



## **MAY NEWSLETTER 2017**

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*From the Pastor...*

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### **BEATING THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS**

As June begins another summer season is upon us. The month of May was a very active time at St. Paul. We recognized seven graduates and seven young men and women were confirmed in the faith. It seems that now is the time to relax and enjoy the warm weather as we make plans for vacation time. The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer bring with them the desire to take life easy. Unfortunately, for some people that vacation mentality includes their worship of the Lord.

Don't be dismayed. St. Paul has something planned to deal with the summer doldrums. Next year will mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the church. Yes, our church was founded before the Civil War began. To celebrate that milestone occasion a committee is being formed to plan several activities to commemorate that significant anniversary. This will include members of the Vision Committee and other volunteers who want to assist in the planning for the anniversary. This summer will be the time when we prepare for the exciting and memorable experiences that lie ahead.

In addition, the Evangelism Committee is offering every family a unique opportunity to gain insights into our faith perspective. Each family will receive a copy of the book, entitled *The Story of Reality* by Greg Kokul. This is an informative and thought-provoking book designed for summer reading. It offers a Christian worldview that is fundamental to our faith. The hope and expectation is that this book will inspire us to share our insights together in small groups that are led by individuals in their homes or at the church. I will work with Terry Tegtmeier to provide the leaders with sample questions for discussion groups. This will be done with the cooperation and assistance of all who are seeking a greater understanding of the faith that we share as Lutherans.

In closing, I want to mention the growing interest in the Emmaus movement among many church members. This is truly indicative of a spiritual hunger that people are experiencing. It is apparent that worship on Sunday alone is not sufficient and never should be adequate for disciples of the Lord. The Holy Spirit calls us to grow in our faith so I strongly encourage you to consider making the Emmaus Walk if asked by someone to do so. All of our faith experiences together serve to bring us closer to the Lord.

**SOLI DEO GLORIA!**

## June Worship Ministers:

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
6/4	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine	6/4	9:30 a.m.	Cheryl Simers
6/11	9:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier	6/11	9:30 a.m.	Sue Bahr
6/18	9:30 a.m.	Randy Simers	6/18	9:30 a.m.	Tammy Huggins
6/25	9:30 a.m.	Carol Hoskinson	6/25	9:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine
USHERS			ACOLYTES		
6/4	9:30 a.m.	Tom & Tammy Huggins	6/4	9:30 a.m.	Bailey Keane
6/11	9:30 a.m.	Randy & Cheryl Simers	6/11	9:30 a.m.	Lizzie Kienzle
6/18	9:30 a.m.	Lisa & Bailey Keane	6/18	9:30 a.m.	Michael Eberly
6/25	9:30 a.m.	John & Kevin Kienzle	6/25	9:30 a.m.	Bailey Keane
		<b>Altar Guild</b> Dave & Linda Clugston			<b>Fellowship</b> <b>Jerry &amp; Carol</b> <b>Hoskinson (50<sup>th</sup>)</b> <b>Anniversary</b>
					<b>Community</b> <b>Meal</b> -----
Screen Monitor					
6/4	9:30 a.m.	Rick Caughey			
6/11	9:30 a.m.	Jerry Hoskinson			
6/18	9:30 a.m.	Josh Dix			
6/25	9:30 a.m.	Doug Dix			

## Offering and Attendance

Date	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Offering	\$4,274.00	\$1,776.00	\$1,816.25	
Attendance	83	98	100	

## Readings:

Day of Pentecost	First Sunday After Pentecost	Second Sunday After Pentecost	Third Sunday After Pentecost
<b>6/4</b>	<b>6/11</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>6/25</b>
<u>Acts 2:1-21</u>	<u>Genesis 1:1-2:4</u>	<u>Exodus 19:2-8</u>	<u>Jeremiah 20:7-13</u>
<u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</u>	<u>Psalm 8</u>	<u>Psalm 100</u>	<u>Psalm 69:7-10 -18</u>
<u>1 Corinthians 12:3b-13</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 13:11-13</u>	<u>Romans 5:1-8</u>	<u>Romans 6:1-11</u>
<u>John 20: 19-23</u>	<u>Matthew 28:16-20</u>	<u>Matthew 9:35-10:8</u>	<u>Matthew 10:24-39</u>

**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers:** Kyle Cocher, Dan Levesseur, Mindi Lieser-Baum Kitty McBeth, Jackson Kinsey, Keath Hay, Denise Garver, Beau Sherrets, Oltie Pickens, Ron Saxvik, Claire Oyster, Jean Baker, Imagene McClellan, Herb Seifert, Bill Tait, Pam Ward, Amelia Hartong, Amy Wise, Robert Snyder, David Dotson, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Jack Garrison, Karen Joki, Tia McCoury, Melinda Caldwell, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, Jackson Kuntz, Floyd McBeth, **Servicemen & Women-** Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, Tony Lehmler, William Robishaw, Calvin Farmer, Kirk Habrun, Paul Roley



**Youth News:** Community VBS will be hosted by **St. John UCC** this year Sunday, July 9th - Thursday, July 13th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The theme – **VBS HERO CENTRAL: DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!**

We will focus on Old and New Testament stories of strength and bravery and teaches the kids that THEY are God's heroes! Registration forms for all youths Pre-school through grade 6 are available at the display table in the Narthex. We also have sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to volunteer or donate supplies. A VBS Donation box is available for anyone who would like to donate money towards VBS supplies. **Checks should be made out to Community VBS Treasurer, Jeannie Farber.** Please contact Lisa Keane with any questions.

