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Learning is for everyone

Many people see the first of January or the beginning of spring as a time for a fresh start. For many of us the beginning of a new school year is that time. The big yellow bus comes and takes the kids to a magical place of learning. For us homeschooling parents, the new school year is an exciting adventure with our child.

New things are happening here at St. Paul's as well. The Sunday school classes have been reorganized. You can read more about that in the Board of Ed article. Confirmation classes will soon begin and there will be more information coming out to parents soon.

We recently completed our study of other Christian Denominations in our Wednesday night Bible study. Look for a new study to begin after the first of the year. In the mean-

time we are hosting a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class. We began on August 29th. We are excited that several people from the community are attending. If you did not sign up for the class but are interested we will begin another round of classes next year. Dave Ramsey is a best selling author and nationally known radio show host.

Through this class we will learn about how to handle money. All the way from debt to riches with a focus on giving as you never have done before. There is something for everyone to learn.

If you are not attending a Bible Study please prayerfully consider joining us on Sunday or Wednesday morning. Consider a daily devotion. Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex. Pastor also has many devotion books he is willing to

loan out. There are also daily devotions on the LCMS website. Just a few minutes a day with the Lord's word can have a huge impact on our lives.



September Birthdays

Danielle Carver (9-1)	Denise Todd (9-4)	Rita Hagan (9-5)
Jessica Kassel (9-7)	Jerry Kassel (9-11)	Joey Frank (9-14)
Sandy Overberg (9-14)	Raymond Earls (9-15)	Jason Nahlik (9-17)
Vicki Riggs (9-19)	David Phye (9-22)	Brian Nahlik (9-27)
Ginny Todd (9-27)	Ann McClain (9-28)	Nathan Aiello (9-29)
Linda Smith (9-30)		

Happy Birthday!





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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 church's mission statement and as members of this congregation it becomes your personal mission statement. So how are you living, sharing, and celebrating the love of Jesus? Are you actively living out the mission statement or have you decided to leave that work for others? God has called each of us to do His work here on earth and gives us individual gifts to carry out His plan.

This month begins a new series of articles on the history of the Ecumenical Creeds. This month we'll take a short look at the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed goes back to the earliest apostolic testimony about Jesus Christ and his relation to God the Creator, the Holy Spirit, and the church. Though its roots are buried deep in antiquity

and no doubt stem from the Trinitarian baptismal formula, there was no single fixed form of the creed until late in the fifth century. Its brevity and conciseness contributed to its dominance among the Western churches both Roman Catholic and Protestant. ("Readings in Christian Thought", Hugh T. Kerr)

This creed was not formulated by councils of theologians, but grew spontaneously out of the needs of a living church. The confession of Peter (Matt. 16:16) and the baptismal formula (Matt. 28:19) undoubtedly influenced the development of the Creed especially. The Creed, then, grew from beginnings made in New Testament times. Early traces of its articles are found in the writings of Ignatius and Justin Martyr. The ante-Nicene Fathers called the early forms of the Creed the "rule of faith", "rule of truth", "apostolic tradition", "apostolic preaching", "symbol of faith". Such

"rules of faith" are mentioned by Irenaeus, Tertullian, Novatian, Cyprian, and Origen. That the Creed developed independently in different regions is shown by the differences existing among the early creeds. Later editions were made until the present form triumphed in the West (6th-8th century). The Apostles' Creed is the outstanding bond of union between all ages and sections of Christianity. Augustine spoke of it as "a rule of faith both small and great; small in the number of words, but great in the importance of its ideas. ("Lutheran Cyclopedia", CPH)

Blessed to be a Blessing,
Pastor Schultz

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday Sept 7th at 11:00. We will be making Gospel Bracelets for MOST Ministries and discussing plans for LWML Sunday which is scheduled for Oct 2nd at the 10:00 service. We are planning on having a Pot Luck meal after the service.



The third quarter "Mites for Missions" will be collected the 1st Sunday in October (Which is also LWML Sunday). The Ladies Aid will be participating in the service on that Sunday and we will have the LWML Pledge & Song.

Thanks to each of you who save your change & dollars for this worthy project of bringing God's word to those who do not yet know of His great love.

