

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS SEPTEMBER 2018 Edition



New Liturgy for 10:30 Service

Beginning September 2nd we will be using a new liturgy by Pastor John Tirro, of St. John's Lutheran Church, Knoxville. We have already been using John's adaptation of the Lord's Prayer.

This Liturgy will offer us a time for

reflection and contemplation during worship.

You have heard the phrase,

"Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship".

Ask yourself, how often have I truly prepared myself to receive the Holy Spirit through God's Word and Sacrament?

One method that can help you achieve this goal; still yourself, focus your attention on the altar/cross..., take 3-5 deep breaths, paying attention to your breathing, and invite the Holy Spirit into your heart and mind, ready to receive whatever God has prepared for you. Giving our attention to God is part of how we worship. Try it....it really works.

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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Church Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm



PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick:

Sitting down and eating a meal together is one of the most important things a family can do to check in with each other, share highs and lows, give each other advice, and to strengthen family bonds. There is just something special about sitting around the table together and sharing your day with your family.

Personally, family meal time has always been important to me. When I was growing up, we almost always ate together and did not allow for any outside distractions. Homework, phone calls, and television shows all had to wait as we committed this time to each other.

Jody & I have worked hard to continue this commitment in our home. When our work schedules shift, we adjust our dinner time so that we still spend this quality time as a family. It is part of what keeps us grounded and in communication with one another.

Our church family grows stronger in love and commitment to each other when we spend time together. This is true not just of our time in worship; but also during times when we learn together, work together, and eat together. In these moments, we share our lives with each other as we love, support, and nurture our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our Faith & Family gatherings are going to take on a slightly different look this year. We are going to take several aspects of our life together and combine them into what one could call “dinner church”.

We will eat together, learn together, worship together, and share the Lord’s Supper together.

Our gathering will be a little like those of the early church when 1st century Christians gathered to take care of each other and let the presence of Christ grow in them through the sharing of their lives and stories.

Scripture tells us that we need more than bread to live. Our Wednesday evenings will give us the opportunity to feed on some bread for our bodies, but will also give us living bread for our souls.

If you haven’t been a part of our Wednesday gatherings, now is a good time to give it a try.

Please join us on September 12 at 6pm as we begin this journey together.

Peace,

Pastor Rick



Dinner Church

Wednesday's @ 6

All Are Welcome

For a meal and Holy Communion

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

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Church Council

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Wednesday Night

September 12th, 19th, & 26th

Join us for a family meal, conversation around the table, and a time to give thanks and praise in worship.

MENU

Hot dogs/potato chips and dessert will be available at every meal.

September 12

Hamburger Steak w/gravy
mashed potatoes
green beans
lettuce/tomato salad

September 19th

Sweet and Sour Peanut Chicken
Rice, Chow Mein noodles
Lettuce/tomato salad

September 26th

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Lettuce/tomato salad



A Message from our Council President

As you may have read in the weekly SPEN, Council has decided that October 21st-October 28th will be St. Paul's last week as a Family Promise host church. This decision was not made easily. St. Paul has been a Family Promise host church for seven (7) years. Over the last several years, the number of volunteers

able to assist during our host week diminished. Council has tried to ramp up awareness of our need for more volunteers but unfortunately we do not have the number of volunteers to fill all of the slots needed during our host week.

Family Promise assists families with children and provides temporary family shelter. While in shelter, families work with coaches regarding employment, childcare, transportation, money management, etc., so families are able to transition into permanent housing. This is a very needed organization in Blount County and one that Council wants to continue to support. It is our hope that you will feel called to support this organization.

