

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

THE GOOD NEWS

May 2019 Edition



"Together in Spirit. Forward in Faith."
the ELCA Southeastern Synod will hold its
2019 Synod Assembly,
May 31 - June 2, 2019,
at the Chattanooga Convention
Center, Chattanooga, TN.

Together in spirit, at the 2018
Assembly, we prayerfully responded
to the call of a year-long
conversation about the Southeastern
Synod Bishop of the future.

We continued conversations in our
deaneries, discerning the needs of the synod and developing a
profile for our future bishop.

It is in that same spirit that we now pray, as a synod,
for discernment for those who are called to stand as nominees and
those who are called to serve as voting members.

*Read Pastor Rick's article on page 2 for information on who our
voting members are.*



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:

At the end of this month, the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA will gather in assembly in Chattanooga. For the first time in 12 years, we will be electing a new bishop as Bishop Gordy will be retiring from office after serving 2 full terms.

Bishop Gordy took office at a difficult time for the church. Because of various decisions and practices of the previous administration, relationships between the synod office and congregations were a bit strained. Also, he took office shortly before the last recession hit and in the middle of a difficult churchwide discussion on sexuality. Any one of these would make a bishop's job very difficult, but the Holy Spirit used Bishop Gordy and his staff to guide us through some very rough seas to some much calmer waters.

The upcoming bishop's election is different than any election in recent history. When Ron Warren was elected bishop 24 years ago, most of us knew that he was one of the top possibilities before the assembly started.

Bishop Gordy, while claiming he did not want the position, was the definite favorite the moment we knew that we were going to elect a new bishop over 12 years ago.

While the synod is filled with some wonderful pastors, there is currently no odds on favorite to fill the spot to be our synod's next shepherd. More than ever, we will need to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to not only help our synod's voting members discern who needs to be called into this position of leadership, but also to help our pastors discern if they are being called to serve in this important office.

As the people of St. Paul, I ask you to diligently pray over this process.

Pray for our voting members at Assembly (Beth Drane, Merl Krull, Noah and Drew Ohsiek – voting as SESLYO board members, and myself) that we are open to the Spirit's guidance.

Pray for the other voting members gathered from our 4 states as well.

Also, we need to continue to pray for the new bishop and his/her family as they transition into this role and begin to call their staff. Transitions can be difficult, but they are also exciting.

May God continue to bless us as a church and raise up new leaders to help us on our journey.

Peace,
Pastor Rick



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

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Church Council



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High School Graduation Recognition
Fellowship Breakfast
Sunday, May 12th
9:00am



St Paul Council invites you to join us for breakfast

between services on May 12th as we honor our recent

High School Graduate Ben Ward.

The Fellowship Team and the Congregational Council will be providing a buffet style meal in the fellowship hall at 9am.

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*



Ben Ward

Graduates from William Blount High School on Monday, May 13, 2019 - 6:00 pm - at Thompson Boling Arena

Future plans:

Attending University of Tennessee Knoxville in the Fall. Studying to become a high school math teacher. His degree will be in Mathematics with a secondary school teaching certification.

He auditioned for and will be marching in The Pride of the Southland Band. He has also been accepted into the 1794 Club Honors program.

Ben has been an active participant at St Paul during his time in High School. He participated in Youth Group and also represented them at the SESLYO Assembly, he has served in many ways at St Paul; Sound Room, Nursery Attendant, Set-up crew for church events, Souper Bowl of Caring, and assisted with Vacation Bible School and other Sunday School activities. Ben also volunteers his time in the community through Boy Scouts.



Dana Conzemius

Graduated December 15, 2018 from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She will attend the University of North Dakota in August to begin work on a PH.D. in Counseling Psychology.



Jenna Burts

Graduates May 4, 2019 from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She will continue at ETSU to work on her Masters in Education.



