

# Our Church

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## July & August 2018

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship 9:15 a.m.

### Summer Fellowship Time Between Worship Services

One of the great things about worshipping as one body during the 9:15 a.m. service during the last 12 months was getting to see people we didn't often see. As we move to two services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., let's use the time between services this summer to catch up on each other's lives and to welcome visitors. If you worship at 8:00 a.m., stay for an hour after worship for food and to greet the 10:30 a.m. worshippers. If you are coming for 10:30 worship, come an hour early to see your brothers and sisters in Christ from the early service. Sign-ups for hosting these events can be found on the NEW Springettsbury Hall Bulletin Board.



faith conversations.

### Family Room Conversations of Faith Wednesday Evenings 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Stop in any week to join in conversations about living our faith as Christians. We will gather at the home of Tim and Melis-

sa Yakim for fellowship and sharing on six Wednesday evenings this summer. July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, and 15. The discussion starters for the first night are "I am a Christian because....", "I am a Lutheran because....", "I am at St. Paul's because..."

### Faith Formation

#### FALL PLANNING...

The Christian Education Committee is already beginning to make plans for the faith formation classes that will be offered starting in the fall of 2018. Do you have a topic you would like to discuss? Is there something you would like to learn about?

Are you looking for a way to grow and strengthen your Christian Faith? Have you ever considered participating in a learning event at church? Would you like to teach or assist teaching a class for children? Sign up to be a helper in the Sunday evening catechetics classes for a great review of the catechism! Place your ideas in the offering plate, leave a message with the office or contact one of the Christian Education Committee members: Patty Snyder, Jamie Palmer, June Heistand, Kelly Moore Spencer and Pastor Reep.





## President's Report

In addition to our monthly meetings, the St. Paul's Congregation Council typically meets for a yearly retreat in January. Although we may cover some month-to-month business at these retreats, we generally focus on the "big picture" and the long-term health of the parish. This past January we outlined short-range (6 month), medium-range (1-2 years) and long-range (5+ years) goals. We also discussed indicators of long-

term strength in our congregation, ways to engage new members, the form and function of our various committees, and the future of mainline protestant denominational churches.

With continuing changes in and around St. Paul's, the Council recognizes value in meeting for a shorter half-year retreat this summer. We don't normally meet in this way, but our Council members believe that this is a critical time in our parish history, and we want to dedicate some additional time to vision development and member support. We'll meet on July 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss goals and opportunities in season's ahead. Please pray for our Council members and connect with one of us if you have ministry ideas you'd like us to discuss.

Peace,

Tristan Ericson  
Council President

### Capital Campaign Gifts

Please remember the Capital Campaign when commemorating a special event.

***BIRTHDAYS \* GRADUATIONS \* ANNIVERSARIES \* MEMORIALS \* ETC.***

Recipients or family members will be notified of your generosity with a letter and your gift will be published in our "Our Church".

***RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH***

I would like to honor this special person(s) with a **Capital Campaign Gift.**

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## Public Address System for St. Paul's

Many have commented on the need for a public address system for our church nave. Some have even stated what an oversight this was. It was not an oversight. When we met to reduce the scope of the work in 2016 there were many things that were taken off of the renovations in order to bring the cost from nearly 4.7 million to a more workable amount. One such item removed from the total scope was a pa system. The thinking was that an expensive system that we knew we needed to purchase would be marked up by the builder 9% and the additional cost passed on to St. Paul's. In securing the bridge loan it stipulated that it was for construction only. This has left the leadership in an uncomfortable position but they have been working toward a new system.



A system was researched in 2017 and planned for our new spaces. While the church nave was completely torn apart the council approved the expense to proceed with all of the necessary wiring so that a new system could be installed without having to tear into newly finished walls and flooring. So the good news is that a new system will be easily installed when we can secure funding. It has been designed for the worship space, the narthex, the nursery and the gathering space. But what will we do in the mean time?

While moving items from the upper level a couple of weeks ago components from a former portable system were unearthed. With the ingenuity of Tom Gibson and Greg Smith they have blended those pieces with some of the former church nave components to provide us with a temporary system. The system seems to be working. It will take a little getting used to especially for those who serve as lectors. Speed, diction, and clarity are all important as we proclaim the Word and preach. This temporary system will provide us with some time to figure out financing and a way to proceed without taking on additional debt until we bring construction to a close and clarify a future mortgage. The Finance Committee and the Congregation Council are all aware of the need for the system but they are also the people entrusted with fiscal prudence.

