

# The Trumpet

SUMMER EDITION  
St. Paul Lutheran Church

## God Doesn't Take Summer Off - And Neither Do We!

It's true, we all need a time set apart for rest and renewal. And our staff at St. Paul Lutheran will be stepping back from a busy spring season by working different hours and in different programs in these summer months. God's work, however will continue throughout summer, and you get to be a part of it!

Pastors have long lamented the "summer slump", the noticeable drop in attendance and participation that coincides with the close of the program year. And yes, summer is time of travel and vacation. We would love to see you, however, if you're in town! God's work continues all year round, and as those who are called to be in on what God is doing, we also join in the work of building up God's kingdom through worship, study, and action.

And so I invite you to come to our Wednesday Night Bible Study, *Making Sense of Scripture*, starting June 5 in the chapel at 6:30. In MSS we'll explore the ways we read the Bible and pay attention to our biases and beliefs. Not that those are bad

things, but it's good to be aware of them.



During Adult Sunday School starting June 26 we will prepare for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017 by studying *From Conflict to Communion*, a resource from the Lutheran World Federation and from the Vatican exploring ways Lutherans and Catholics can grow in to new ways of life together.

And I haven't even mentioned our Contemplative Prayer Group on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30, starting June 2.

For the kids, Courtney has some really fantastic programs lined up! I invite you to read her ad in this newsletter for dates and times. Everything sounds like great fun and growth: from gardening to artwork, cooking, and of course Vacation Bible School. Please encourage your

young ones to continue their faith life by joining in these activities.

And of course our Youth Group, LAMP, will continue to gather on Wednesdays at 7:00, and will meet at St. Paul Lutheran starting June 8. LAMP will not meet, however, on June 1.

Additionally, I invite you to explore these pages for other happenings during the summer. As you can see, there is no excuse to be bored! Or to stop growing in your faith. So let's send the Summer Slump packing, and we'll see you on Sunday!

In Christ's Peace,  
Pr. Joel



Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday  
8am-12pm

Starting May 23

## Save the Date - September 11

St. Paul Lutheran is 75 this year! Please save the date of Sunday, September 11, for our event commemorating the founding of our church in 1941. The event will include worship at 10am, lunch, and a program. It's also Rally Day so there will be fun activities for children. Please share the news with others!



## Faith Formation for Adults

As mentioned in the lead article, opportunities for adult faith formation abound this summer!



### ***Making Sense of Scripture***

On Wednesday Nights we'll explore ways of reading this amazing yet sometimes confusing Bible which is the source of our faith and un-

derstanding about God, creation, and our roles in God's work. The seven sessions of *Making Sense of Scripture* will begin on June 1 in the Chapel from 6:30 to 7:30.

### **Chapel Series:**

#### ***From Conflict to Communion***

Get ready for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation by exploring ways that former adversaries Roman Catholics and Lutherans are now growing past their centuries-old differences and are finding ways to greater communion. We'll begin our study of *From Conflict to Communion*, a study issued

jointly by the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican on Sunday

### ***Contemplative Corner***

You may recall that during Lent we explored Centering Prayer, a way of connecting with God through silence. We will continue to practice Centering and other forms of meditation in Contemplative Corner, which meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 for a half hour. Come and discover why many Christians today are reclaiming these ancient prayer practices.