Stained Glass at St. Paul

Have you noticed the stained-glass pieces hanging throughout our building? Do you know their origin? When our church was located on Old Niles Ferry Road, Andrea Lambert, a stained-glass artist and later a shop owner in Loudon, was a member. Willing to share her talent by teaching and engaging others, she brought glass and tools to the church and taught various interested members to make many of these pieces.

Originally, the panels were designed to go in the windows around a door near the library and Pastor's office. Andrea designed the "I am the vine. Ye are the branches" panel. At that time, it included the Lutheran Rose and Chi Rho panels. This entire panel hung above the door and was made as a group project. Ideas for the remaining panels were submitted by various groups within the church. These panels represent Bible stories, St. Paul Youth (SPY) and other symbolism, and were made by various individuals. These hung in the windows along each side of the door. In our current building, only the long vine portion hangs in the transom window over the rear doors of the welcome center. The Lutheran Rose and Chi Rho (it's interesting to note the leaf pattern in the corner of each connecting them to the vine) hang in Richardson Hall along with others. Remaining ones hang in the sanctuary.

Andrea, with the help of Jacqueline, created the large stained-glass cross that now hangs in our library. It was originally made and taken to Atlanta for a Synod-wide event during the Summer Olympics. Overtime, it made its way back to St. Paul's.

About 10 years ago, Delores Block noted that the long window in Richardson Hall was void of a stained-glass piece.

She commissioned Warren Bielenberg, a member and self-taught stained-glass artist, to craft one. Warren designed a piece with a cross at the center and golden rays extending outward signifying the radiance of the Lord flowing from the cross.

Since that time, Warren became increasingly more aware that the 2 large windows along each side of the sanctuary were also lacking stained glass. In consultation with Pastor Rick, he recently created a design that incorporates the colors of our liturgical seasons. Tom Sims made the frames for all the pieces and hung them.

Watch for the brochure, coming soon, with more information.



SERVING

- Coordinator



Congregational Health

Beginning in June, we will be offering blood pressure checks to our members. Additionally, we would like to expand that into a Congregational Health program. We are looking for current or retired health care workers who would be willing to share their time and talents. Secondly, we are asking for your ideas on what you would like this program to offer.

Please contact Jacqueline Conzemius (865-603-4166 or jjconz@gmail.com) or Brooke Nowak (262-442-3793 or ballerinab183@hotmail.com) to volunteer or to offer ideas and suggestions for this ministry.

Host Week June 2nd - 9th

Keep an eye out for volunteer training dates and ways you can help prepare our space for our guests. Contact Deb Johnson for more information. debbirdjohnson@gmail.com



PARISH LIFE

Barb Miller - Coordinator



"Beach Party"

Women of the ELCA

Saturday, May 11th 2-4pm

Richardson Hall, St. Paul Lutheran Church

Guest Speaker: Patti Austin

President Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA



Guests are Welcome
Casual wear, hat and Flip Flops
Food and drinks will be provided



For more info contact Patty Harmon (865) 300-9850



May Program:

Tour and eat lunch at Brushy Mountain State Prison in Morgan County, Tennessee. *Note that the prison is closed and no longer used for incarceration.*



Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Time and Place: We will meet at the Church at 10:45 a.m., leaving at 11:00 a.m. It is approximately a one hour drive each way.

Meal: We will be eating at The Warden's Table which is served cafeteria style at the prison.

Cost: Each person will be responsible for the cost of their own meal. The prison tour is an additional \$12.00, and there is a 10% discount for U.S. Military Veterans and seniors (65 and older).

Signup on the SPAM Bulletin Board



Picnic
Thursday, June 6th
6:00pm



Saturday July 13th
Smokies Baseball Game
Sponsored by the Men in Mission

This annual event is open to everyone! Purchase tickets from Rene, Perry, Jan, or Tom. \$10 for the game and food voucher. Get your tickets NOW.

