

**SEASONS  
JULY 2017**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES**

**Emmanuel  
9:00 am**

**Living Lord  
8:00 & 10:00 am**

**St. Paul  
10:30 am**

**FROM PASTOR ANN MARIE WINTERS: COMPASSION: A Biblical Perspective**

**“When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)**

I always linger over the word “compassion” in this 36<sup>th</sup> verse when I read this 9<sup>th</sup> chapter in Matthew because it leads us to consider our Lord’s **compassion** for people.

Compassion is not pity. The Word does not say that he pitied the people because they did not measure up to his standards. Morally, our Lord did challenge us to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect, but he did not judge people. In fact, he spent time with sinners, he ate with them, and respected them as human beings – a people who needed relief and direction. His compassion was for all kinds of people – crowds of them. Their lives were his concern.

The verse does not say that Christ taught the people because their leaders’ ideas were wrong. Yet, he did not leave them on their own to follow the Pharisees and the Saducees who often laid heavy burdens on the people. We know that Jesus came to bring freedom from sin, and death, and bondage. He relieves burdens compassionately.

The chapter goes on to say that our Lord Jesus took action out of **compassion**. His heart went out to the people. He taught the crowd in a way that was to relieve their suffering. He guided them with the care of a Good Shepherd. And he sent out the apostles to do the same!

May the compassion of our Lord Jesus be at the heart of our teaching, leadership, and action in the church.

Your “Pastor-Shepherd”,  
Ann Marie Winters

**Joint Worship & Picnic...**We will have a Joint Worship & Picnic on **August 6** beginning at 10:30 am at Howland Township Park. Worship will begin at 10:30 am, lunch at 11:30 am, and activities at 12:30 pm. There will be no services at the churches on this date. RSVP to attend the Shared Ministry Worship and Picnic by signing the sign-up sheet. We need to prepare enough Bar-B-Q chicken. Please bring your own comfortable lawn chairs for the day’s activities and please bring a side dish to share.

**The Prayer Chain: Can you be a link?**

There are many ways that we share information, and many conversations that build up the church. My favorite communication in the church is prayer. It is holy communication by which we can reach the Father of us all with the true intentions of our heart, at any time, and for any reason, with any words that come to us. It is not holy because we use the right kind of language. It is holy because of the One who hears our prayer, and who loves us and tells us to bring all our requests to Him.

St. Paul teaches us to “pray without ceasing” (1Thes 5:17). How often have you asked others for prayer? How often have you also promised to bring someone’s intention to God in prayer? I hope you may have experienced being covered by the prayers of others, surrounded by their intercessions on your behalf.

At one time, we had 15 intercessors on the prayer chain of St Paul. Some people have moved or passed to the saints triumphant. It is time to ask if you would join the prayer chain, so we can have many voices reaching to God’s ears on behalf of our brothers and sisters.

Here is how it works: The requests that are made known to the Pastor or the Office Manager at St. Paul are passed on to the coordinator (June Hutchison). June contacts a couple of people, and they each call one person, until the request for prayer has made its way to the ears of many people who pray. So, no one calls more than one or two people. A prayer request is on the chain until the request is removed by the one who asked.

Won't you lend an ear to those who need prayer? And lift your voice to God? Thanks, Pastor Winters

**FROM PASTOR WILLIAM D. LEITCH:** Our Shared Ministry leaders and Council members have been working together to gather data, looking to the future and what challenges we can expect. We want to share that information with you and pray about how God is calling us. A day long retreat has been proposed; it will explore the past mission of the church, and hopes for future mission. The retreat would be followed by a six Sunday series for our interactive discussion.

The Sunday discussion format will include small group discussions. It is always easier to get more voices heard when we break into small groups. We want to hear everyone's voice. What do you know about the history of the church? Why was the church built in its location? What was our mission and ministry in the past?

That's all about our history and our original intent. What is our mission and ministry now? What does our community need us to do today? Who is our community? How far should we reach?

Who are we? What are we capable of doing today as a congregation? How can we meet the needs of our community? What help do we need? Where can we get that help?

These are just a few of the questions we need to ask periodically. The answers need to come from you. You know who you are and what you are capable of doing. The leaders of our congregations need your answers because your answers are like data. We take all the data and prayerfully make the best decisions we can with God's help.

