



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

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From the Pastor...

SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

As we continue to celebrate the 175th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the month of September promises to be quite memorable for all. There are several events schedule to commemorate the founding of the church. They include: Steak Dinner and Square Dance on September 15 at the Sears barn as well as a Pay It Forward effort directed to various charities.

The newsletter contains more information on these events as well as other social activities on this special anniversary year. A time capsule will be placed in a secure location in the church with various items enclosed as part of the closing service on Sunday, October 14.

In addition to the anniversary events this month, there will be the traditional Rally Day held at the Sears barn on Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 am. Please invite your friends to join us on this occasion as we prepare to begin Sunday school the following week. An outing is also planned for Saturday, September 8 hosted by Larry and Ginny Smerglia at their home on Atwood Lake. There will be boating, food and plenty of fellowship for all.

The Wednesday evening Bible study will begin on September 12 at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing various aspects of the cross as it relates to our faith today. This is an excellent opportunity to share your insights and learn from others as well.

I hope that you will take advantage of the many activities that will be offered during the month of September. I also want to extend to you and your families my wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing Labor Day. Let us always remember that we make a living by what we earn and we make a life by what we give.

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Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
9/2	9:30 am	Steve Maurer	9/2	9:30 am	Donna Dudash
9/9	11:00 am	Marcia Howenstine	9/9	11:00 am	Dee Garrison
9/16	8:00 am	Pam Ward	9/16	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Byron Lautenschleger
9/23	8:00 am	Jim Ward	9/23	8:00 am	Sandy Ritter
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Tammy Huggins
9/30	8:00 am	Charlann Young	9/30	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Carol Hoskinson		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
USHERS & GREETERS			ACOLYTES		
9/2	9:30 am	Dee Garrison	9/2	9:30 am	Bailey Keane
9/9	11:00 am	Skip & Jeanie Steward	9/9	11:00 am	None Needed
9/16	8:00 am 10:30 am	Jim & Jen Ward Rick & Lori Caughey	9/16	8:00 am 10:30 am	Kayla Majors
9/23	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	9/23	8:00 am	Whitney Ward
	10:30 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger		10:30 am	Vivianne Eberly
9/30	8:00 am	Greg & Julie Majors	9/30	8:00 am	Carson Majors
	10:30 am	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 am	Izaak Matthews
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Fellowship --	<u>Community Meal</u>	
Screen Monitor			Nursery		
9/2	9:30 am	Jerry Hoskinson	9/2	9:30 am	Donna Dudash
9/9	11:00 am	None Needed	9/9	11:00 am	
9/16	8:00 am	Cameron Majors	9/16	8:00 a.m.	
	10:30 am	Lisa Keane		10:30 am	
9/23	8:00 am	Julie Majors	9/23	8:00 am	
	10:30 am	Rick Caughey		10:30 am	
9/30	8:00 am	Austin Ward	9/30	8:00 am	
	10:30 am	Doug Dix		10:30 am	

Offering and Attendance

Date	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26
Offering	\$5,391.00	\$1,933.00	\$3,432.50	\$
Attendance	67	78	80	72

Readings:

9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost	17th Sunday after Pentecost	18th Sunday after Pentecost	19th Sunday after Pentecost
<u>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9</u>	<u>Isaiah 35:4-7</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9</u>	<u>Jeremiah 11:18-20</u>	<u>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</u>
<u>Psalm 15</u>	<u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 54</u>	<u>Psalm 19:7-14</u>
<u>James 1:17-27</u>	<u>James 2:1-10, 14-17</u>	<u>James 3:1-12</u>	<u>James 3:13-4:3, 7-8</u>	<u>James 5:13-20</u>
<u>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</u>	<u>Mark 7:24-37</u>	<u>Mark 8:27-38</u>	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u>	<u>Mark 9:38-50</u>



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Barb Taylor, Maddy Russell, Corinne Haney, Jack Fortune, Debbie Neorr, Bob Snyder, Peggy Keck, Paul Gosselin, Mary Pickens, Tom Bitticker, Anthony Carpinelli, Dan Levesseur, Danny Fisher, Judy Berger, Herb Siefert, Molly Bauer, Kelly McDaniel, Floyd McBeth, Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Imagene McClellan, Bill Tait, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Scott Fout, Jeremy Warfield, Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joe Harris	9/7	Barb Shine	9/17
Deanna McMaken	9/7	Trent Garver	9/21
Michael Eberly	9/8	Jim Ward	9/21
Lisa Keane	9/9	Linda Clugston	9/24
Jeanie Warfield	9/9	Carole Harmon	9/24
Marcia Howenstine	9/10	Chrystal Page	9/24
Kim Pohovey	9/10	Terry Tegtmeier	9/25
Sandy Ritter	9/15	Josh Keane	9/27
Paul Shine	9/16		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Joe & Rose Harris	9/3
Kirk & Jeanie Warfield	9/9
John & Sandy Bolitho	9/14
Paul & Barb Shine	9/17

