



## MAY NEWSLETTER 2017

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*From the Pastor...*

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### THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Later this month we will celebrate the rite of Confirmation at S. Paul. Confirmation is seen as an affirmation of the promises made at baptism. Traditionally, candidates for Confirmation spend two or three years of study in preparation for the rite. The curriculum includes study of the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the Scriptures.

In addition, students are encouraged to become involved in service activities such as; mission trips and local church programs as well regular attendance at worship with other members of the congregation.

This year there are seven candidates to receive the rite of Confirmation. They include the following:

KAYLA MAJORS

CARSON MAJORS

SHAWNTEL HAFER

WILLIAM SAYNER

MICHAEL EBERLY

JOSH HAMPTON

BAILEY KEANE

Once these young people have been confirmed, they are eligible to vote with the congregation at various meetings. I encourage all members of St. Paul to welcome these individuals and support them as they take on greater responsibilities in the church.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless them with the Holy Spirit to guide them in the future and instill in them a love for the Word of God.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

## Worship Ministers:

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
5/7	8:00 a.m.	Rose Harris	5/7	8:00 a.m.	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 a.m.	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 a.m.	Richard Dudash
5/14	8:00 a.m.	Jim Ward	5/14	8:00 a.m.	Alexandria Howell
	10:30 a.m.	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 a.m.	John Seng
5/21	10:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison	5/21	10:30 a.m.	Skip Steward
5/28	9:30 a.m.	Randy Simers	5/28	9:30 a.m.	Steve Maurer
		<b>USHERS</b>			<b>ACOLYTES</b>
5/7	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Charlann Young	5/7	8:00 a.m.	Kayla Majors
	10:30 a.m.	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 a.m.	Lizzie Kienzle
5/14	8:00 a.m.	Greg & Julie Majors	5/14	8:00 a.m.	Shawntel Hafer
	10:30 a.m.	Dee Garrison		10:30 a.m.	Michael Eberly
5/21	10:30 a.m.	Rick & Lori Caughey	5/21	10:30 a.m.	
5/28	9:30 a.m.	Skip & Jeanie Steward	5/28	9:30 a.m.	Tyra Hampton
		<b>Altar Guild</b> Brenda Tegtmeier & Tammy Huggins	<b>Fellowship</b> Cheryl Simers	<b>Community Meal</b> -----	
		<b>SCREEN MONITORS</b>			
5/7	8:00 a.m.	Austin Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Rick Caughey			
5/14	8:00 a.m.	Whitney Ward			
	10:30 a.m.	Josh Dix			
5/21	10:30 a.m.	Doug Dix			
5/28	9:30 a.m.	Lisa Keane			

## Offering and Attendance

Date	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23	4/30
Offering	\$3,110.00	\$7,776.00	\$5,351.00	\$3,106.00	
Attendance	70	89	130	84	

## Readings:

<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>
<u>5/7</u>	<u>5/14</u>	<u>5/21</u>	<u>5/28</u>
<u>Acts 2:42-47</u>	<u>Acts 7:55-60</u>	<u>Acts 17:22-31</u>	<u>Acts 1:6-14</u>
<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16</u>	<u>Psalm 66:8-20</u>	<u>Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35</u>
<u>1Peter 2:19-25</u>	<u>1Peter 2:2-10</u>	<u>1Peter 3:13-22</u>	<u>1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11</u>
<u>John 10:1-10</u>	<u>John 14:1-14</u>	<u>John 14:15-21</u>	<u>John 17:1-11</u>

**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers:** Keath Hay, Peggy Harris, Denise Garver, Beau Sherrets, Oltie Pickens, Ron Saxvik, Claire Oyster, Ron May, Jean Baker, Imagene McClellan, Christina Martini Sleutz & baby Kipton, 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, Nan Seng, **Servicemen & Women-** Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, Tony Lehmilller, William Robishaw, Calvin Farmer, Kirk Habrun



**Youth News:** **FROGS Junior Youth Group** (K - 6th grade) next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the YOUTH ACTIVITIES BOARD to help in planning food and supplies if you are planning to attend.

GROGS Senior Youth Group (7th - 12th grade) May meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 13th 5 - 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is our last meeting of the year so we hope that everyone can join us as we congratulate our graduating SENIORS..... TRENT GARVER, ALEX HOWELL, ABE MARLOWE, SYDNEY WARD, ALEX ZUTAVERN, ADAM SANDERS and BRANDON CAUGHEY! Please sign up on the YOUTH ACTIVITIES BOARD to help in planning food and supplies if you are planning to attend. I would also like to request ALL SENIORS bring a senior picture to Lisa to share with our church family!

The 2017 Youth Mission trip is scheduled for Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to Niagara Falls, NY. Anyone who has not yet signed up and would like information, please contact Lisa. We currently have 3 spots left so check your schedules and let me know ASAP!

**Evangelism:** I felt it was appropriate to deviate from my usual subject of evangelism proper to make a few brief comments and thoughts that Bob Ward's recent death and funeral have stimulated. Woody Allen is credited with the quote that "80% of life is just showing up." Whether true or not, there is an element of truth in that statement. Bob Ward's life reminded me of that statement.