# Worship Server Schedule

| Date and Service | Greeters                  | Communion                      | Reader & Chalice Bearer | Ushers                    | Bread          | Acolyte        | Sound                         | Nursery                                |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| May 22 @ 8:00    | Steve & Pat Wetlaufer     | Wayne & Debi Martens           | Jim Nelson              | Eric & Brooke Blessington | Karen Meyer    | Sean Dole      | Lowell Miller                 |  |
| 10:30            | Ryan Cross & Daniel Cross | Stacy Marean & Joyce Halverson | Daniel Cross            | Steve & Robin Dick        |                | Carson Bellamy | Don Darling                   | Camma Stott                            |
| May 29 @ 8:00    | Dick & Mary Anderson      | Leon & Judy Schwartz           | Pat Nelson              | Gus Henrichs              | Trudy Langford | Josh Miller    | Barb Kellogg                  |  |
| 10:30            | Don & Linda Darling       | Jason & Nicole Darling         | Don Darling             | Matt & Candi Dole         |                | Allie Stolte   | Jen Acton                     | Stacy Marean, Peyton Dick, Jacob Dick  |
| June 5 @ 8:00    | Wayne & Debi Martens      | Tim & Jacque Mohs              | Debi Martens            | Lowell & Beth Miller      | Ruthanne Korte | Josie Burkett  | Wayne Martens & Jerry Swanson |  |
| 10:30            | Ted & Bea Leonard         | Jerry & Lorrie Drake           | Steve Dick              | Bob & Bethene Boardman    |                | Avary Darling  | Ryan Cross                    | Courtney Keiser & Mara Feirer          |
| June 12 @ 8:00   | Eric & Brooke Blessington | Barb Kellogg                   | Ann Bartelt             | TBA                       | Rikka Korte    | Lia Miller     | Keri Lehman & Jerry Swanson   |  |
| 10:30            | Tony & Wendy Burkett      | Eric & Kristy Hoefing          | Alan Feirer             | Mark & Stacy Marean       |                | Addie Burkett  | Andrew Dick                   | Rikka Korte, Daniel Cross & Ryan Cross |
| June 19 @ 8:00   | Wayne & Debi Martens      | Wayne & Debi Martens           | Dick Anderson           | Dave & Sheila Stewart     | Cheryl Bales   | Kael Blanchard | Lowell Miller                 |  |
| 10:30            | Bill Baker                | Eric & Kenna Johnson           | Kim Patience            | Dan & Lonna Nielsen       |                | Halle Hoefing  | Debra Cleghorn                | Camma Stott                            |
| June 26 @ 8:00   | Gene & Keri Lehman        | Jim & Pat Nelson               | Jacque Mohs             | Leon & Judy Schwartz      | Jennifer Korte | Josh Miller    | Jerry Swanson                 |  |
| 10:30            | Cheryl Bales              | Mark & Linda Kenyon            | Lonna Nielsen           | Martin & Beth Sunds       |                | Allie Stolte   | Eric Hoefing                  | NO NURSERY                             |
| July 3 @ 8:00    | Jim Nelson                | Marilyn Mount & Debi Martens   | Wayne Martens           | Jim & Pat Nelson          | Lori Wells     | TBA            | Barb Kellogg                  |  |
| 10:30            | Curtis & Nicole Anderson  | Karl & Ruthanne Korte          | Jennifer Korte          | Jason & Teri Stolte       |                | TBA            | Stacy Marean                  | Joel & Courtney Keiser                 |
| July 10 @ 8:00   | Leon & Judy Schwartz      | TBA                            | Debi Martens            | Tim & Jacque Mohs         | Connie Weidman | TBA            | Wayne Martens                 |  |
| 10:30            | Tom & Jen Acton           | Ted & Bea Leonard              | John Patience           | Jeff & Stephanie Bellamy  |                | TBA            | Bekah Nau                     | Camma Stott                            |

## Little Lutherans Summer News



God Squad

Sunday School and God Squad have wrapped for the year. We had an awesome group of students participating in this year's ministry, as well as countless volunteers and teachers! We couldn't have done it without you, and we are so grateful for your hard work, service, and dedication.

We ended the year with a fun party in between Sunday services at the end of April and, as promised, our God Squad kids fulfilled their end of the year charity project. Both classes raised a combined total of \$300 in spare change! RoxAnn and Liz's class allocated their funds to the ELCA Good Gifts Project and *Animals of God's Global Barnyard to End World Hunger*. While Tom's class used their funds to shop for the middle school's PAW Pantry.

