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St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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October

This is a busy month for St. Paul's. Mission board is sponsoring a blood drive. Evangelism is hosting Trunk or Treat. Angelfood Ministries will begin taking orders for holiday baskets along with the regular monthly orders. Confirmation classes are back in session and Choir is busy working on beautiful music. Trustees are planning a work day. Council and Voter's meetings are this month. If you are not a voting member of St. Paul's please attend the voter's meeting and become one. It takes only a minute. It is important that your voice be heard. Please watch the FYI for more information on these events and more. Keep your monthly calendar and if you misplace it or need extras I always have more, just let me know you what you need.

Ushers and other changes

This month you will notice a change in the usher lineup. Many of the ladies of St. Paul's have signed up to usher. Please support us as we begin to fill this roll in the church.

Other changes you will find are the new windows. Windows were installed in the stairwell down the stairs to the Sunday School room and in the two rooms on either side of the Altar. Please take a look.

A new cleaning service is taking over this month. Please welcome them if you see them here in the Church.

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October Birthdays *Happy Birthday!*

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| John DeFlorian 10-1 | Nicky Frank 10-6 | Dale Brooks 10-7 |
| Pat Schmidt 10-9 | Shannon Ehlmann 10-10 | |
| Faith Nahlik 10-16 | Bethany Warren 10-19 | |
| Paul LaForest 10-25 | Rebecca Schultz 10-25 | |
| Valerie Wallen 10-28 | Dick Burgdorf 10-31 | |



Message from Pastor Schultz

I have sensed that many of you do not understand what strategic planning is and why it is important for St. Paul's to go through this process. Proverbs 14:15 states, "A prudent man gives thought to his steps." Strategic planning is not an evangelism program or a plan to restructure the church, it is a multi-step process of thinking and acting. It will answer questions like; Why does St. Paul's exist? What principles are most valued in this church? What will St. Paul's look like in 5 years? Where will we target to make the most impact in our church and our community? When **we** finish this process, **we** will have a clear and concise mission statement, **we** will have a vision statement, **we** will have 2-5 ministry targets or goals, and **we** will define objectives and tasks that will accomplish our goals. A Mission/Vision Task Force has been created to oversee this process, members include Jerry Kassel, Jeff Nahlik, Jr. Held, Sandy Overberg, Nancy Brooks, Angie Goforth, Judy DeGonia, David Nahlik, and Pastor Schultz. The task force is currently forming small groups to survey the community and community leaders, to study demographics of the area, and to plan a prayer walk. Deaconess Ruth will be conducting member interviews in late October or early November. You will all have a chance to sign up for an interview time with her and have your voice be heard. After all these steps are done, the task force will meet to analyze all this data. Early next year all members will be invited to take part in "Visioning Day". If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me so that we can discuss them in a caring, Christian way.

(we = all members of St. Paul's)

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Schultz



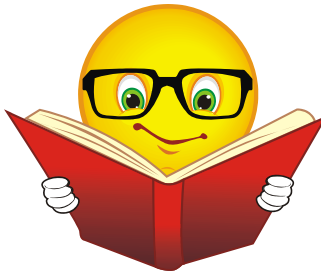
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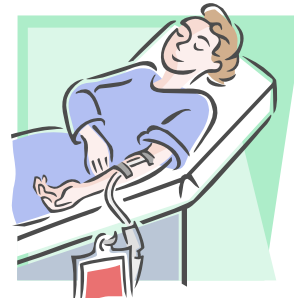
The Pastor's Library



Last month "Servolution" by Dino Rizzo was our assigned reading for my PALS group. The book was an easy read and described a church in Louisiana which was started by a minister and his wife and through the years has become a mega-church. This church's mission was to simply serve the community in any way that was possible. Their service included visiting widows, distributing food, clothing, and other misc. articles. The book reinforced my belief that churches who are active in their communities and in service to their communities will grow. This is precisely the reason why we are going through the process of strategic planning. As a church we need to determine how we can best serve each other and those in our community. Service is not just the Pastor's responsibility but it is every Christian's responsibility to serve! Next month I will have more to report on from "The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice". It is my goal to finish this book and put it to rest. As I continue to read and learn, I hope that you will take time to do the same.