The following is a list of ways you can help:

- ◆ **Donate Supplies** – Currently Family Promise is in need of cleaning supplies (all purpose cleaner, glass cleaner, vacuum cleaners, mops, brooms, trash bags, etc), household supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, light bulbs, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid), baby supplies (diapers, wipes, baby wash, diaper rash ointment), office supplies (copy paper, paperclips, tape, pens), clothing (new shoes, new socks, new underwear). There is a larger list on their website at www.blountfamilypromise.org. Please call the Family Promise office to arrange donation drop off at 233-4737.
- ◆ **Donate Time** – Volunteer at the day center or at another host church, prepare a meal, serve on their board, help with committees and fundraising events. Email TLatham@blountfamilypromise.org or call 233-4737 for more information.
- ◆ **Donate a vehicle** – If you have a reliable used vehicle that you are willing to donate, Family Promise is looking for vehicles to assist families with transportation needs through their Earned Vehicle Program. Please call the Family Promise office to arrange donation drop off at 233-4737.
- ◆ **Donate Gift Cards** – Wal-Mart gift cards and gas cards. Please call the Family Promise office to arrange donation drop off at 233-4737.

Council hopes to be able to continue to support Family Promise financially.

If you would like to support Family Promise in this way, you can make a credit card or paypal donation on their website www.blountfamilypromise.org or you can make checks payable to Family Promise of Blount County and mail to:
Family Promise of Blount County, Inc.
P.O. Box 4457
Maryville, TN 37802



SUPPORTING

Tom Sims - Coordinator

✚ “Moving Forward by Faith” ✚

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

Stewardship Moment

The theme of our annual stewardship emphasis this year sounds good, doesn't it? “Moving Forward by Faith” has a nice “ring” to it. But what does it mean to move forward by faith? And what does that have to do with an annual stewardship emphasis?

Matthew 17:20 says that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible. Faith is simply taking God at his word. It is believing that God actually exists and that God will keep His promises. It is realizing that God will do what God has committed to do.

That kind of confidence is only available to us through Jesus Christ. Jesus is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending of everything, including our faith. Christ is both the source of our faith and the one in whom we place our faith.

How does that relate, though, to giving and to our annual stewardship emphasis?

If faith is simply “taking God at his word” and if God owns everything, then as God's managers and stewards, we are to trust God to provide what we need and to give direction concerning our giving. Let's face it — the old song is very accurate scripturally: “This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through.” But to fully realize that takes faith. It requires us to accept God's claim that we own nothing; that we are only here temporarily on our way to our eternal home.

The Scriptures are filled with examples of people like that, people like Abraham who looked for a city whose builder and maker was God. People like Noah, who trusted God in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. People like Daniel who placed his full confidence in God even when he was to be the main course for the lions' dinner.

They and many others obeyed God, even when from a human perspective, it did not make sense to do so. They were aware of a principle that has endured for the ages: When God gives us direction, and we confirm that direction according to the Scriptures, we can obey, even when circumstances appear contrary. And we can be confident that God will keep God's promises.

One author put it this way:

The great battle of our spiritual lives is, “Will you believe?” It is not, “Will you try harder?” or, “Can you make yourself worthy?” It is squarely a matter of believing that God will do what only God can do.

That kind of faith involves every area of our lives, including our giving.

As you think about your giving and as you consider what commitment God would have you to make as part of this year's stewardship emphasis here at St. Paul, will you do so by faith?

Will you ask God to give you the ability to believe God's promises and, to give by faith?



WORSHIP

Merl Krull - Coordinator



What a great Pentecost

Season it has been so far at St. Paul Lutheran!

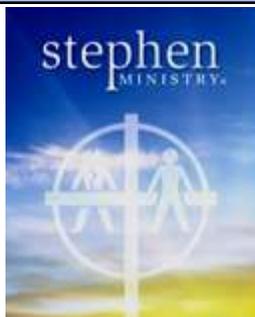
Once again the Worship and Music Team sends out a huge **THANK YOU** to all who joined the Summer Special Music Program this year! We are proud to report we had 100% participation, in that we had special music at each service for these past three months of June

July and August! Each year the Summer Music Program is better than the year before! This year is no exception to that statement as we had 19 musicians, which includes 3 guests from another church and/or state to offer special music to the Glory of God! Right here we want to thank the very talented Chase Hatmaker who was “key” in helping to make the special music program work! Thank you one and all for sharing your talents and adding a meaningful dimension to our Sunday Morning Worship Services at St. Paul.