If you are compelled to provide a financial gift to allow the Congregation Council to move forward to secure the newly designed public address system for the church nave you may do so at any time. In the meantime we will continue to work collaboratively relying on our temporary system, lectors will asked to speak boldly, and I will continue to preach using the best diction and volume that I can muster. Thank you for your patience, thoughtful insights, and ongoing support as we are *Building in Faith for Future Generations*.

For the Congregation Council

Pastor Reep

The Benevolence Committee would like to thank all who have submitted applications to be considered. Please keep in mind that the Committee will accept submissions at any time by completing the coral-colored applications located at the exits of the church and online at <https://stpaulsyork.org/>. Please consider those projects, organizations, or persons in need of our support.



## Construction Contemplation



What's happening behind the "Keep Out" signs?

Is it an Art Gallery?



Even our construction crew seems to be digging deep to find answers!

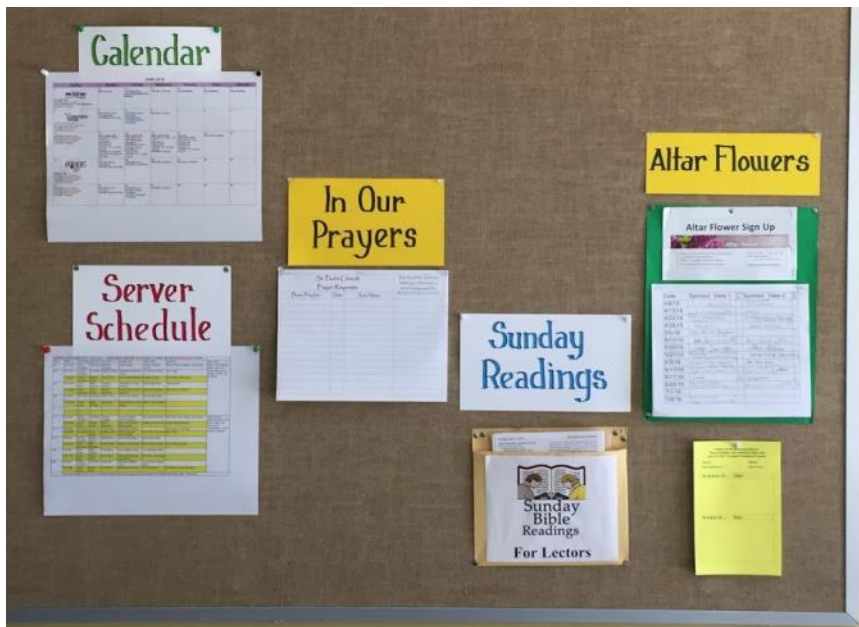


Not suitable for a nursery....yet!

Temporary space  
for the Pantry.



A new meeting room  
downstairs.



Signs of Progress!  
The bulletin board  
can be found in the  
new Springettsbury  
vestibule.

Pastor Reep is waiting to  
welcome you to his new  
office space!



I hope you enjoyed our little  
tour of some of the spaces that  
are being worked on. Come see  
me in my new office! - Patee

# How to make sure your kids' summer break isn't a break from Jesus

By: Sara Alexander

The long-anticipated days of summer break are finally here! The pace of life is slowing as priorities shift to include maximizing the long, hot days of summer. If you're like most families, the biggest stressors are planning your summer vacation, spending weekends at the lake, and doing your best to pack in as much fun with your kids as you can before school starts again.

Summer is also a great time for us as parents to invest intentional time teaching our children about Jesus. These quality conversations can't happen, however, if we let them spend the entire summer in front of a screen. The truth is, whether we realize it or not, we can be our children's greatest spiritual influences.

God has given us the unique opportunity to speak into our children's lives and teach them what it means to have a relationship with Jesus.



## Four Practical Tips for Pointing Kids to Jesus This Summer

### 1. Stay consistent with attending church.

Now that school is out, it's easy to get out of the habit of going to church each week. Not going to church regularly teaches our children that church isn't important to us. By getting together with the local church on a regular basis, we can experience community and worship Jesus together ([Acts 2:42-47](#)). Make church attendance fun for everyone — cook brunch together after a morning service or go out for ice cream after church.

### 2. Continue to pursue your personal relationship with Jesus.

When we spend time reading the Bible and praying, our kids notice. Time with Jesus changes the way we parent our children and respond to them. If this is a new habit for you, summer is a great time to get started! Let's not let the change in schedule stop us from continuing to grow in our own walks with Jesus. Remember, you are the greatest influence in your child's spiritual life.

