

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS SEPTEMBER 2017 Edition



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

The suggested date for the 2017 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 10. **St Paul will participate on Saturday, Sept 30th with a Health & Wellness Fair.** See page 5 for more details.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.



**God’s work.
Our hands.**

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2017!

www.elca.org/dayofservice

Worship Times

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School
9:15am

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

A Message from Pastor Rick:

The Southeastern Synod is often referred to by many around the ELCA as the “Disaster Synod”. Because of our size (by geography, we are the 2nd largest synod in the ELCA) and location, we tend to have more natural disasters hit our synod affect our synod than any other in the country. Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and anything else that can hit us seems to do so. Of course, we are not the only place where disaster strikes.

I know that a number of you have helped when disaster has struck. A group from St. Paul traveled to Ocean Springs, MS (the location of my 1st congregation) and helped with the relief and rebuilding effort following Hurricane Katrina. Our youth also helped after that storm during two National Youth Gatherings in New Orleans. Over the years, we have collected supplies and money to help countless people who were affected by disasters.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Harvey has caused catastrophic damage to a large part of Texas including Houston (the nation’s 4th largest city). As I write this, news reports say that the situation could very well get worse because of rains that will hit the area for several more days. While there have not appeared to be many lives lost, there has already been a massive amount of property damage.

How can we help? First, please pray for all who live in the affected areas. As you pray, listen for how God would like you to respond. Second, give to organizations that are helping the relief and rebuilding efforts. While giving supplies is nice, it is much more effective to give money. One of the best organizations to support is Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR).

The work of LDR has given Lutherans a really good reputation throughout the country. They have the infrastructure and experience to get supplies and funds where they are needed the most. LDR also works with other organizations to make the best use of resources and workers.

For example, we might work with our Methodist friends to completely fill a large plane of supplies instead of sending two half full planes somewhere. You can give to LDR directly at

<https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>.

You can also give to LDR through St. Paul, and we will send it on to them.

Peace,
Pastor Rick



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

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A Message From the Council President



St. Paul Family and Friends, thank you for providing St. Paul with your commitments through the years.

St. Paul would not be where it is today with out you!

Please remember to bring your Estimate of Giving Card to the

"Celebration Sunday" worship service on September 17, 2017 so we can look to the future and continue "Celebrating God's Good Gifts".

Yours in Christ, Kara Birdwell

Working Together — Celebrating God's Good Gifts

"For we are God's servants, working together" 1 Corinthians 3:9

Stewardship has been likened to a three-legged stool. Total stewardship consists of the "three Ts" - *Time, Talents and Treasure*. Remove any one of the three, and stewardship in an individual life, in a family and in a church like ours is severely weakened and undermined.

Underlying this analogy and our use of *time, talents and treasure* is the clear teaching of Scripture: God owns it all! Repeatedly the Bible emphasizes God's ownership of everything and our role as managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

"Time" is an important subject to God. There are over 230 references to "time" in the Bible. Those who walk in a wise manner are described in one translation as people who are "redeeming the time" (Eph. 5:16).

Redeeming the time means that we are to make the most of every opportunity to invest our time — and our talents — in things that really count, mainly in the lives of people and in service to Christ. On the one hand, we can fritter away the time and talents that God has given to us in trivial pursuits or selfish interests. Or we can take to heart what Christ said and seek first the kingdom and God's righteousness. We can put first things first in the use of our time and talents here at Saint Paul.

When it comes to our finances, we have a choice. We can squander them on things that do not matter in "the long run," things that do not count for eternity. We can hoard them, putting our total emphasis on the "rainy day" that is yet to come. We can refuse to share with others who are in need. We can be stingy when it comes to giving back to the Lord that which is rightfully God's. Certainly we have the ability to treat our finances in any of these ways.

But do we have the right?

When we take any of these approaches, we act as though the money is really ours. We fail to recognize the truth of Deuteronomy 8:18: "But remember the Lord your God, for it is God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." And when we act as though the money is ours, we fail to glorify God in its use and fail to "seek first the kingdom of God" in our giving and in our living.



As you consider *the time, talents and treasure* God has given to you, please remember that we are "working Together — Celebrating God's good gifts."

You might want to pray this prayer:

"Lord, as you provide, by faith, this is how I intend to give."

As we step out by faith, working together and trusting God to provide, it will be absolutely amazing to watch God bless our efforts more than we might ask or even think

(Ephesians 3:20).

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to the ministry of St Paul. Thank you for your consistency in giving of your time, talents and treasure to the work of the Lord here.

And thank you for what you are going to do in the future in celebration of God's good gifts!

" . . . we are God's servants, working together."

DISCIPLESHIP

Volunteer Needed - Coordinator

Wednesday Night

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

Wednesday's in September

6:00pm - Family Meal

6:30pm - *Evening Vespers

*The first Wednesday will be games led by Men in Mission

Faith -N- Family



National Youth Gathering Monthly Bible Study

September 3rd ~ 11:45am ~ FORMS and DEPOSIT ARE DUE

This is our first Bible Study gathering, lunch will be served by Tim & Leslie Walker. If you are not able to attend, contact Sue Tyler to make arrangements.

PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

MIM's September Event ~ Faith-N-Family Kick Off

Wednesday, September 6th ~ 5:30pm

We are setting up outdoor games for Faith-N-Family.

Join us for fun and games - watching or participating:

Corn Hole, Basketball, Volleyball, Tetherball, Frisbee, Parachute Games...



The Women of the ELCA held their 10th Triennial Gathering July 13 to 16 2017.

I attended with Mary and Debbie from Trinity Lutheran in Hixson TN. We took a two day road trip to Minneapolis MN where the Gathering was held. It certainly was transformative to experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our time was filled with: prayer, worship, praise, laughter and the challenge to "Act Boldly" in our faith.

