

Good News

St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2017

PICNIC

What are you bringing?

MIGHTY FORTRESS CHURCH BBQ & PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 17 follows our 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Everyone, Come and Join Us! Have You Ever Wanted to Be a King or Queen? Well this is your Big Chance! You Can Joust -- Cross The Dangerous Moat -- And Look for the King's Treasure! There Will be Contests, Games, Music, Bouncy House, Great Food & Fellowship! Festivities begins at 11:45 a.m. Bring your family & friends !! If you can help or bring a dish to share—sign up on the poster in the Narthex. Your help makes this event a success! If you have any questions please contact either Jodie Fowler or Maureen Fischer.



Give your kids a Strong Foundation!

Sunday School

Our **Sunday School** classes begin on **September 10 at 9:00 a.m.** for Pre-K through Grade 8. Staff helps you to get to the right classes (see page 5). We are blessed with talented and dedicated staff eager to share the love of Jesus with our children. New families and friends are always welcome to join. **Blue enrollment forms** are available in the Narthex and the church website. *Remember, there is no more important gift you can give your child than the gift of faith.*

We are still in **need** of an **Adult Leader and teen helpers!** This is a great experience to help guide our children in today's world. If you have Sunday School questions, speak to Vicar Bob, Ramona Adams, or Jodie Fowler.

The **Staff Orientation Meeting** is on **Thursday, September 7 in Room 303 at 7 pm.** Important *new* information and all materials will be provided. Please make every effort to attend. **Sunday School Staff Installation** takes place at each of the Worship Services on the **weekend of Sept. 16 & 17**, and your presence is requested at one.



Confirmation

The **Confirmation Class Kickoff** is on **Friday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in FH** and then goes to the small parking lot with games. Come dressed for fun!

Our exciting Sunday Morning Program begins on September 10 during the Sunday School hour, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 207.

This year we will be learning about The Lord's Prayer and Martin Luther. Our first Session takes place on **Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

The **Confirmation Guides (only)** Huddle is on **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 303. We will learn about and begin to plan the year's themes and special events.

On **Sunday, Sept. 24**, all confirmation students and their families take part in "**The Blessing of the Confirmands**" at our **10:15 a.m. Worship Service** (This is when 1st year students receive their personal Luther's Small Catechism, but all attend.) Please speak to Vicar Bob for more information.



VICAR'S CORNER

During the second week of August, our Sanctuary was transformed into a medieval castle, complete with towers, brick walls, and drawbridges

as our children learned about the mighty power of our awesome God; a God who is stronger and stands taller than all of our cares and worries and who loves each and every one of His children. Let there be no doubt, lives were transformed that week. As His children, we are called and sent to transform the world bringing His Gospel message to our community, nation, and world.

Fourteen of our teens did just that for a week in July as they traveled to Taylorsville, North Carolina. There they shared God's love in word and deed through Kid's Club, a summer-long VBS style outreach. They also served by rehabilitating housing for families who need a safe place to live. Others helped by providing maintenance services at a crisis pregnancy center and two local schools, so that the time and money saved could be spent serving clients and students in need. In these and other ways our youth and their leaders were true servants this summer.

As the new school year begins, look for the ways God wants to use you to transform His world. Right here, at our church home, we have need of bell ringers and choir singers, a confirmation guide, and people to assist during worship: readers, ushers, communion assistants, and worship leaders. Where do you fit in?

Vicar Bob

The current Council members are: Brandon Nielsen, President; Jeff Ranges, VP; Jeannine Gannon, Council Secretary; Jeanette Haug, Finance; Donna Egan, Board of Elders; Maureen Fischer, Christian Growth; Lisa Steil, Missions and Evangelism; Jan Cawley, School Board; Susan Cagney, Property and Maintenance; Robert Fuchs, Stewardship; and Members-at-Large, Scott Fischer, Jeri McCormack, Scott McGregor and Cathy Sommer.

State of the Church

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LONG OVERDUE CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

It has been a tumultuous year for our Church. We have celebrated baptisms, and mourned the passing of our dear friends.