The Sixth Commandment and Christian Stewardship

A steward is one who is entrusted with the management of something that belongs to another. As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we are and all we have come from God. Stewardship is not just about money or finances, it is about everything God entrusts to our care. We are to manage everything for His purposes. In the Sixth Commandment we are reminded that we are to honor God's gift of marriage.

The Sixth Commandment - You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Christian steward is well aware that American culture and media are saturated with sex. Sinful humankind takes God's good gift of sex and makes it far less than God intends. This command of God, writes Raymond Olsen in *Steward's Appointed* tells the Christian steward that he is entrusted with maintaining the value God has placed upon man's sexuality and on

marriage. It is a sacred and not a sordid gift. Therefore, it should be gratefully accepted and devoutly regarded. The spirit of this Commandment is a call to the steward of God to keep his body in temperance, soberness, and chastity. This can only happen when we are free from bondage to our appetites. Such bondage calls for earnest self-discipline. It also calls for continued reliance upon our Lord, and for prayer for His watchfulness over us in our temptations.

There is a great need in our culture for help in sorting out what is and is not God's will when it comes to our sexuality. In *Teaching God's Children His Teaching*, Robert Kolb writes, "in the midst of a society which condones 'doing your own thing' above all in sexual matters, we need to demarcate clearly the good and blessed use of our sexuality from all that cheapens and destroys it. This is true also for adults who have been inundated with the sexual misvalues of this society."

So what is the Christian steward to do? Richard Lauersdorf addresses this question in

As Luther Taught the Word of Truth. "We have to live in a world that uses sex to sell, that portrays sex down to the last panting detail in its publications and productions, that disguises sexual innuendo as bright comedy. Swimming in such a polluted river, how can we avoid swallowing more than a mouthful, not to mention going under? Our chief defense is the Word. It refreshes in our hearts the will of God and the story of the Redeemer's love. It points out God's way and provides the power to walk it. It offers pardon when we fail and power to keep on trying. The more his Word fills our hearts with his great love for us in Christ, the more our lives will respond with Joseph, 'How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?' (Genesis 39:9)

(Modified version of Steward CAST for July 2011)



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Youth Group

Mark Your Calendars --

9/17 – Mangelsdorf Auction (Fundraiser – We'll be selling refreshments.)

9/18 – Youth Group Meeting after church

9/20 – Youth Committee Meeting – Parents invited.

11/5 – Trivia Night (Fundraiser)

11/20 – Thank You Dinner for First Responders (Antonia Fire)

7/3-7/6/12 – Higher Things Gathering (Maryville, MO)



Each donation of blood saves up to three lives

Start planning how you will decorate your trunk for the Trunk or Treat event at the Fall Festival



Mission Board

Big Thank You's

Mission Board would like to thank everyone who donated to the Baby Bottle Drive in May. We recently found out that we raised over \$500 for Hand n' Hand. The money we raised helped them buy consistently needed items. We would also like to thank everyone who bought a St. Paul's shirt. If you did not buy one originally and would like one, there are extras in the church office. They are \$12 for a t-shirt and \$14 for a polo. We have sizes small through extra large available, however we can order youth or extended sizes if needed.

Evangelism Committee

Our next big event is our Fall Festival. It will be Saturday, October 29th, time to be finalized. We will have games, food, music, Trunk-or-Treat, a costume contest, and a trunk decoration contest. We are asking for donations of pumpkins, small or medium, for the festival. Please come out and show us your festive creativity!

Flowers

There are still dates available on the flower chart. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. The flowers are yours to keep after the 10:00am service.

Upcoming Events

Sunday the 25th, Mission Board is helping support Feed My People in their Manna Walk. The walk is from 1-3PM at Jefferson Barracks Park. Mission Board will provide fruit, nuts, and water before we all leave as a group. Mission Board will take the list of registered walkers and create teams. The St. Paul's team with the most earned from their pledges will receive a prize. Also, Feed My People is giving prizes to the largest team as well as the highest individual earner. Let's try and make St. Paul's the LARGEST TEAM WINNER! This is an AWESOME and EASY way to show our support!

Stewardship

Everything we do is to give God glory. – 1 Corinthians 10:31

Remember to place your script orders. We are accepting the orders on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. By ordering Script the church receives a percentage of the order, which is an easy way to give back to the Church.