Parents' Night Out, was held May 14 and was a huge success. Our Children's and Youth Ministries (and volunteers) hosted 31 children at the church for a fun night of food, games and team-building activities!



Parents' Night Out



We're trying out some new events this summer. Events are open to the public and all of our St. Paul kids. We hope you will join us!

### **Kids' Cooking Class - Sunday, June 5, 1-3 pm**

Heidi Boyd from Heidi's Kitchen will help kids learn to work as a team to create and perfect one of Heidi's favorite kid-friendly recipes! Each child will bring home a treat they helped create! This event is \$5 per child and can be paid at the door the day of the event. To sign up email [courtney.keiser@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.keiser@gmail.com) with your kids' names and ages. This event is open to 4-year-old pre-k - sixth grade! We would LOVE as many junior high, high school, and youth group helpers as we can get at this event. Contact Courtney. If you are willing to donate toward the cost of ingredients, also contact Courtney.

### **Kool Aid and Canvas - July 10, 1-3pm**

Kristy Hoefing will lead this class. Each child will create their very own masterpiece to bring home! This event is \$7 per child and can be paid at the door. To sign up email [courtney.keiser@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.keiser@gmail.com) with your kids' names and ages. This event is open to incoming kindergarteners through sixth grade! We would LOVE junior high, high school, and youth group helpers at this event. Contact Courtney. If you are willing to donate toward the cost of supplies, also contact Courtney.

### **Vacation Bible School - August 8-11**

Soon we will announce the link to register for VBS on St. Paul's website. VBS is free and open to the public. The program for kids entering 1st-6th grade is from 9 am-2 pm. This year's theme is *Released Luke 4:18-19*. The program for kids in pre-k (3 year olds must be potty trained) and entering kindergarten is from 9-11 am. Cookie donations, kitchen help, and volunteers to help with the 9-11 am class are needed. Contact Courtney if you're willing to assist. We would LOVE junior high, high school, and youth group helpers at this event!

## Congratulations, Confirmands!

On May 1, nine spirited young people publicly affirmed their baptism in the rite of Confirmation: Marisa Allen, Kiernan Blanchard, Easton Darling, Peyton Dick, Emma Dole, Brock Johnson, Khloe King, Megan McDonald, and Sylvie Van Horn. We congratulate them for their commitment to continue to grow in faith, as we celebrate and give thanks for what God is doing in them. Copies of their confirmation essays are available on the ushers table in the Fellowship Hall.



Top picture: Peyton Dick, Brock Johnson, and Easton Darling

Front: Kiernan Blanchard, Marisa Allen, Emma Dole; Back: Sylvie Van Horn, Megan McDonald, Khloe King

For I know the  
Plans  
I have for you,  
declares the Lord  
Plans to Prosper you  
and not to harm you  
Plans to give you  
Hope and a Future  
-Jeremiah 29:11



## Graduation 2016

Graduation Sunday this year fell on Pentecost (May 15), as we celebrated the Spirit active in the lives of High School graduates Naomi Blakley, Andrew Dick, Kelsey Gerwig, Emma Gwinner, Kim Lukenbill, Andrew Miller, Jenna Nielsen, Emilie Thalacker, Briley Tryon, and Burke Van Horn. In a cake and punch reception each graduate received a hand-crafted quilt from the Comforters quilting group. We are proud of each of these graduates, and wish them well as they continue to build on their success in life's journey.



Front: Briley Tryon, Kelsey Gerwig, Jenna Nielsen, Emilie Thalacker, Kim Lukenbill, Emma Gwinner; Back: Andrew Dick and Burke Van Horn