We learned that God is: Alpha, the middle, and Omega. The gospel theme was Matthew 13: 44 "the Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field,.... We also attended the National Lutheran Choir singing service, it was outstanding! I'm looking forward to attending the next triennial gathering in Phoenix AZ.

Who at St. Paul would like to attend with me?
Thanks, Barb Miller

**Wednesday, Sept. 6th
2:00pm**

Days for Girls sewing will continue: We can sew until the evening meal for Faith 'n Family and games with Men in Mission. This time we will need sergers and sewing machines and, as usual, have jobs for those who don't sew. Come and help make a difference in the lives of girls around the world.



Thank You

St Paul WELCA would like to give thanks for:

- * Everyone who helped with "Blount County Historical Society" dinner.
- * Everyone who donated and helped put the LWR health kits and school kits together

September 15-17th five St Paul women will attend the WELCA Synod Convention in Nashville TN

SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator



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Please join us for the **Health & Wellness Fair**, and receive a free flu shot (to the first 50 arrivals). Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for the Medic Blood Drive. See below for other events taking place.

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1st Annual

Health & Wellness Fair

Saturday, September 30, 2017
9:00am-3:00pm

- Free Flu Shot - To first 50
- Blood Drive
- Chiropractic Care
- Massage Therapy
- AED Demonstration
- Blood Pressure Check
- Glucose Check
- Medical/Prescription Screening

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ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Duties	September 3		September 10		September 17		September 24	
	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	Jean Beck	Merl Krull	Carolyn Speck	Marsha Bryant	Joel Searfoss	Carolyn Speck	Warren Bielenberg	Merl Krull
Communion Assistants	Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss	Elaine Fisher	Jackie Kreider Marianne Searfoss	Beth Drane	Betty Ludwig Loda Wylie	Susan Ward	Carolyn Speck Nan Wylie	Marsha Bryant
Lector	Warren Bielenberg	Bob Ullom	Marianne Searfoss	Susan Ward	Chris Ems	John Walker	Joel Searfoss	Carol Perry
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Alice Andrews	Perry McClellan Robert Bryant Roy Johnson	Will and Betty Ludwig	Tom Sims Robert Bryant	Ed Kreider Greg Wyatt	John Beck Bob Ullom Linda Ullom	Bertha Franks Dot Dishman	Herb Perry James McMillion
Altar Guild	Jackie Kreider	Carolyn Speck	Linda Zrioka	Marsha Wynn	Bertha Franks	Carolyn Speck	Suzanne Bielenberg	Karin Bell
Acolyte/ Cruicer		Darian Lindquist		Kajler McMillion		Drew Ohsiek		Noah Ohsiek
Nursery		Jody Ohsiek Drew Ohsiek		Kara Birdwell Scott Lindquist		Emma Liner Anna Murray		Marianne Searfoss Philip Tyler
Greeters	Jacqueline Conzemius	Linda Ullom	Greg and Leigh Caldwell	Denise Birdwell	Warren and Suzanne Bielenberg	Thelma Fastner	Bertha Franks	Janice Hoover
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Tom Sims	Will Ludwig	Ben Ward	Steve Zrioka	Bob Block	Greg Caldwell	Perry McClellan
Tellers		Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss		Tom Sims James McMillion		David Lanzer Herb Perry		John Walker Roy Johnson
Flowers	Rick and Susan Ward 23 rd Anniversary		JB and Sylvia Johnson JB's 80 th Birthday		Mike and Pam Cultross 29 th Anniversary		Wylie Girls Memory of Irene Wylie	

FELLOWSHIP

Leigh Caldwell - Coordinator

10:30 Service Fellowship Teams



September 3	Barb & Bob Miller, Tim & Leslie Walker
September 10	Laura & Chris Mallette, Carla & James McMillion
September 17	Tom & Lyla Lindquist, Jacqueline Conzemius
September 24	Herb & Carol Perry, David & Ruth Silseth

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 2017 Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 1	Lorraine Geary	September 14	J.B. Johnson
September 2	Micah Walker	September 15	Lyla Lindquist
September 3	Loda Wylie	September 16	Ken Hancock
September 6	Laura DaCruz	September 19	Joe Birdwell
September 8	Betty Ludwig	September 20	Marsha Wynn
September 8	Alyssa Rundle	September 21	Mary Nell Biehler
September 9	Pam Culross	September 23	Dawn Liner
September 10	Paula Kenworthy	September 24	Neil Rothe
September 10	Steven Pack	September 27	Warren Bielenberg
September 12	Denny Mansmith	September 27	Jillian Garner
		September 27	Sam Joyal
		September 28	Courtney Snoderly
		September 29	Bob Block
		September 30	Elizabeth Anger

Happy Anniversary

September 1	Sara & Don Burnett	September 12	Herb & Carol Perry
September 2	Rick & Susan Ward	September 13	Bob & Delores Block
September 3	Ed & Jackie Kreider	September 14	J.B. & Sylvia Johnson
September 3	Will & Betty Ludwig	September 17	Mike & Pam Culross
September 6	René & Kris Zimmer	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 4th ~ OFFICE CLOSED

Council:

Monday, September 18th ~ Ministry Team Night & Council Meeting
Sunday, September 17th ~ Stewardship Celebration

Parish Life:

Thursdays, September 7th, 14th, & 21st ~ Keep'em In Stitches
Wednesday, September 27th ~ Peace by Piece Quilters

Discipleship:

September 3rd ~ National Youth Gathering Bible Study
September 22-24th ~ Confirmation Retreat @ Lutheridge
Wednesdays in September ~ Faith-N-Family

Worship:

Sunday, September ~ Women lead Worship



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

September Collection ~ Cereal