Proverbs 3:4-6

Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

The Call Committee was delayed due to health concerns of those involved from the Atlantic District. Praise God, those who were ill are on the mend. We are advised that St. Paul should be receiving a list of potential new Pastors in September. I would like to thank Ron Sommer for his leadership and dedication as chair of this committee.

The Church Council had formed a subcommittee to review and update the "Policy and Procedure" manuals for the Church. Their work is almost complete. I would like to thank Jeff Ranges for his leadership and dedication as chair of this committee.

Budget time is coming up. With the promise of a new Pastor, budget concerns now arise. Some have suggested that we make cuts, including the reduction of staff or staff hours, to meet a balanced budget. Others have suggested that we pass a "Faith Based" budget based on the projected growth expected when we have both a Pastor and Associate Pastor in 2018. Please feel free to let your opinion be heard by contacting myself AND any member of the Church Council. (See list on left).

Thank you for your support.

In His service,

Brandon Nielsen Cell: (845) 774-6991

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF 2017-2018

Class	Room	Teachers	Teens
PreK/K	Room 201	Karin Eckman Dawn Tomasini	Kayla Harvey
Grades 1/2 (Primary)	Room 202	Jodie Fowler Ed Quintana	Tehya Harvey
Grades 3/4	Room 205	Chris Fox Jeanine Haug	Andrew Fowler
Grades 5/6	Room 204	Helena Nielsen Cathy Schmidt	
Grades 7/8 Confirmands	Room 207	Adult Shepherd Needed	Activity Leaders



**No Commitments ...
Come as you can!**

★ **Sunday Bible Study** begins soon!
**Meets every Sunday in the
Library at 9:00 am** - Join in this
group led by Matthew Ward.

★ **Tuesday Women's Bible Study**
starts Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Meets every other Tuesday in the Lobby.

★ **A New Men's Bible Study** begins soon led
by Matthew Ward, watch bulletin for details.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL

HAVE A LOVE FOR MUSIC?

Please join one or both of our choirs!
No experience required!

LET'S MAKE MUSIC!



**Handbell Choir
Rehearsal will begin
again soon.**

You will have lots of fun
ringing our beautiful,
shiny brass bells!
Please speak to Karen

Vandenbergh, Music Director, 845-457-5521 for
the new season.



**Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303
begins September 14**

All adults and teens are welcome to join. Make
prayer in song. Please come and give it a try!

*Surprise yourself with these easy & fun
ways to give thanks to God at St. Paul!*

Everyone age 12 and over is welcome!

Call Karen Vandenbergh, Music Director, 845-
457-5521 with questions.

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLUB



Begins Tuesday Sept. 19

Where do you go when you want to
meet some new people,
share Christian thoughts,
have a bite to eat?

We listen to devotions, sing favorite hymns,
sample delicious desserts, win prizes, play
games, have fun and tell our favorite jokes!

**Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
on the first and third Tuesday of the month!**

Come and join us, bring your lunch and a friend
- we'll supply the dessert and coffee! If you
have any questions call Laury Lieb at 774-2650.

St. Paul Christian Education Center



Our 42nd year!

“Let the little children come to me.” Matthew 19:14

Summer is coming to a close and our halls will once more (Praise God!) be filled with children. Our enrollment looks good – most classes are full! Thank you, God for this welcomed blessing. This year’s School theme is “Jesus loves the little children.” Our focus is to ensure that each student knows how much they are loved. We casually and formally incorporate the love of Jesus in everything we do - from the time the children enter until the time they leave. Scripture reminds us what we should be doing - *“Let the little children come to me.”*

Please encourage anyone interested to call us at 783-1068. Interested in this ministry? Applications for substitute assistants are now being accepted. Please continue to pray for our 23 staff members and 170+ children and families.

Ramona Adams, Director



Mighty Fortress: We were blessed to host 69 children and youth from our church and community as part of our Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School in August. The theme for our adventure came from 1 Corinthians 15: 57, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”



Our mission offerings were used to support the “Sharing God’s Mighty Word” ministry designed to show the love and mercy of Christ by providing books with the Good News to children in the United States. Together we raised \$496.10 for this worthy outreach.

