*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Council:

August 20th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting
Sunday, August 5th ~ Stephen Ministry Information Meeting

Parish Life:

Tuesday, August 21st ~ SPAM ~ Wine & Pool Party
Thursday, August 23rd ~ Creative Hands & Peace by Piece Quilters

Discipleship:

Wednesday, August 8th ~ Confirmation Meeting
Sunday, August 12th ~ Congregational Breakfast
Sunday, August 19th & 26th ~ Bible Journaling

Supporting:

Sunday, August 26th ~ Stewardship Kickoff

Worship:

Wednesday, August 15th ~ Choir Rehearsal begins
Tuesday, August 21st ~ Handbell Choir Practice