Anniversary Committee: Dinner and Square Dance at Sears Barn – 5:30 pm / Tickets are \$10.00 - Located at 9888 Shepler Church Road

Christian Book Club : The next scheduled selection for **October 2 at 7:30 p.m. is titled “Help My Unbelief”** by Barnabas Piper. Almost everyone, at one time or another, has experienced moments of doubt or uncertainty, especially with all the negative religious content of our current society. The subtitle, ‘Why Doubt is Not the Enemy of Faith,’ gives a glance at part of the underlying message. Put another way, what if a deeper belief in God comes from embracing the tension of unbelief? Discover the God who not only desires our belief, but also welcomes our curiosity. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if you’d like a book (\$7 each).

Evangelism News -As summer is almost over, I would like to remind everyone that Rally Day is just around the corner - Sunday, September 9th! This is actually a great time to ask others to attend our service with

you. It is fairly low key and non-threatening (it's in a barn, not a church!). Plus there is a wonderful meal following the service that is perfect for discussions and friendly conversation. Everyone has to eat anyway! It should be a great time! Thanks again to the Sears family!

Council News: As part of the anniversary year, the council is offering a “pay it forward” effort later this month. To celebrate 175 years the church will contribute \$1,750 to be matched by members of the congregation and donated to various charities before year end. The envelopes filled with cash given by the church in varying amounts from \$20 - \$30 to all members who wish to participate.

The following breakdown of amounts is:

\$30	25 envelopes	\$750
\$25	20 envelopes	\$500
\$20	25 envelopes	\$500
Totals:	70 envelopes	\$1,750

The envelopes will be available on Sunday, September 16.

Some suggested charities include the following: Birthright, Bolivar Food Pantry, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Give Away, Friends of the Homeless, Hospice, Salvation Army and many others.

Nursery will be provided for children under age 5 beginning the month of September for both services.

2018 NALC Convocation – 2019 budgets were approved. The Convocation approved a \$2.1 million operating budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for NALC designated funds: \$589,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the seminary) \$175,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$89,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. Most of the budgets anticipate spending some cash reserves.

ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT - COUNTRY BREAKFAST: St. John United Church of Christ - **Saturday, September 1, 2018** - 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



The community of believers becomes even more central in our lives in times of sorrows and joy. Thank you for the many messages of sympathy and comfort in our recent loss of mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Eula Smerglia. Sincerely, Larry & Ginny, Toby & Lauren.

PAIRS AND SPARES: Get-together at Smerglia's, Atwood Lake, - Saturday, September 8. Come for pontoon ride, paddle boat, sitting on the deck and talking, fishing, etc. at 3:00pm. Supper together at 5:30pm. Water, beer, soda, wine, table service, protein (seems no one says “meat” any more) provided. Bring a dish to share, salad, side, or dessert. Sign-up in narthex. Dress is super casual, like what you wear to clean the garage! Everyone welcome. 9471 Lakewood Dr. NE, off Rte. 212 just past Atwood Dam.

Worship Schedule: The Fall Schedule begins on Sunday, September 16 with 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Sunday school starts that day at 9:15 a.m.

Anniversary News: Please save the date for the square dance at Sears Barn on Saturday, September 15. There will be a steak dinner served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a square dance from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for a ticket.

Prayer Focus for September 2018

PEACE - Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.


Lord, You are my peace. Amid life's uncertainties, chaos, and sorrows,
I do not have to be anxious! In everything, I will pray and ask for Your Help, guidance, and direction. I give You my challenges and present You my needs. I thank you for your settling peace, which transcends all understanding. May Your serenity calm my heart and guard my mind in Christ Jesus.



Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m.
 Playdate for kids 10:00-11:00 a.m.



Month of SEPTEMBER 2018

<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUES</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THUR</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
						9/1
9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Labor Day					Property Meeting 9:00 a.m. Pairs & Spares 3:00 p.m. Dee G. Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14	9/15
Worship & Communion 11:00 a.m. Rally Day Sears Barn	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.	(Carole's surgery)	Choir Practice 7:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			Dinner & Square Dance 5:30 p.m. at Sears Barn
9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m. 		
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