~The Worship and Music Team

DISCIPLESHIP

- Coordinator



Stephen Ministry meetings will begin on Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested, but have not yet submitted an application form, do so ASAP. Forms are on the Stephen Ministry table in the Welcome Center. The group will meet most Monday evenings through the fall to prepare caring members to serve as care givers to the hurting. We will meet in the Conference Room.

If you are interested and would like more information, talk to Pastor Rick, James McMillion or Carolyn Speck.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ~ September 9th ~ 9:15am

We have several opportunities for all ages ~ All classes will begin in their rooms.

PK-5th ~ Building Blocks of Faith – each week they will discover how the Bible stories build on each other. *Teachers – Jody Ohsiek and Brooke Nowak PK-2nd (Room #13) and Deb Johnson 3rd-5th (Room #9)*

6th-8th ~ The Heart of Worship – the confirmation youth will be learning about all aspects of Worship *Teachers – Katherine Johnson and Carla McMillion (Room #11)*

High School – *Will begin later in September*

Adult ~ Men in Mission Bible Study – working through the books of the Bible (Conference Room)

Adult ~ 6 week series of Women in the Bible Led by: Sandra Pierce (Room #8)

Have you heard of Judith, Tamar, and Rahab? They are among the thirty or so women whose stories are both amazing and told in the Bible. A new adult Bible class will begin on September 9 with the legend of Lilith and her impact on the real First Couple. We will continue with these remarkable women until October 14, or as long as you like.



PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator



Men's Group Activities:

All men of the church and friends are invited to come. If you have questions feel free to call or send me an email. Tom Sims tom0884@att.net

Wednesday, September 5th ~ Outing Lunch & Civil War Museum

Attention all Men:

Wednesday Sept. 5th meet at the church at noon. We will carpool to Calhoun's on the River in Lenoir City

for their lunch buffet. Then after lunch on to see an amazing Civil War museum collection in Lenoir City. Return to the church around 3:30. For this event, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Come and enjoy good food, friendship and history all in one afternoon. Signup today.

October 4th ~ 7:00p.m. at the church

Meeting of fellowship, program and refreshments. Mark you calendar and save this date.

Coming up on Sunday, October 28th

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



Wednesday, Sept. 5th 2:00 p.m.

Days for Girls Sewing Group will meet the first Wednesday of each month to continue with our Days for Girls sewing project. Come join us! Bring a sewing machine or serger, or just come and help with non-sewing tasks. It is enjoyable and so worthwhile.



September 30th 3:00-5:00pm

Please join us for a Baby Shower to celebrate the arrival of Jessica

Lindquist's baby, Xavier James.

The Shower will be in the church fellowship hall.