I share this with you now so that you may prepare yourselves to participate as fully as you can.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bill

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## ST. PAUL NEWS & EVENTS

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### **Remembering those with medical challenges:**

Debbie Bartlett, David Baudo, Elaine Benka, Ron Benka, Jerry Groves, Don Hazel, Michelle Bauman Jarzembowski, Carole Null, Naomi Prox, Roy Seibert, Jeff Trimble, April Williams, Andrea Wollam

#### **Remembering those who are home bound:**

Shirlee Chambers, Charles English, Margaret Halavick, Jim Illencik, Ellen Miller, Harriette Shaffer

#### **Remembering those with special needs:**

Donna Baldwin, Joe Benka, Elizabeth Campbell, Bryan Giocondi, Debi Houlf, Lisa Null, Anita Rayburn, Cindy Robinson, Deanna Savon, Ondine Shiau, Willis Stauffer

#### **Remembering those in Military Service:** Joe Baudo, Kirk Groves, Michael Maradin

### PARISH EDUCATION:

Some important dates to remember and mark on your calendar:

July – Vacation Bible School will be held at Living Lord in July. We need some volunteers to help with this program. Program will run Sunday evening through Thursday evening, July 9 - 13. Please contact Pastor Bill, Lynn, or Debbie Groves if you can help with this program.

December - We will again host the Christmas Program and Luncheon in December.

### RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:

**Friday, July 7**, will be the next Red Cross blood drawing in Cassel Hall. Volunteers are needed to register donors and to help with the snack table. Donors appreciate a smiling face and a little conversation while they wait. The volunteer schedule is flexible. Contact Bonnie Thompson at 330-272-1400.

**THANK YOU:** A very large thank you to Jim and Carol Kines for their hard work and effort in helping beautify the outside of our church by weeding, and also for providing mulch around the shrubs and plants. (Along with a big assist from our custodian, Mark Cribley). Thanks again for improving the appearance of our special space in town.

### 2017 FLOWERS AND MEDITATION CANDLES:

Weeks are still available for purchase, dedicated to your special intentions. The meditation candle is \$5.00 and flowers are \$30.00 for two vases. **Please use an Order Envelope and PREPAY your order at the time that you sign the flower and candle chart. PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE BY THE FLOWER CHART.** On weeks where there is no paid order, the church will display silk flowers to the Glory of God. Please sign up for your special weeks while they are available.

### SPLASH TODAY:

Donations are always warmly welcomed, and with your continued support, we will be able to sustain this valuable ministry to young families.

### **GRIEF MINISTRY:**

Part of the Social Committee is Grief Ministry. Joyce Osborn (330-372-2136) is spearheading this ministry with Pr. Winters' and God's guidance and help. When a loved one dies, Joyce sends a set of four books called "Journeying through Grief" throughout the first year. Each book describes the issues and feelings that a person tends to encounter at various points of grief and the books offer suggestions on handling them. If Pastor Winters or Joyce can be of any help or if you have any questions during a time of grief, please contact either of them.

### **DUE TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS:**

In the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), churches and clergy can no longer make written or oral public announcements of health information regarding our members. Thus, unless specifically requested by a member to share other information, we are only able to indicate where a person is hospitalized or that they have been discharged.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

- 7/1 = Sandy Adrian, George Calugar, & Kara Eaton
- 7/3 = Nicole Baumgartner & Andrew Thirion
- 7/4 = Wendal Shaw
- 7/5 = Faith McCarty
- 7/6 = Georgia Mikola & Todd Waldron
- 7/7 = Emily Thirion
- 7/8 = Chris Cesta & Aaron Sutton
- 7/10 = Dorene DiVieste, Kirk Groves, & Vanessa Lindenmuth
- 7/11 = Natalie Holko, Jane Shaw, & Craig Stevens
- 7/12 = Tim Martin
- 7/14 = Carole Null
- 7/15 = Ronald Benka
- 7/17 = Sarah Bartlett & Heidi Lapmardo
- 7/18 = Shirlee Chambers, Ean Dodge, Ethan Dodge, & Lisa Husted
- 7/19 = Leah Lindenmuth & Sandy Stevens
- 7/21 = Erika Lapmardo & Matthew Mikola
- 7/22 = Erik Bachinger
- 7/23 = Teresa McCleary
- 7/24 = Monica Parkhurst
- 7/25 = Wayne Kemp
- 7/28 = Elizabeth Brewster & Thomas Colarich, Jr.
- 7/29 = Deborah Whaley
- 7/31 = Brenda Hart

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 7/5 = Tyran, Sean & Nicole
- 7/15 = Truhan, Nathan & Kristina
- 7/17 = Hart, William & Brenda
- 7/27 = Christie, Gordon & Josephine

**ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR JULY 2017**

**Greeters**

7/02 The Dodge Family  
7/09 David Maurice and Grace Shiau  
7/16 David Maurice and Grace Shiau  
7/23 Tim and Amy Martin  
7/30 Tim and Amy Martin

**Lectors**

7/02 Georgia Mikola  
7/09 Marty Maurice  
7/16 David Maurice  
7/23 Kelly Hutchison  
7/30 Carol Hipple

**Flower Delivery**

7/02 Joanne Santucci  
7/09 June & Kelly Hutchison  
7/16 Peggy Skoczylas  
7/23 Diana Bauman  
7/30 Judy Muehlbauer

Refer to the sheet in the Sacristy for deliveries. Mark the date of delivery opposite the person's name on the sheet. Thank you.