## St. Paul Vitals

| Date   | 8:00<br>Attendance | 10:30<br>Attendance | General Offering<br>(Weekly Need: \$5,064)  |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| Mar 13 | 30                 | 85                  | \$2,704.63  |
| Mar 20 | 56                 | 84                  | \$3,972.38  |
| Mar 27 | 101                | 211                 | \$5,794.38  |
| Apr 3  | 68                 | 99                  | \$6,387.33  |
| Apr 10 | 61                 | 101                 | \$3,423.30  |
| Apr 17 | 39                 | 88                  | \$3,837.38  |
| Apr 24 | 56                 | 92                  | \$3,677.93  |
| May 1  | 60                 | 166                 | \$7,323.38<br>(includes \$1,000 for Sign<br>Fund & \$2,500 for debt<br>reduction) |
| May 8  | 46                 | 84                  | \$5,283.29  |
| May 15 | 60                 | 84                  | \$4,084.38  |

We thank you for your gifts and pledges to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our ministry in Christ's name could not happen without your participation, leadership, and financial gifts. **We especially appreciate your support over the summer months.**

Please remember that automatic giving is available as a convenient option. Details are on our website at [stpaulchurch.net](http://stpaulchurch.net).  
Thank you!

## Scrip Cards

Scrip cards could come in handy this summer - to purchase gas for your vacation, buy supplies for a BBQ, or get Dad a gift card for Father's Day. To purchase cards, see Keri Lehman on Sunday mornings or stop in the office during the week. We have a variety of cards on hand - Arby's, Casey's, Fareway, Hy-Vee, Buffalo Wild Wings, Applebee's, Amazon, Starbucks, and more! Remember that when you purchase a Scrip card, St. Paul receives a portion of the proceeds!

## Online Church Directory



You have access to our online church directory. Get contact information for church members and update your own contact information.

Visit the following website:

<https://me.churchmembershiponline.com>

Login using the email address you have provided to the church office.

Contact Stephanie if you have any questions, 462-4270.

The deadline for the next issue of *The Trumpet* is August 15. Please send articles and photos to [stpaulchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaulchurch@hotmail.com). Thank you!

## Happy Father's Day - June 19

**LSI** Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our residential programs have never had a positive male role model in their lives.

Recently, at a gathering of mentors and mentees, a few of these children introduced their mentors to each other. When a boy from Beloit spoke, you

could hear the quiet pride in his voice.

"This is Josh," he said simply. "And he's the mentor I've always wanted."

As you celebrate Father's Day with your family or by remembering someone who served as a father figure or mentor for you, remember what you have to give to others around you: a word of encouragement, a lis-

tening ear or the gift of your time and presence. You may be surprised how much it means.

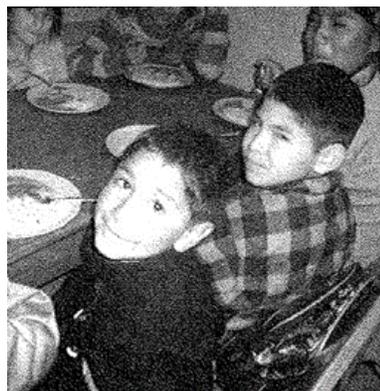
You provide all these things and more through your support to LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! Learn more about LSI at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

## ELCA World Hunger - Huch'uy Runa in Peru

Every weekday, 120 elementary school children gather at the Help the Children Association School. While each child has a different backstory, they each share a common denominator: They all come from areas of extreme poverty around and in the ancient Incan capital city of Cusco, Peru.

The school, commonly known as "Huch'uy Runa," opened more than 30 years ago to attend to the most basic needs of homeless children in Cusco. In Quechus, "Runa" means a whole, integral, important well-rounded person who con-

tributes to the well-being of the community. "Huch'uy" means little, therefore "Huch'uy Runa" means little important person. The children carry the huch'uy rana identity with pride despite the socio-economic and family



circumstances against them.

Not only is Huch'uy Runa a primary school, it also serves as a trade skill school for the children. For many of them, attending school past the sixth grade is not guaranteed because they may have to go to work to support their family. Huch'uy Runa has several apprentice-style workshops where all the children learn a trade skill, whether it is in carpentry, metalwork, pottery, bakery, knitting-weaving, or art, in order to support themselves and their families and attempt to rise out of economic poverty.



Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

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