I met Bob back in the early 80's and have known Bob and his family ever since (obviously, you can't know Bob without knowing his family, as it was all one big package). His life reminds one of numerous high points, some low points, and lots of things that could be used to describe him. His faith and his family would probably be the first two things that came to mind. But after those, the next things that come to my mind are humility and dependability. I don't mean to detract of any of his many other characteristics, like his sense of humor, friendliness, willingness to help others, faithfulness, and on and on. But those attributes, humility (or modesty and humbleness) and dependability (or reliability and steadiness), are in short supply in today's culture. Bob usually wouldn't be described as "flashy," but he would "show up" when needed. When he

wasn't travelling, he was always in Sunday school. He had lots of reasons NOT to be there, including his age, being in a wheelchair, the help he needed, and more. Yet he always "showed up." I'll never forget seeing him in his usual spot in Sunday school on the Sunday before his death. What an example for us all! Of course we'll miss him and his quiet countenance. But we'll all remember how Bob's life was always one of "showing up."

**Book Club:** Our next meeting will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm. We will be reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. It has been on our list of possible books for a number of years, being suggested shortly after it was published over six years ago. Recently released on April 22, 2017 as an HBO movie, Oprah Winfrey played a major part in its production, as well as a starring role playing Henrietta's daughter. Read and discussed in various high schools, including Tusky Valley, it is a non-fictional work that will be a bit of a changeup from many of our recent readings. It deals with numerous topics, including medicine, science, racism, poverty, as well as ethics and some theological/spiritual issues. We certainly invite those who have read it previously to join our discussion and help this be an educational night for all involved. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if interested in purchase (price is about \$7).

**Worship Schedule:** There will be only one service at 10:30 a.m. on May 21 because of Confirmation – Sunday School will be at 9:15 a.m.

The official beginning of the summer schedule will be on **May 28** at 9:30 a.m., there will be **NO** Sunday School.

**Property News:** Volunteers are needed to help with mulch on the church grounds. The work will be done on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m.



**Rummage Sale:** The sale this year is on **May 5, & 6. Friday 9 – 4:00 p.m. Saturday 9 – Noon.** Thrivent will sponsor this event. All proceeds will be used to purchase toys for children in the free and reduced lunch program. (Note) No televisions will be accepted this year.. **We need help setting up for the sale on Tues. 5/2 – Wed. 5/3 – Thurs. 5/4. Please contact Rose or Pam if you can assist.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sue Barr	5/1	Robert Snyder	5/18
Marlene Jones	5/4	Larry Fortner	5/23
Steve Maurer	5/8	Vivianne Eberly	5/23
Pastor Mike	5/9	Sara Sayner	5/27
Jamianne Hafer	5/17	Dana Maus	5/31

**ANNIVERSARIES**



Michael & Lauren Prinz	5/3
Larry & Virginia Smerglia	5/6
Dave & Charlann Young	5/8
Jim & Jen Ward	5/11
Garry & Tenia Sears	5/19
Dennis & Jennifer Smith	5/30

## MAY PRAYER FOCUS

### ETERNALLY USEFUL, GOD'S WORD

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine,  
for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

### 2 Timothy 3:16

Please pray during the Month of May for all people of the church to read their Bibles and encourage others to do so also. Many people feel that the Bible is 'outdated' and does not apply to our lives today. They are so Wrong!

God's Word was given to us thousands of years ago, to a different time and different people, yet it remains as useful to us as ever. When God gave the word to its writers through inspiration, He gave us a book that would stand forever because it deals with the human heart, not a specific time and place. He meant the word to be eternally useful to all nations, all languages, and all civilizations.

Sometimes, our understanding is weak and we need guidance. The first place we need to turn to is the Bible. Any answer we need is there if we search for it diligently.

God Bless You as you read and draw closer to Our God and Father.



**Congratulations Graduates:** On Sunday, May 21 at the 10:30 service St. Paul Church will formally recognize the following graduates

**TRENT GARVER**

**ALEXANDRIA HOWELL**

**ABRAHAM MARLOWE**

**SYDNEY WARD**

**ALEXANDER ZUTAVERN**

**ADAM SANDERS**

**BRANDON CAUGHEY**


**“All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.” – Aristotle (384-322 B.C)**

**“Education is the controlling grace to the young, consolation to the old, wealth to the poor, and ornaments to the rich.” – Diogenes Laertius (c. 200)**

**“The best-educated human being is the one who understands most about the life in which he is placed” – Helen Keller (1880-1968)**



# Month of MAY 2017

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THUR</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
	<b>5/1</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>5/3</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>5/6</b>
	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.		<b>RUMMAGE SALE</b> <b>FRIDAY 9-4:00 P.M. -</b> <b>SATURDAY 9-12:00 P.M.</b> 	
<b>5/7</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>5/13</b>
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. FROGS 5-7:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Sonshine 10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Mulch Work 8 a.m. GROGS 5-8:00 p.m.
<b>5/14</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>5/18</b>	<b>5/19</b>	<b>5/20</b>
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. <b>MOTHERS DAY</b>	Yoga Class 9:00-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5 – 6:30 p.m.		
<b>5/21</b>	<b>5/22</b>	<b>5/23</b>	<b>5/24</b>	<b>5/25</b>	<b>5/26</b>	<b>5/27</b>
Worship & Communion 10:30 a.m. (Confirmation) Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship	Hall Rental Tusky Valley 8:30 -3:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Book Club 7:30 p.m. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DUE.	Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	PRAYER CHAIN UP-DATES ARE DUE....		
<b>5/28</b>	<b>5/29</b>	<b>5/30</b>	<b>5/31</b>			
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.(Confirmation) Begins Summer Schedule	Yoga Class 9:00-10:00 a.m. <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			