Vacation Bible School could not happen without a dedicated group of leaders, teachers, and helpers. We are truly grateful for your continued service. Special thanks go to Ramona Adams who handled the recruitment and registration, as well as our learning center, and to Alex Hieronymi and his crew for the wonderful props and settings that turned our church into a medieval castle for the week.

Teen & Adult Staff:

Ramona Adams

Lisa Austin

Kathi Brennan

Susan Cagney

Jan Cawley

Karin Eckman

Andrew Fowler

Angela Fuchs

Rob Germann

Meredith Hickman

Alex Hieronymi

Cassandra Hughes

Doris Konnerth

Erin Malloy

Helena Nielsen

Cathy Schmidt

Rochelle Wilson

Anna Austin

Beth Bouquot

Kevin Cagney

Valerie Camillone

Ashley Coon

Rick Florio

Jodie Fowler

Gabby Ganino

Ashley Hickman

Randal Hickman

Kathy Hooper

Gillian Kimball

Jacquelynn Long

Liam Malloy

Ben Quintana

Dawn Tomasini

Vicar Bob Wilson

PRAYER MINISTRY - Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers ...

Prayers for hospitalized, ill or recuperating

John Alexander	father of Cathy Schmidt
Pat Booth	Gma of Trevor Lescinsky
Susan Bortner	relative of Ann Kachmarchyk
Janet Famularo	daughter Edie Famularo
Dot Harrison	St. Paul family
Jason Hinks	know to Edie Famularo
Grace Hooper	grandchild Kathy Hooper
Louise Luther	sister Stephanie Forsstrom
Stephen MacNary	son of Valerie Camillone
Shane McNamara	grandson of Jan & Ed Wolf
Gloria McNulty	relative of the McNultys
Anita Morawski	friend of Ann Kachmarchyk
Edward Oppelt	St. Paul family
Thomas Pray	husband of Dorothy Pray
Ron Sommer	St. Paul family
Diana Steil	mother of Lisa Steil
Michael Terzian	son of Dorothy Oppelt

Long Term Prayers - hospitalized, ill or recuperating

John Bach	St. Paul family
Roni Beether	mother of Bobbi Ramsay
Kelsey Berger	known to Cathy Schmidt
Eleanor Boungard	St. Paul family
Cole Butler	known to Cathy Schmidt
Gloria Christianson	mother of Jan Cawley
Angelina Christy	friend of Gladys Vega
Jeanine Consuelos	friend of Pat Alberti
Gus Dash	friend of Kathy Hooper
Mike D'Angelis	friend of Julie Warbrick
Joan Florio	mother of Rick Florio
Peter Florio	father of Rick Florio
Sue Gable	friend of Kathy Hooper
Veronica Gaither	wife of Bob Gaither
Lorraine Galletta	St. Paul family
Ali Giacose	friend of Alex Kersting
Elaine Giardino	mother of Donna Egan
Vincent Giardino	father of Donna Egan
Tim Gow	relative of Cathy Schmidt
Ruth Hindle	sister of Jean Watson
Steven Karter	relative of Kathy Hooper
Robert Kelly	husband of Eileen Kelly
Theresa Kitsos	daughter of Eileen Kelly
Jeffrey Kopelson	friend of Colleen & Joe McNulty
Andrew Kostrzak	known to Cathy Schmidt
Al Kuhn	father of Laury Lieb
Brian Lee	St. Paul family
Susan Lee	mother of Becky Lee
Else Lenza	St. Paul family
Vicki Lotta	friend of Kathy Hooper
Colleen McNulty	St. Paul family
Doug Menck	St. Paul family
Asako Mielke	St. Paul family
Mollett Family	known to Norma Stoddard
Keith Nelson	confirmed at St. Paul
Ed Oppelt	St. Paul family
Bill Polokow	relative Ann Kachmarchyk
Marquis Powell	son of Michele Powell
Theodora Ramin	known to Linda Ranges
Rudy Ressemeyer	retired Pres. Atlantic District