All men of the church are welcome to attend

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

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

Duties	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
	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.
Assistant Minister	Jean Beck	Warren Bielenberg	Toni McSorley	Joel Searfoss
Assistant Ministers	Carolyn Speck	Art Hafner	Susan Ward	Beth Drane
Communion Assistants	Loda Wylie Nan Wylie	Joel Searfoss Will Ludwig	Warren Bielenberg Jackie Kreider	Betty Ludwig Toni McSorley
Lector	Betty Ludwig	Will Ludwig	Warren Bielenberg	Chris Ems
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Alice Andrews	Greg Wyatt Greg Caldwell	Ed Kreider Betty Ludwig	Bertha Franks Dot Dishman
Altar Guild	Linda Zrioka	Suzanne Bielenberg	John Beck Roy Johnson Denny Mansmith	Perry McClellan Bob Ullom Linda Ullom
Acolyte/ Crucifer			Jackie Kreider	Betty Ludwig
Nursery			Karin Bell	Janice Hoover
Greeters	Mo Brueckner	Sandra Pierce	Will and Betty Ludwig	Betty Ludwig
Sound Room	Steve Zrioka	Paul Rogers	Ann Hall	Warren and Suzanne Bielenberg
Tellers			Will Ludwig	Greg Caldwell
Flowers	Steve Zrioka	Perry McClellan	Ben Ward	Greg Caldwell
	Dee Dee Walker Kris Zimmer	Herb Perry James McMillion	John Walker Roy Johnson	Warren Bielenberg Joel Searfoss
	Jim and Susan Weeks Anniversary	Steve and Jacqueline Conzenius Anniversary	David and Ruth Silseth In honor of grandson Peter Schaefer's graduation	Sandra Pierce Birthday

FELLOWSHIP

Dorian 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.

- May 5** Tom & Lyla Lindquist, Carla & James McMillion
- May 12** **CELEBRATION BREAKFAST**
Between Services NO COFFEE AFTER SERVICE
- May 19** Darla & Brian Kaufman, Tim & Leslie Walker
- May 26** Jacqueline Conzemius, David & Charlene Dubs
- June 2** Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer, Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon
- June 9** JB & Sylvia Johnson, Bob & Linda Ullom

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- May 2** Ramona Bishop
- May 2** Linda Zrioka
- May 5** Barb Miller
- May 8** Shelly Foster
- May 13** Reiley Wilson

- May 16** Sara Wainwright
- May 17** Kris Zimmer
- May 18** Norma Watson
- May 19** David Walker
- May 19** Kristen Walker
- May 23** John Walker
- May 24** Anne Sims
- May 26** Kara Birdwell
- May 27** Dana Conzemius
- May 29** Ken Dressler
- May 29** Brian Kaufman
- May 30** Gail Hafner
- May 31** Ralf Boedefeld



ANNIVERSARIES

- May 4** Bill & Beth Drane
- May 11** Kevin & Donna Dornfeld
- May 15** Steve & Jacqueline Conzemius
- May 17** Tom & Lyla Lindquist
- May 18** Dawn & Roger Liner
- May 20** Shari & Ed Martin
- May 24** Ramona & Danny Bishop

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With the World*

Dates of Interest

Check Calendar for times and places

OFFICE CLOSED ~ MONDAY, May 27

Council:

Monday, May 20th ~ Ministry Team Night/Council Meeting

May 31st-June 2nd ~ Synod Assembly

Fellowship:

Wednesday, May 8th, 15th, & 22nd ~ Dinner Church

Sunday, May 12th ~ Celebration Breakfast

Parish Life:

Wednesday's ~ Women's Bible Study

Thursday, May 9th & 23rd ~ Creative Hands

DISCIPLESHIP:

Wednesday, May 8th & 15th ~ Dinner Church

Sunday, May 19th ~ Last day of Sunday School

Wednesday, May 22nd ~ Faith-N-Family Cookout

Summer Save the Date:

Sunday, June 2nd-9th ~ Family Promise Host Week

Sunday, June 9th ~ Pentecost Sunday

Monday, July 8th - Friday, July 12th ~ Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 13th ~ Smokies Baseball Game