Mission Board

St. Paul's will host a Blood Drive on October 29th from 2:00-6:00pm . If you or a loved one have ever received blood then prayerfully consider giving back.



Focusing on the motivation for Christian Stewardship.

Are you a good steward? What motivates you to want to be a good steward? What causes you to want to live a life of obedience to God's Word?

One of the most important tasks in the area of Christian stewardship is to understand what it is that motivates the steward. Roy Bleick addresses this issue in his book, *Much More Than Giving*. "The deepest foundation of stewardship is the believer's awareness that God is active in Christ Jesus to redeem and reclaim him. The Christian believes that he belongs to God above all because in forgiving mercy God has acted to reconcile him. The proper response of the believer to the love manifested on Calvary is expressed by the hymn writer Isaac Watts: 'Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!'" **It is the Gospel, the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ that motivates the Christian steward.** Some have suggested that the cornerstone of Christian stewardship is gratitude. However, it is missing the target in Christian stewardship to suggest that gratitude is the reason or motivation for giving. As God's people we certainly have many things for which to be grateful. It is also true that God's Word encourages us to be thankful. Gratitude is not the motivation for Christian stewardship; gratitude is a response to God's grace in Christ. The problem that can result from a misunderstanding of gratitude is to be thankful for the gifts instead of the Giver. If the steward's relationship to both God and his neighbor is determined by the gifts received, one is thankful when the gifts are good and plentiful and not so thankful when the gifts are few. Helge Brattgard writes in *God's Stewards*, "When a man is living in a right relationship to God, his position before God is independent of the gifts He gives. Such a man is bound to the Giver in faith. This implies that God is permitted to give freely. Man trusts in God Himself, and not in His gifts. Only in such a spirit can we receive what is given in true gratitude born out of confidence in the Giver. Only in such a spirit can we relinquish his gifts without despair, should they be taken from us. Our true relation to God is tested therefore, and revealed for what it is, when we are deprived of the things which are of value to us. If we despair when these things are taken away, it is clear that our trust was in them and not in God." Brattgard continues, "The fruit does not result from the gratitude of the tree. It rather grows out of the vital connection in which the tree stands to the Creator. Only when a man stands in an unconditional relationship to God, in which he permits God to give and take freely, only then can we receive gifts in confidence and lose them without despair. Only thus can we live a life of true gratitude. And this is possible only in faith. The gifts entrusted to us are now looked upon first of all as something to administer, something which we ourselves cannot have at our disposal. In gratitude we return these gifts to the Giver-by using them in the service of our neighbor. And when they are taken from us, we do not despair. We know that they weren't ours anyway. Hence we can thank God even then. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21 NKJV). St. Paul underscores this kind of thankfulness when he writes, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV). It is God's love and His loving concern for us that are the reasons for our stewardship, not the material things of this world. (Modified version of StewardCAST for September 2010)



Schedules for October

USHER

7:30am

3rd Richard Hogan/ Matthew Carver

10th Jerry Burchett/Richie Hogan

17th Larry Schmidt/Richard Hogan

24th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

31st Richie Hogan/Larry Schmidt

10:00am

Esther Carver/Mary Nahlik

Nancy Brooks/Diane Benson

Bill McClain/Elmer Held Jr.

Gary Hagan/Jason Schaub

Charlie Friedman/Bill Weeke

Becky Vogel/Sonya Jeffries

Arlie Ehlmann/Alvin Marschel

Jeff Nahlik/Nathan Aiello

Alec Aiello/Murel Warren

Katelyn Weibrecht/Fern Schuessler

Greeter

7:30am

3rd Larry & Pat Schmidt

10th Shirley Brock

17th Rich & Kim Hogan

24th Nancy Oxmann

31st Roselyn & Jerry Burchett

10:00am

Arlie Ehlmann

Alvin & Arlene Marschel

Faith Nahlik

Justin & Rebecca Benson

Linda Smith/Kathy Strebler

Reader

7:30 am

3rd Richie Hogan

10th Matthew Carver

17th Amy Held

24th Richie Hogan

31st Matthew Carver

10:00 am

Linda Smith

Nathan Aiello

Chris Aiello

Sandy Overberg

Kenton Ehlmann

Thank you to all of our readers. If you are interested in becoming a reader please talk to Pastor Schultz or call the Church Office to be added to the schedule.