Ray Rodriquez	friend of Kristine Williams
Bob Rose	brother of Kathy Hooper
Eric Salzmman	St. Paul family
Fred Salzmman	husband of Joanne Salzmman
Andrea Schildwachter	relative of Kim McDonald
Paul Schildwachter	uncle of Kim McDonald
Tiffany Shivers	daughter of Michele Powell
Helen Sisco	St. Paul family
George Smawley Jr.	brother of Delores Renart
Sarah Smawley	sister-in-law Delores Renart
Edgar Streng	St. Paul family
Chris Strobel	son of Joanne Strobel
Suzanne Thomas	grandniece of Ann K.
Ann Wagner	mother of Chris Fox
Marge Wollenberg	friend Karen Vandenberg
Deana Yany	niece of Pat Alberti
Ed Yany	brother of Pat Alberti
Tom Yingling	brother-in-law of Jan Wolf

Prayers for Military

Brandon Bisaccia	known to Colleen McNulty
Anthony Buonanno	nephew of Arleen Masi
Sean Cawley	son of Jan/Mike Cawley
Alan Cobb	grandson of Bill Mulherin
Matthew Forsstrom	son of Stephanie Forsstrom
Tyler Germann	grandson of Dennis/Beth Bouquot
Randal Hickman	friend of St. Paul
William Iozzino	known to St. Paul
Kyle King	friend of Danny Willis
Daniel Koban	friend of St. Paul
Lauren Koban	friend of St. Paul
Eric Korn	known to Ramona Adams
Trevor Lescinsky	great-nephew-Carol/John Bertotti
Scott Letellier	brother of Dawn Tomasini
Matthew Linton	son-in-law, Dennis/Beth Bouquot
Jonathan Nazarov	relative of Susan Cagney
Xavier Quiñones	nephew of Jessica Quintana
Anthony A. Rera	grandson of Anthony/Lydia Rera
Gustavo Ritschl IV	son of Gus/Jill Ritschl
Jared Rivera	St. Paul family
Jake Rodriquez	godson of Rosie Miller
Michael Sommers	son of Julia Sommers
Douglas Williams	nephew of Kristine Williams

Our St. Paul Family

Baptisms:

Kyle Brayden Seabury	6/17/17
Chloe Marion Hamilton	6/18/17
Brynley Reade Evans	7/23/17
Harper Bryant Evans	7/23/17
Alexander Thomas Linton	8/ 6/17
Trevor Elliott Moeller	8/13/17

Funerals: Stephanie Luther Forsstrom 7/30/16

Mark William Hale 8/26/17

New Members:

Alexandra Bennis	7/23/17
Kenneth P. Bennis	7/23/17



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Open Door Café is Back!



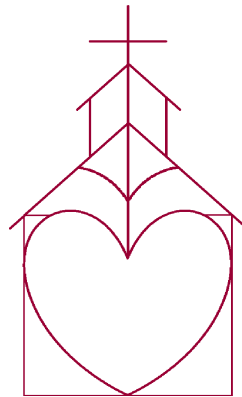
**COME OUT FOR THE
FIRST SHOW THIS YEAR!**
Saturday, October 21

*Presenting the music of
Ben Horrevoets*

in Fellowship Hall, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Fellowship, refreshments, Christian music.
Baked donations appreciated!

All are welcome - come with a friend!

Contact Joe and Colleen McNulty
845-782-8904 for more information.



EXPLORING
OUR
LUTHERAN
FAITH
TUES. SEPT. 26 - 7PM
Park in small parking lot
(enter beige doors)

Reference Book:
“Basic Bible Teachings ”
is available for those attending
New faces are especially invited!
Please let Vicar Bob
or the Church Office, 782-5600
know that you plan to come.

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Vicar Robert C. Wilson

Ramona Adams, Dir., St. Paul Christian Education Ctr.
Karen Vandenbergh, Director of Music
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