### 3. Find an age-appropriate Bible or devotional to read together as a family.

We do this at breakfast because most evenings, my husband and I are too tired to do it well. Find what time works best for your family and do it every day. Simply reading a verse and praying together can make such a huge difference in your family.

### 4. Plan one or two service projects to complete together.

Do not overthink this. Something as simple as doing yard work for an elderly neighbor or preparing a meal together as a family and delivering it to new parents can make such an impact on how our children see Jesus. Jesus set an example of service for us and calls us to serve one another in the same selfless way He did ([John 13:14-15](#)). So, let's be like Jesus and look for opportunities to serve the people around us. I think we all can appreciate teaching our children to think more about other people than themselves.

Important conversations about Jesus happen when we're intentional with our time. Ask the Lord to bring opportunities for you to share truth from the Bible with your child. And above all, remember to pray for your children. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" ([James 5:16](#)).

## Scenes from Vacation Bible School Lake Side Stories with Jesus: Family Excursion



During this Excursion families and friends of St. Paul's enjoyed a faith filled evening of fellowship, stories, picnic food, games, dancing and making new friends.

A delicious picnic dinner was provided each night. Hamburgers, Chicken, Hot Dogs, were on the menu different nights. A celebratory covered dish dinner on the last night was enjoyed by all.



Afterwards, everyone gathered around and listened to the story of the evening told by Pauline the camel.



When Pauline was finished telling the story the children and adults broke into different groups to learn more about the story.

The children had fun fishing with magnetic fish, using the parachute, painting a boat, playing games with each other.



They then listened to the story again from their leaders. Thursday evening everyone had fun learning to Folk Dance with Mrs. Reep.

Every evening came to a peaceful end with Vespers under the pavilion.

Thank you to Kelly and her Team for making this a VBS to remember!



## **Summer- A Time of Renewal**

Take time this summer to see God in his great wonders and little miracles. Stop to follow a parade of ants to see where they are going. Sing a favorite hymn when you get to the top of your mountain hike. Thank God for the immenseness of the great oceans and the intricateness of each tiny sea shell.

*Thank  
you*

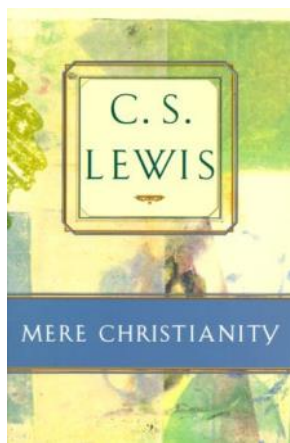


A very special thank-you to all the pantry workers, property committee members, pre-school staff, and office staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty by moving their offices and belongings multiple times throughout the construction process and in the future. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – If you are a Thrivent member (years ago known as The Lutheran Brotherhood) through your participation in their insurance and/or annuity offerings you earn “Choice Dollars” which you can direct to thousands of organizations such as congregations, schools, seminaries, camps, etc. Through this charitable outreach program the members get to choose who will receive the approximate fifty million dollars generated each year for approved causes/ organizations.



Yes, the number is correct - **\$50,000,000.00**. And yes, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church can be a recipient if you so designate or any other approved organization in the Thrivent network. The important thing is that you take the time to send “Your Choice Dollars” to a worthy cause. This can be accomplished by doing it on-line at [www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com). If you don’t have a user I.D. and password you will be asked to create one. If you are registered simply click on the tab “Choice Dollars” and pick the cause of your choice and send the dollars to it. You can also accomplish the same effort by telephone 1-800-847-4836. Should you have any questions about Thrivent, our local representative is John Spadafora, 717-764-0877.



**Book Discussion coming this Fall-** A group will be forming this fall to discuss Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. Pick up the book this summer and start reading now. Days and times will be announced in August.



*August 15th for  
September  
Newsletter*

### **2018 Flower Chart** *Reserve you date now!*

The 2018 flower chart is posted at the George St. entrance. The cost of the flowers is \$30 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, at home, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and provide us with all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.



### **Food Pantry July-August 2018**

**Items needed:** Juice, soup, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, rice

We need volunteers to sub on Tuesdays mornings. Please contact Teresa Rohrbaugh if you are able to help in this way. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.



**Food Pantry  
Donations Needed**



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## Worship Schedule

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