**Book Club:** We met on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and discussed *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Most enjoyed the book, though depictions of the lives that Henrietta and her family lived in the first half of the century were often disturbing. We had a spirited discussion concerning several of the ethical problems that were raised throughout the book, with a cordial difference of opinion in some areas.

Our next book is by Greg Koukl and entitled *The Story of Reality*. This book describes the Christian worldview in an easily understandable, yet comprehensive way. It is useful as a soft apologetic for those still exploring or seeking reality, as well as Christians in general. The plan is to make this book available to every family in our church at no charge. **We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 25 at 7:30 pm,** though there may also be small group meetings on different dates. See the article entitled "Free Book Offer" for more information.

**FREE Book Offer!** As part of our evangelism program, we would like to offer a FREE book to every family in our church. Entitled *The Story of Reality* and written by Greg Koukl, this book explains the Christian worldview in an easily understood and logical manner. We would like to have at least one FREE copy for each family that all members can read and hopefully discuss, either at home or in small group settings. The goal would then be to GIVE that book away to someone else outside of our church family whom you believe may benefit from this explanation why we believe Christianity is the best explanation for all of reality.

If any high school graduate would like to keep a copy for themselves, we will give another copy to each of their families, again with the hope that book will be given to someone else outside of our church in the future.

This is a chance to solidify your faith and then allow you to approach a non-believer or seeker (friend, family, neighbor, etc.) with a free book that explains our worldview without being confrontational. We'd also like to help establish some small groups, either in people's homes or here in church that would encourage discussion about the book in the next month or two. We'll try to keep everyone informed of the options. If you have questions or you would like a copy see Terry Tegtmeier or Pastor Mike.



**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Russ Sayner	6/2	Jim Matthews	6/17
Judy App	6/8	William Sayner	6/18
Dorothy Garan	6/9	Bill Haueter	6/21
Lauren Seifert	6/12	Austin Ward	6/26

Robert & Bonnie Burkhart	6/1
Jim & Terri Howell	6/30
Jerry & Carol Hoskinson	6/17
Gary & Kim Pohovey	6/17
Andrew & Karrisa Reeves	6/19
Ted & Marcia Howenstine	6/24
Eric & Denise Garver	6/25

**Council News:** Recently the council agreed to form a committee to plan and organize activities for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul next year. If interested in assisting please contact the church office.

**ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST**

*St. John United Church of Christ*

*Saturday, June 10, 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*

**Altar Guild:**

St Paul church would like you to consider serving on Altar Guild. Individuals and/or couples are welcome. The person(s) sign up for a month to do weekly refills of our oil candles, refill the pews with communion cards, offering envelopes, etc. and do some dusting of the altar area, piano & organ. They would also set up for communion for Sunday morning service(s). After the final service return the items to the Sacristy. If you usually attend our 8 am service, we would see to it that someone would return the communion items after the 10:30 service.

Our current Altar Guild members will be asking you if you would like to help them when they have signed up. You would then know the routine and feel comfortable signing up to do a month in the future. Please consider to help when asked. - Thank You, - St Paul Worship Committee

**Prayer Chain Up-Dates: Please let the church office know of any additions or deletions for the prayer chain by June 21.**

# JUNE 2017 PRAYER FOCUS

## *RENEWING YOUR MIND*

### **Romans 12:2**

Do Not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Lord, sometimes we feel like our emotions need a makeover.

Renovate me----transform me so I can be balanced and healthy in my emotions.

I ask for Your power to change. I don't want to be the way I used to be.

I want to be wise and enjoy sound thinking.

I want to make good decisions in how I express myself in my words and actions.

Help me to know Your Will and have a mind that is renewed.





# Month of JUNE 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				6/1	6/2	6/3
6/4	6/5	6/6	6/7	6/8	6/9	6/10
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9:00- 10:00 a.m.			Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9:00- 10:00 a.m.			Community Meal 5 – 6:30 p.m.		
6/18	6/19	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23	6/24
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Happy Father's Day! 	Council 7:00 p.m. Yoga Class 9:10:00 a.m.			PRAYER CHAIN UP-DATES ARE DUE....	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE..	
6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	
Worship 9:30 a.m.	Yoga Class 9:00- 10:00 a.m.					