**Communion Assistants:**

7/02 Peggy Skoczylas  
7/09 Barb Basalyga  
7/16 Debbie Groves  
7/23 Heidi Colarich  
7/30 Diana Bauman

**Acolytes 10:30 service: (agreed dates by parish youth)**

7/02 Tori Muehlbauer  
7/09 Drew Thirion  
7/16 Noah Kerns  
7/23 Chelsea Moorhead  
7/30 Jordan Eaton

**Acolytes:** Please be present ten minutes before the service begins.

**If you are unable to acolyte as scheduled, please trade with one of the other acolytes and notify Christine Mymo – 330-647-2913.** Thank you for your help! We count on you to be here!

**Ushers**

7/02 Bill Hart & TJ Skoczylas  
7/09 Bill Hart & TJ Skoczylas  
7/16 Rodger Bartlett & Judy Cary  
7/23 Rodger Bartlett & Judy Cary  
7/30 Rodger Bartlett & Judy Cary

**Church Closing**

Tom Skoczylas

**Visitor Notes**

Jean Maurice

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## NEWS FROM THE SHARED MINISTRY

**Emmanuel Clothes Closet...**The Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday at 9:00 am. In need of: summer clothes (children & adults), bathing suits, deodorant, lotion, dish soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, anything for babies, plastic bags, curtains, doilies, sheets.

**Emmanuel Shopping Cart Needs for July...**Instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy (jar or mix), Vienna sausages, canned fruit, cracker snacks, cans of food with pop top lids for easy opening.

**Living Lord Card Class...** Join us for a card-making class on **Thursday, July 6**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. Our theme will be "In the Good Ol' Summertime". Classes will be at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The cost is \$12.00. Please bring adhesives like double-stick tape and liquid glue. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, July 2. Emmanuel and St. Paul members are welcome to join us – call Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689 to get signed up!

**Living Lord Joint Vacation Bible School...**This year's Joint Vacation Bible School is going to be held at Living Lord Lutheran Church **July 9-13** for children up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's theme will be "Operation Overboard". Please join us for an exciting week of crafts and games. If you would be interested in volunteering to teach, lead crafts, lead games, set up and serve snacks, and lead the opening and closing, please contact Darlene Altieri at 330-856-9704, Debbie Groves at 330-442-5382, Pastor Ann Marie at 330-469-6296, or Pastor Bill at 330-465-6221. Please register your children by filling out a registration form (LLC: located on the table under the Parish Ed bulletin board in the Education Wing; St. Paul: located on the card table in the main hallway) and return it to the church office by **July 3**. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is FREE!

**Living Lord Fellowship in July...**We will have Fellowship on **Sunday, July 16**, after both services.

**Living Lord Niles Shepherd of the Valley Summer Picnic...**Join us for some summer fun on **Wednesday, July 19**, at Niles Shepherd of the Valley. We will gather at 11:00 am to begin setup and start the grill. We are looking for helpers, food donations, and two grill masters (it is a gas grill). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board; Emmanuel and St. Paul members are encouraged to join us too! We need donations of cantaloupes, strawberries, blueberries, watermelon, and cupcakes. Please join us for a good time and help make the day a bright one for our friends at Niles Shepherd of the Valley. For more information, please contact Donna Tompkins at 330-984-0684.

**From Living Lord's Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...** *"When we are tired, everything seems so very much worse."*  
Jane Green

The demands of our daily life are very strenuous. It is the norm for women to work long hours outside the house only to come home where there is no time to rest because the family needs to be fed and homework to be checked. No wonder we are always tired. Our societal role for women is to nurture and to promote healing. No wonder we are always tired and we try to blame our state of fatigue on hormone imbalances, managing the household, professional careers, and raising children. My workday includes 12 hour shifts on my feet. It is nice to get home and relax for a couple of minutes before tackling the kitchen. All these physical and mental demands can lead to physical symptoms, such as flu, insomnia, weight gain, and irritable moods. We all know someone's mother who is always irritable and unpleasant, but we do not know what kind of daily struggles that

person goes through. It is assumed that it is a result of the famous “time of the month”, when in reality it is just fatigue. Fatigue can be a result of a lack of self-care. When was the last time we put ourselves first, reserved a couple of minutes a day to renew our energy? Filling our souls with gratitude and our body with a boost of energy is a must. There are many books that promise to have the answer to fatigue, however all that is needed is a little common sense to improve our lives. Embrace a healthier diet, adhere to sensible sleep habits, practice outdoor physical activities, build meaningful relationships, and develop hobbies that you enjoy. These small changes will help boost your energy, fight fatigue, and improve your immune system. The best advice is to take some time for ourselves, develop discipline in self-care, and do not be afraid to recognize that we cannot do everything alone. An impeccable house is not sometimes a happy home. Successful professional careers can be rewarding, but the price to achieve it by destroying our health is not worth it.