Please consider your Stewardship. How can you be a better Steward? Can you give more of your Time? Your Talents? Your Treasures? It is a spiritual issue that the Stewardship Board asks that you consider. If you having any thoughts that you would like us to consider, please let us know.

There is still time to sign-up, so if you would like to walk with us, registration sheets are in the Narthex. There are also pledge sheets available for those already signed up or signing up. The more pledges you get, the better chance your St. Paul's team has of winning that prize. If you are walking, please wear a St. Paul's shirt so we can know our team members.

We have blood drives coming up on Sunday, October 30th and Friday, December 30th. Our October blood drive will be from 11 am – 3 pm. We will be serving chili. Please come down after church and donate if you are able.

The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 21st of each month. Submissions may be edited for space and/or content.

September Schedules

Sound Board

4th Ben Weibrecht
 11th Michael Carver
 18th Jason Nahlik
 25th Michael Carver

Acolytes

4th Jacob Vogel
 11th Eva Aiello/
 Zach Jeffries
 18th Joey Frank
 25th Ben Warren/
 Allie Warren

Reader 8:00am

4th Amy Held
 11th Dick Burgdorf
 18th Amy Held
 25th Dick Burgdorf

10:00 am

4th Sandy Overberg
 11th Kenton Ehlmann
 18th Fern Schuessler
 25th Cheri McGuire

USHER

8:00am

4th Matthew Carver/
 Jerry Burchett
 11th Matthew Carver/
 Jerry Burchett
 18th Matthew Carver/
 Jerry Burchett
 25th Matthew Carver/
 Jerry Burchett

10:00am

4th
 Jeff Nahlik/Jason Nahlik/
 Nathan Aiello/Alec Aiello

11th
 Murel Warren/John Klunk/
 Mary Nahlik/Esther Carver

18th
 Virgil Benson/Justin
 Benson/Michael Carver/
 Bill McClain

25th
 George Wallen/Gary Ha-
 gan/Jason Schaub/Charlie
 Friedman

Greeter

8:00am

4th Hogan
 11th Burchett
 18th Hogan
 25th Burchett

10:00am

4th Bill & Carol Weeke
 11th Arlie Ehlmann
 18th Faith Nahlik
 25th Cap & Vi Miller

Thank you to everyone that fills these important roles. If you would like to be added to one of the lists please call the office.



“knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ” Colossians 3:24

Board of Education

Rally Day Thanks to all who attended, and to those who donated desserts. A great time was had by all.

Sunday School has gone through some restructuring over the summer. Classroom will be combined by the following grades.

Preschool (held in nursery)

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd

3rd, 4th, and 5th (formerly 5th & 6th grade room)

6th, 7th, and 8th

High School

Young Adults

Sunday School teacher meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm.



Fun Fact

About 50 Bibles are sold every minute



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Worship Service

Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

Holy Communion celebrated in the 8:00am Service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

Hold Communion is celebrated in the 10:00 am Service every Sunday

Sunday School and Bible Study Sunday 8:45am

Adult Bible Study Wednesday 10:00am

We're on the Web
Saintpaulslcms.org

Super Savers

Did you know that companies love to give away free products and high value coupons?

Many of us have contacted a company at one time or another to lodge a complaint about a product. Often this results in a coupon for a free replacement. But what if you love the product? Contact the company about that too.

There is often an 800 number that you can call or you can email the company. Contact information is found on the internet. Try contacting just a few companies a day. Tell them how much you love their product and would love to continue to buy it. Not every company will respond

but a lot of them do. Keep track of who you contact as you can do it again in 6 months.

Another way to get freebies is to like a product on Facebook. You can score product samples and sometimes neat gifts.

I keep a small basket to throw all the samples in. The small hair and body products are great for travel kits. Small snack sample can be included in a lunch box or kept in the car for a quick bite while running errands. When you really get into acquiring samples opening the mailbox everyday is fun.

There is always something fun and free.

You can join Facebook groups that often point you in the direction of free samples. One of them is "Clippin with Carie" There are many, many more.

On a larger scale, join one of the local buy/sell Facebook groups. Often free items are posted that someone just wants to get rid of but may be the very thing you are looking for. You can also post the thing that you no longer need.

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.

