



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2017

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From the Pastor...

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SPECIAL OCCASIONS COMING YOUR WAY

This October marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and next year St. Paul will celebrate 175 years as a congregation. These two significant events are worth noting for various historical reasons. We value longevity because it indicates a certain level of credibility and durability in a world filled with change. The Protestant Church has endured for five centuries because it has been guided by the Holy Spirit. Despite the many foibles of humanity, God continues to inspire and lead us to truth in the Scriptures. There are literally hundreds of Christian denominations but all in theory are centered on discipleship with the Lord. The church has persevered in spite of schisms and persecutions for centuries because it has been influenced by divine intervention. The mystery of God's plan is revealed in part by the desire for unity among all believers in the Lord. St. Paul will recognize the 500th anniversary with special events held in the month of October.

In addition, the anniversary committee is working to schedule several functions next year to celebrate our 175 years as a congregation. The history of St. Paul includes many years prior to the Civil War. Any anniversary is both a time to look back and forward to gain a perspective on the hand of God at work within the life of the church. St. Paul has witnessed many of life's major events over the years and has always maintained the faith that is rooted in the Word of God.

These are truly exciting times for the church despite the declining influence of many main-line denominations in the past few decades. Our identity is linked to the past and continues to be formed by the ongoing intervention of the Holy Spirit.

I hope that you will be renewed and uplifted in your faith by participating in the many and varied events that we will offer to commemorate our Lutheran heritage and the presence and impact of St. Paul on the local community for almost two centuries.

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August Worship Ministers:

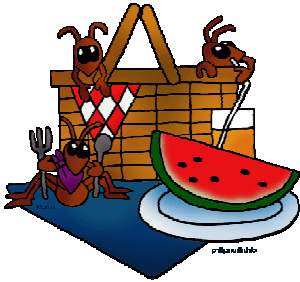
DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
8/6	9:30 a.m.	Steve Maurer	8/6	9:30 a.m.	Richard Dudash
8/13	9:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier	8/13	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine
8/20	9:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison	8/20	9:30 a.m.	Tammy Huggins
8/27	9:30 a.m.	Randy Simers	8/27	9:30 a.m.	Sue Bahr
USHERS			ACOLYTES		
8/6	9:30 a.m.	Skip & Jeanie & Jeanie Steward	8/6	9:30 a.m.	Lizzie Kienzle
8/13	9:30 a.m.	Tom & Tammy Huggins	8/13	9:30 a.m.	Michael Eberly
8/20	9:30 a.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers	8/20	9:30 a.m.	Bailey Keane
8/27	9:30 a.m.	Lisa & Bailey Keane	8/27	9:30 a.m.	Whitney Ward
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Brenda Tegtmeier/Donna Dudash	<u>Fellowship</u> -----	<u>Community Meal</u> Rose Harris & Jeanie Steward	
Screen Monitor					
8/6	9:30 a.m.	Lisa Keane			
8/13	9:30 a.m.	Rick Caughey			
8/20	9:30 a.m.	Josh Dix			
8/27	9:30 a.m.	Doug Dix			

Offering and Attendance

Date	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Offering	\$2,914.00	\$2,716.00	\$6,728.59	\$2,796.00	
Attendance	57	69	78	81	71

Readings:

<u>Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</u>	<u>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</u>
8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27
<u>Isaiah 55:1-5</u>	<u>1 Kings 19:9-8</u>	<u>Isaiah 56:1, 6-8</u>	<u>Isaiah 51:1-6</u>
<u>Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21</u>	<u>Psalm 85:8-13</u>	<u>Psalm 67</u>	<u>Psalm 138</u>
<u>Romans 9:1-5</u>	<u>Romans 10:5-15</u>	<u>Romans 11:2, 29-32</u>	<u>Romans 12:1-8</u>
<u>Matthew 14:13-21</u>	<u>Matthew 14:22-33</u>	<u>Matthew 15:10-28</u>	<u>Matthew 16:13-20</u>



Church Picnic: The picnic will be held on Sunday, August 6 at the Atwood Lake Yacht Club beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring sandwiches and covered dishes. The Church will provide table service and beverages. Swimming, boating and games are also available.

Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers Dave Farber, William Altier, Anita Wilson, Pat Schlack, Gus Cerpides, Gene Keck, Jenny Filicky, Harold Allison, Lovie Hudson, Sal De Ruggiero, Kitty McBeth, Floyd McBeth, Kyle Kocher, Dan Levesseur, Mindi Lieser-Baum, Jackson Kinsey, Keith Hay, Beau Sherrets, Claire Oyster, Jean Baker, Imogene McClellan, Bill Tait, Amelia Hartong, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Jack Garrison, Melinda Caldwell, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, Tony Lehmilller, William Robishaw, Calvin Farmer, Kirk Habrun, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

Youth: St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth departed for Niagara Falls, NY on Sunday, July 30th for the annual mission trip where they will have the opportunity to serve through a variety of work projects such as partner with soup kitchens, homeless shelters, senior centers, and volunteer with children's programs. The week will conclude by meeting with local residents and enjoying fellowship through a community meal.

Book Club: Our next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 pm. The next book will be *My Name is Russell Fink*, a novel by Michael Snyder. This selection will be quite a bit different from our usual regimen. The main character is a twenty-six year old with job, fiancée, and family problems who is also convinced he gave his twin sister cancer when they were nine years old. And then his purportedly clairvoyant basset hound is found murdered. The ensuing amateur investigation forces him to confront numerous issues, including his lapsed or absent relationship with God. This is a quirky comedy with suspense, romance, as well as unpredictable and eccentric humor. He explores reconciliation, forgiveness, and faith in the midst of tragedy. No amount of neurosis or dysfunction can derail God's redemptive purposes. If you'd like a book, please contact Terry Tegtmeier (estimated cost of \$6).

Evangelism Suggestion: As part of our evangelism program, most of you are aware that we have recently offered a FREE book to every family in our church. Entitled *The Story of Reality* (by Greg Koukl), this book explains the Christian worldview in an easily understood and logical manner. Our initial goal is for people to invite others into their homes or here in church to have small group discussions about the contents of this book. Our secondary goal would then be to GIVE that book away to someone else outside of our church family whom you believe may benefit it's message. This is a chance to solidify your faith and also allow you to approach a non-believer or seeker (friend, family, neighbor, etc.) with a free book that explains our worldview without being confrontational.

If you are willing to host a small group or would like to join a group, please contact Pastor Mike or Terry Tegtmeier.

We also have compiled a Study Guide about the book that you can use if you'd like some help in starting the discussion (with the answers included!). This is a chance to help others (as well as yourself) learn about the **"Reality"** of our worldview. It requires minimal effort and I'm confident that all involved will benefit. Why not give it a try?



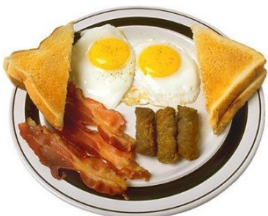
BIRTHDAYS

James Hafer	8/3	Marianne Lautenschleger	8/18
Charlann Young	8/4	Bonnie Burkhart	8/21
Rick Caughey	8/7	Scott Norris	8/22
Martha Eckhardt	8/8	Linda Clugston	8/24
Cheryl Simers	8/8	Douglas Dix	8/25
Jordan Ritter	8/10	Tenia Sears	8/29
Jim Davis	8/13	Jacy Norris	8/29
Dave Clugston	8/16		



ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Holly Matthews	8/9
James & Toni Hafer	8/13
Randy & Cheryl Simers	8/14
Chris & Laura Eberly	8/21
Doug & Peggy Dix	8/28
Floyd & Kitty McBeth	8/31



ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST-

St. John United Church of Christ - Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will consist of: Scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, juice, and coffee. Cost: \$6.00 ages 11 and up \$3.00 ages 6 to 10 - Under 6 Free



Coming Soon: Sunday, September 10 at the Sears Barn – Service begins at 11:00 a.m. Music will be provided by the Fawks family.

AUGUST 2017 PRAYER FOCUS
THE ONE WHO IS

Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high?

Psalm 113:5

Heaven Father, today we are grateful for all you are –

the God who is, the God of the living,

The great I Am.

Your character is unchanging. You are the epitome of perfect holiness and love.

Because of who and all you are, we believe and trust in You. Your truthfulness is indisputable and your power is established.

Not just for the majestic works by Your hand

But for the pure glory of Your nature—




We worship You today!



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Month of AUGUST 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5
					Youth return from Mission Trip	
8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11	8/12
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. CHURCH PICNIC 1:00 P.M. 	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.			Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
8/13	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18	8/19
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.			Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m.		
8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26
Worship 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline 	Prayer Chain Update Deadline 			
8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31		
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.					