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Duties	September 2		September 9		September 16		September 23		September 30	
Assistant Minister	Warren Bielenberg	Marsha Wynn	Carolyn Speck	Susan Ward	Joel Scarfoss	Marsha Bryant	Jean Beck	Elaïne Fisher	Carolyn Speck	Beth Drane
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider Steve Zrioka	Marsha Bryant	Warren Bielenberg Loda Wylie	Gail Hafner	Betty Ludwig Nan Wylie	Carol Perry	Marianne Scarfoss Loda Wylie	Mert Krull	Warren Bielenberg Steve Zrioka	Mark Fisher
Lector	Marianne Searfoss	Carol Perry	Warren Bielenberg	John Walker	Will Ludwig	Susan Ward	Betty Ludwig	David Silseth	Chris Ems	Shari Martin
Ushers	Mo Brueckner and Alice Andrews	Tom Sims Robert Bryant James McMillion	Bertha Franks and Dot Dishman	Perry McClellan Denny Mansmith Roy Johnson	Tami and Greg Wyatt	John Beck Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Ludwig and Wyatt	Herb Perry Roy Johnson Denny Mansmith	Betty and Will Ludwig	Perry McClellan Robert Bryant James McMillion
Altar Guild	Betty Ludwig	Karin Bell	Suzanne Bielenberg	Alyssa Rundle	Linda Zrioka	Marsha Wynn	Bertha Franks	Janice Hoover	Suzanne Bielenberg	Marsha Wynn
Acolyte/ Crucifer		Kajler McMillion		Hannah Hatmaker		Hannah Rundle		Darian Lindquist		Nathan Rundle
Nursery		Carol Perry Drew Ohsiek		Dorine Keeble Alyssa Rundle		Jacqueline Conzenius Darian Lindquist		Anne Sims Noah Ohsiek		Susan Ward Ben Ward
Greeters	Mo Brueckner	Dorine Keeble	Jan and Erika Hanes	Thelma Fasher	Greg and Tami Wyatt	Patricia Harmon	Mary Nell Biehler	Janice Hoover	Bertha Franks	Tim and Leslie Walker
Sound Room	Steve Zrioka	Noah Ohsiek	Greg Caldwell	Drew Ohsiek	Will Ludwig	Ben Ward	Paul Rogers	Perry McClellan	Steve Zrioka	Bob Block
Tellers		Tom Sims David Lanzer		Warren Bielenberg Joel Scarfoss		Herb Perry James McMillion		Jan Hanes Will Ludwig		Herb Perry James McMillion
Flowers	Ed and Jackie Kreider Anniversary		Herb and Carol Perry 54 th Anniversary		JB and Sylvia Johnson - JB birthday and anniversary	Wylie Girls - In Memory of Irene Wylie's birthday		Mike and Pam Culross 30 th 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.

September 2	Denise & Kara Birdwell, Elizabeth Runkle
September 9	Herb & Carol Perry, David & Ruth Silseth
September 16	Tom & Lyla Lindquist, Carla & James McMillion
September 23	Barb & Bob Miller, Tim & Leslie Walker
September 30	Darla & Brian Kaufman, Marsha Wynn



SEPTEMBER 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

September 1	Lorraine Geary
September 2	Micah Walker
September 3	Loda Wylie
September 6	Laura DaCruz
September 8	Betty Ludwig
September 8	Alyssa Rundle
September 9	Pam Culross
September 10	Paula Kenworthy
September 10	Steven Pack

September 12	Denny Mansmith
September 14	J.B. Johnson
September 15	Lyla Lindquist
September 16	Ken Hancock
September 19	Joe Birdwell
September 20	Marsha Wynn
September 21	Mary Nell Biehler
September 23	Dawn Liner
September 24	Neil Rothe
September 27	Warren Bielenberg
September 27	Jillian Garner
September 27	Sam Joyal
September 28	Courtney Snoderly
September 29	Bob Block
September 30	Elizabeth Anger

ANNIVERSARIES

September 2	Rick & Susan Ward
September 3	Ed & Jackie Kreider
September 3	Will & Betty Ludwig
September 3	Ralph & Liz Boedefeld
September 6	René & Kris Zimmer
September 12	Herb & Carol Perry
September 13	Bob & Delores Block
September 14	J.B. & Sylvia Johnson
September 17	Mike & Pam Culross
September 17	Brian & Darla Kaufman

September 20	Joe & Denice Birdwell
September 25	Charlie & Jeannine Malin
September 27	Bob & Carol Trosen
September 27	Karl & Sandi Weber
September 30	Neil & Susan Rothe



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*Growing in the Spirit,
Making Christ Known.*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

Monday, September 3rd ~ OFFICE CLOSED

Council:

Sunday, September 16th ~ Stewardship Celebration

Monday, September 17th ~ Ministry Team Night & Council Meeting

Parish Life:

Wednesday, September 5th ~ Men In Mission Outing

Tuesday, September 18th ~ SPAM Outing

Thursday, September 26th ~ Peace by Piece Quilters

Discipleship:

Sunday, September 9th ~ Sunday School for all ages begin

Wednesday September 12th, 19th, & 26th ~ Faith-N-Family - Dinner Church

September 28-30th ~ Confirmation Retreat @ Lutheridge

Worship:

Sunday, September 30th ~ Women lead Worship