

You Otto Know

Special points of interest:

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace

School Supply Drive

A new look at Stewardship



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Back to School

Back to school time is always an exciting time of the year. Even as an adult It make me happy to see the fresh new school supplies. It always feels like a new beginning. As a homeschooling mom I often do not need to buy the same type of supplies that are required in a public school setting. Still I cannot help but wander the aisles and see all the pretty notebooks and binders lined up in a row. A new box of crayons reminds me of coloring books and all my children's' early works of art. Imagine if you had to start school without a bag full of new supplies. That is going to happen to many children as the economy has taken jobs and homes away from so many. Consider purchasing extra this year and donate them to the school or to another local organization like Feed my People. There will be a collection here at St. Paul's as well. Something to consider is backpacks. It seems like you are always having to buy a new one midway through the year. Look at buying a quality backpack that can last through the years. It will actually cost less in the long run. A way to help the church while buying all those supplies is the Scrip Program. Buy the cards and use those to purchase your supplies. Also remember if ordering online please use GoodSearch and GoodShop. Parents please share those first day pictures with us on the St. Paul's Facebook page. We would love to see them.

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August Birthdays

Cindy Aiello (8-1)	Kim Hogan (8-2)	Sherri Schaub (8-2)
Matthew Carver (8-3)	Arlie Ehlmann (8-3)	Jacqueline Chronister (8-6)
David Frank (8-9)	Bud Kemp (8-9)	Shirley Brock (8-15)
Dale Held (8-16)	Erica Mayer (8-17)	Helen Barbro (8-24)
Bill McClain (8-24)	Bea Davis (8-25)	Janet Lorenz (8-25)
Sarah Hummert (8-26)	Jan Hunnicutt (8-26)	
Rose Nansel (8-26)	Dennis LaForest (8-27)	Pam Lawson (8-27)
Carolyn Crosby (8-28)	Don Mertens (8-29)	Carol Klunk (8-31)



Message from Pastor Schultz

We are a family of believers living, sharing, and celebrating the love of Jesus in our community and throughout the world. This is our mission statement which will guide and direct all that we do here at St. Paul's. The mission task force will meet this month in order to create a task force for Youth Ministry and Social Ministry which are the two priority areas for our strategic plan. Please pray that the Lord would use these task forces to extend His Kingdom.

Continuing my articles on topics related to the sanctuary, this article will cover the use of flowers in the sanctuary.

The use of flowers is another type of decorating that is common many churches. They serve no liturgical function but help to set the mood or tone of an event, as they do when used in the home. The basic symbolic value of flowers is joyfulness, and as such they are an expression of the goodness and beauty of creation. For these reason the use of flowers in the church may be either appropriate or inappropriate, depending on the season of the church year.

When employing flowers as decoration, the first mater that must be kept in mind is the type of floral arrangement. Must we always use real flowers, or may artificial flowers be used? Are the flowers to be cut, or may we use potted plants? The rule of thumb is that real flowers are to be preferred. This rule conforms to the principle that objects used in the house of God should be genuine. However, the use of artificial plants and flowers today is widespread, and their use in motivated by convenience and cost rather than deception or dishonesty. The thing to remember here is that whatever artificial decoration is used, it should convey the beauty and dignity of the house of God. In recent years some silk plants, for example, have been produced to look so authentic that it is difficult to distinguish them from the real thing. What should not be done is to let them collect dust or to use them when tattered or faded. Ultimately, there is no theological reason against using artificial plants or flowers. As indicated above, however, when possible the real thing is to be preferred. (The Altar Guild Manual, Lee A. Maxwell)

I think that one can make a case for a theological reason against the use of artificial flowers. In the Old Testament tabernacle and temple incense was burned as a fragrant offering to God. Ephesians 5 and Philippians 4 both speak of a fragrant offering. Certainly real flowers can serve as a *fragrant* offering to God in our modern day churches.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Schultz

The Pastor's Library

I am sad to say that there isn't a book review this month. I simply didn't make reading a priority last month as other activities have taken up my free time. I have started reading "The New Guide to Crisis & Trauma Counseling". I plan on finishing it this month and will have a review next month. Remember that my library is accessible to you. Reading is a great way to keep one's mind sharp.



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STEWARDSHIP

What is Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. (LCMS Board of Stewardship)

Stewardship is the management of the total resources God has given His people individually and collectively to carry out His mission and ministry. (LCMS Bylaws 9.01)

Everyone is a steward! That is a bold statement but true! A steward is a manager, one who takes care of the resources owned by another. Illustration: We say of the person with financial problems: he is not a manager of his money. Not true! He may manage poorly, but he manages. We are all managers, some good, some fair, some bad! (Gathering and Managing God's Resources by Marcus T. Zill)

What kind of steward are you?

Do you see your earthly treasures as a gift or are they yours by virtue of your hard work? Do you consider your time and your talents as treasures from God? Are you using them to carry out God's mission and ministry here at St. Paul's? Are you managing your money or does your money manage you? Do you have and use a budget? Are you drowning in credit card debt or other types of debt? Are you spending more money than you earn? (Many in our country do!) Is the gift that you place in the offering plate on Sunday given freely and joyfully in response to what God has given you? The answers to these questions and others determine what kind of steward you have become. Are you happy with the kind of steward that you have become?