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The Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod

Fun Facts

About

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Worship Services:
Sunday at 7:30 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

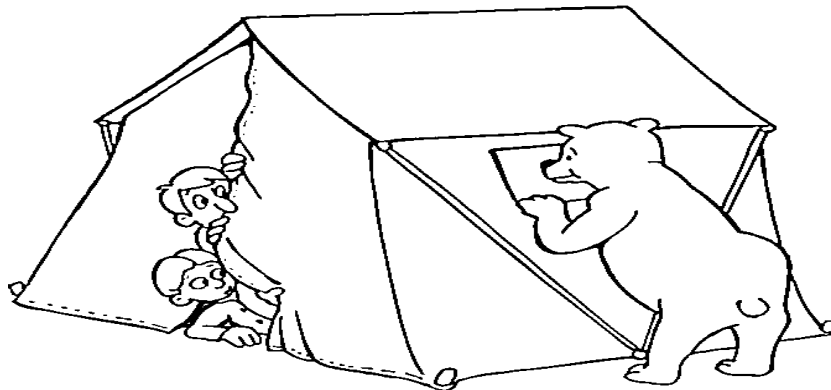
1. Honey never spoils, edible honey was found in King Tut's tomb
2. An average honey bee will produce 1/2 teaspoon of honey during its lifetime
3. Bees fly over 55,000 miles to make 1 pound of honey
4. Ladies aid will be having Honey Sunday on 24th and 31st.

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.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will be heading to Potosi on Saturday, October 30th for their 2nd camping trip of the year. We will be invading the Wallen's farm once again -- we got invited back !!!!! Please RSVP for Camping no later than October 22nd to Nancy or Diana. We currently have 3 family size tents (sleeps 8-10 people) available. Each person is asked to please bring \$10 to cover the costs of food, etc. The group will be attending church services at 10:30 in Potosi at Redeemer Lutheran. More info will be available at the October Youth Group Meeting.



Scrip

Dear Friends,

St. Paul's joined the Great Lakes Scrip Fundraising Program a few months ago. While many are familiar with the Scrip concept, we are finding that many would like some more information. In a nutshell, the Scrip program is all about Gift Cards. St. Paul's can order on your behalf Gift Cards to your favorite Retailer at a discounted price. You pay \$25 for your \$25 Gift Card. Depending on the Retailer, St. Paul's purchases the Gift Card for 2% to 10% less - - that's the fundraising.

Example:

You spend \$300 a month at Walgreens for medications. Instead of writing a \$300 check to Walgreens, you buy a \$300 Walgreens gift card from St. Paul's thru the Scrip Program. Walgreens offers a 6% discount on the Gift Card. You spend your \$300 at Walgreens as normal and St. Paul's receives the 6% savings - - \$18!

You can find a complete listing of participating Retailers and the % savings they offer in the Narthex or visit www.glscrip.com for the latest list and any special offers that Great Lakes Scrip Center is currently offering.

The Scrip program works well for those who are great planners! Gift cards orders received on Sunday should be available the following Sunday. If we can provide you with additional information, please contact a member of the Stewardship Board.

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Brooks, Bryan Goforth, & David Frank

Super Savers

Many of us struggle to keep planning interesting and nutritious meals. For \$5 a month you can sign up for a plan called **e-mealz**. They scour the stores each week for the best deals and then create a meal plan and shopping list for the week. The website is e-mealz.com. All the planning is done for you down to the recipe needed to make the meal. Of course you can add or modify the meals as you wish. They have many plans available from couples to families also weight watchers points plans and low fat plans and even gluten free and vegetarian plans.. Please take a look at their website. If you think you might want to try it let the office know and I can tell you a coupon code to get it cheaper. They bill three months at a time. Before recommending this I decided to try it myself. So far the kids like the meals and it does save a lot of time when shopping. We modified a few of the meals to our taste but other than that we are following the meals as planned. The meal plan we chose is for 4-6 people and that leaves plenty of leftovers for lunch the next day. The best part is we no longer have the "What's for Dinner?" debate or last minute runs to the store for ingredients.