God has blessed us with the ability to become great stewards

A person doesn't just decide one day that they want to be lawyer and the next day walk into a courtroom to try a case. Another doesn't decide that they want to be a doctor and just walk into an operating room and begin to perform surgery. We all need some type of education in order to perform in our vocations. The vocation of steward, which we all are, also requires a certain amount of education. Some of us have been taught about stewardship by parents, by teachers in the classroom, or even by programs offered in the church. One such program will be offered in our church beginning in August. It is called "Financial Peace University". This program is a Christian based DVD series led by Dave Ramsey. This program has changed the financial lives of many including members of our congregation. I invite all of you to sign up for this program along with me and together we will *learn* how to manage our financial blessings in a God fearing way.



August Schedules

Sound Board

7th Ben Weibrecht
 14th Michael Carver
 21st Jason Nahlik
 28th Michael Carver

Acolytes

7th Youth Group
 14th Allie Warren/Joey Frank
 21st Jacob Vogel / Kayla Benson
 28th Jessica Vogel/Eva Aiello

USHER

8:00am

7th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 14th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 21st Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 28th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

10:00am

Youth Group
 John Klunk/Virgil Benson
 Bill McClain/George Wallen
 Elmer Held Jr./Gary Hagan
 Mary Nahlik/Sonya Jeffries
 Jason Schaub/Charlie Friedman
 Bill Weeke/Arlie Ehlmann

Greeter

8:00am

7th Rich & Kim Hogan
 14th Jerry & Roselyn Burchett
 21st Rich & Kim Hogan
 28th Jerry & Roselyn Burchett

10:00am

Katelyn Weibrecht/Jason Nahlik
 Mary Nahlik
 Nancy Brooks/Leann Kelly
 George & Roberta Wallen

Reader 8:00am

7th Amy Held
 14th Dick Burgdorf
 21st Amy Held
 28th Dick Burgdorf

10:00 am

Danielle Carver / Jonathon Schultz
 Ginny Todd
 Nathan Aiello
 Chris Aiello



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Worship Services:
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
and 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
celebrated at both
services.

**Bible Study & Sunday
School:**
Sunday 8:45 am. Bible
Study & Sunday School

Adult Bible Class--
Wednesday 10:00 am

Fun Facts

About

Dave Ramsey

1. He is a best selling author
2. He hosts a national radio show
3. He created Financial Peace University, a 13 week class to teach us how to manage our money and become better stewards of what God gives us.
4. He is very funny, come to the preview on Saturday August 13th @ 10:00am and learn more about Dave and the program.

Are you on Facebook?

If so come join our group. It is St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Search for us and join. If you have comments to make or just want to keep updated on recent or upcoming events stop by. If you need help setting up an account with facebook (it is free by the way) or if you need help finding the group ask any of the youth or stop by the office.

SUPER SAVERS

Is it possible to eat healthy and still coupon? The answer is YES. It is true that you can find lots of coupons for junk food, however there are deals even on fresh produce and meat. One way to trim the budget is to coupon with your household and hygiene products. Getting those things at a very reduced cost or even free lets you spend more of your money where you want it. There are coupons for bagged salad greens and sometimes for meat purchases but there is another way to save. Many weeks Shop N Save advertises coupon Thursday. This means that when you spend \$50 they will take off \$10 automatically. Combine this with coupons and you get some great deals. Let's say that a brand of BBQ sauce is on sale 10 for \$10 and you have 5 \$1 off coupons. The first thing to remember is that you do not need to get 10 to get that price. Pick up the 5 BBQ sauces. Their \$1 each price counts toward your \$50 total, but when you pay for them use the \$1 off coupons and they will be free. This now takes you total down to \$35. the more deals you find that week the lower your total can be and in the cart you can still include fresh produce and or meat. Another way to save is to watch the ads for cat deals. These happen when you purchase the required amount of a certain item and then the cat machine prints out a coupon off your next shopping trip. Remember these expire quickly so don't forget to use them. You can use those to purchase meat or produce as well. Combining strategies will allow you to stay on budget and still provide the tasty and nutritious meals your family enjoys.

LADIES AID

We will have our next meeting on September 7th at 11:00am. We will be making Witness Bracelets for Most Ministry.

I want to mention a little boy and his mite offering. Victor collected \$10.92 in his LWML mite box. Ginny Todd told me he put all of the loose change he finds into the box. God Bless Victor as he helps serve the Lord in Gladness He is setting a good example for the rest of us.

Laverne Ehlmann

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Board of Stewardship will be collecting school supplies for those in need. Items needed are

Crayons, Pens, Pencils, Glue, Scissors, Notebooks, Paper and Backpacks.

All items will be collected in the Narthex. Please have all items in by the 2nd Sunday in August.

Please don't forget the Scrip program for all the back to school needs. Scrip will be ordered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



Preview class
August 13th
10:00am

Classes begin
August 31st
Watch the FYI
and the website
for more information.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rally Day, Sunday August 28th after the 10 o'clock service.

YOUTH GROUP

*Youth Sunday

August 7th

10 O'clock service

Youth will assist in the service as ushers, readers, greeters, leading songs, etc...

Juice, coffee, bagels & cream cheese, donuts will be served following the service.

*Next youth meeting will be August 14 after the 10 O'clock service at Pastor and Colleen's home.

*Parents, mark your calendars: September 20 @ 7pm and March 20 @ 7pm.

Parents are invited to attend 2 Youth committee meetings a year. This is your opportunity to give your positive feedback and thoughts on youth activities and future.

* Macy's Shop for a Cause*

The youth will be selling Shop for a Cause cards in the coming weeks.

100% of the proceeds will go to the Missouri District to help with relief efforts in Joplin Missouri

