

**SEASONS
AUGUST 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: Renewing our Mission?

Generally speaking, a mission is something one is sent to accomplish. Like any other living, dynamic group, the church has a mission to accomplish – our mission is to spread the word of Jesus – his Good News. To grow and thrive as a church, we will tune into our mission, looking at what it is that we are trying to accomplish and how we are doing. There are three areas of mission – social ministry, ecumenical efforts, and evangelism.

Social Ministry: Are we living out Christ’s call to love the poor and the stranger? By sharing our bread with the hungry, providing food and clothes and physical necessities, we show Christ’s compassion for all people. Our brothers and sisters in need can see the love of Christ in us when we reach out in love and kindness to be compassionate towards them. In fact, loving others is a test of our love for Christ himself. Our Lord taught, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me.”

Ecumenical Efforts: Churches are not meant to be divided in our witness to Christ. We all share “One Lord, one faith, one baptism”, and it is our Lord’s prayer that we make a united effort to be his Body in the world. How are we cooperating with other churches? Do we have fellowship and prayer and worship together? Do we work elbow-to-elbow with Christians from other churches to witness to Christ in the world?

Evangelism: The great commission is to go out to all the world, preaching the gospel and baptizing, so Christ may be known. What are we doing to reach those who do not know Jesus? It is our mission to reach non-Christians in our community and show them Jesus. Do we have a way of talking about our faith so that others know we are Christians? Do we invite them to know Christ, to pray, to serve, to worship?

The Shared Ministry Committee is beginning to work with the Synod’s Director of Evangelical Mission, Pastor Dave Daubert, to look at our activities, and to plan what steps we would like to take in renewing our mission. Let us pray for the work of this committee and look forward together to a **Renewal of our Mission**.

Reaching out to you and with you,
Pastor Ann Marie Winters

Everyone has a part to play in the church’s Mission Planning: As we look at our mission and outreach in the community, we want to hear your voice. What do you think about our social ministry, our work with other churches, our witness in the world? These may seem like big questions, but we will explore them together in a special six-week program this Fall.

At this time, St. Paul and Living Lord have decided to engage in a “Prayer and Renewal Series” called *Fanning the Flame* (from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA).

- **A RETREAT TO PREPARE DISCUSSION LEADERS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7:**
 - Training leaders of St. Paul and Living Lord
 - “Invitation to a journey” 6-minute DVD with discussion
 - “For the sake of others; in God for the world” 5-minute DVD with discussion
 - “We are church for the sake of the world” 5-minute DVD with Bishop Eaton/discussion

- **WORSHIP ORDER FOR OCTOBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER 19:**
 - The six weeks of worship from Oct. 8 to Nov. 19 will include a 15-minute small group discussion time during the worship service. Each worshipper will be included in a small group. A captain will lead discussion and make note of 2 or 3 points that come from their group each week.

- **SIX WEEKLY THEMES, SCRIPTURE, AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
 - Oct. 8: The burning bush: LISTEN
 - Oct. 15: The valley of the dry bones: LOOK
 - Oct. 22: Jesus sends out 70 disciples: RESPOND
 - Oct. 29: JOINT REFORMATION WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 - Nov. 5: Finding the lost: FORGIVE
 - Nov. 12: The great commandment: LOVE
 - Nov. 19: The great commission: GO

Materials for discussion will be circulated in the September and October Newsletters so you can prepare in thought and prayer. Please feel free to discuss this program with members of council and the pastors. It is an exciting time for us all! You won't want to miss it.

REFORMATION 500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

DVD Course discussion "Lunch with Luther" Sunday noontime

8 weeks, Sept. 3 to Oct. 22

Seminary teachers make topics accessible to laity; hosted at St. Paul for Trumbull Area Lutherans; bring a brown bag lunch; drinks provided

DVD Course Description – Luther's Legacy for Laity: Martin Luther's legacy is a rich treasure for all Christians, but particularly for lay people. Luther, through the doctrines of justification, freedom of the Christian, bondage of the will, and vocation, provides Christians with an understanding of what God has done for us and what God wants to do through us for the sake of the neighbor. All the big questions of faith and life are found in the abundance of Reformation theology. These theologians shape how Christians view their place in the world. These presentations were filmed live at the Lay School of Ministry in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA. This 8-week course will have a DVD presentation and discussion totaling 90 minutes each Sunday. Come to one or all sessions. Please reserve a place by calling Lynn Golen at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 330-394-5741. All are welcome!

Movie: "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World"

Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 pm

Special showing for area Lutherans at Tinseltown, Southern Park Mall (Youngstown)

Shared Ministry Joint Worship

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 am

At St. Paul Lutheran Church; finger food reception in Cassel Hall following worship

Anniversary of the Reformation

Sunday, October 29, 6:00 pm

At St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown, Catholic-Lutheran Ecumenical Evening Prayer

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.

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Lutheran Day of Service: This year, we plan to join ELCA churches around the country in doing service projects on the afternoon of Sunday, September 10. On this one day, American Lutherans make a joint effort to do various small projects to help neighbors – a nationwide witness to the love of Christ. Our Social Ministry Committee at St. Paul will have a poster to describe the day displayed in the narthex. Do you have a small household job that you cannot complete on your own? Tell Pastor Winters or Judy Dodge. Or would you like to pitch in to do service on September 10? Please sign up in the narthex. The more the merrier!

FROM PASTOR WILLIAM D. LEITCH: This Fall, our Shared Ministry churches, Living Lord and St. Paul, will host a retreat and then follow that retreat up with six Sunday morning worship formats with an interactive portion. Our prayer is that we involve everyone in our congregations to look at who we were, who we are, and where we are going. Our Council invited all congregations to do this together and we pray for a strong presence at the retreat.

God calls us to be partners with God in God’s work. We promise God and the entire Church at our affirmation of baptism to do God’s work. We need to be intentional about being everything God has created us to be.

So on Saturday, October 7, we will have a retreat to set the stage for this six weeks’ journey. Then, starting Sunday, October 8, we will incorporate into our sermon time an interactive format that will focus on specific questions for small groups to discuss. I suggest that the small groups be folks you sit next to every Sunday.

We need to hear every voice in our congregation. Each of you has a perspective that we need to hear. You also need to hear what others know or perceive. I have already heard ideas and concerns from our Council that I never considered, but they need to be addressed. It is refreshing for me to know that we will go through this process.

Some have asked, “Why do this on Sunday?” Because that is when you “all” come together. We need every perspective or it isn’t complete.

On August 1, the Shared Ministry Committee will meet with Dave Daubert for his input on our Shared Ministry. Dave is our Synod’s interim mission staff person from the ELCA. Dave is also the author of *Living Lutheran: Renewing Your Congregation*. This is the text on which we have focused and guided our efforts in our Shared Ministry.

Please join me in praying for this journey together as God’s people and living out our faith in the world the best we can.

In it together,
Pastor Bill

Servant Week: Servant Week was another new experience even for all of us who have participated every year. Eight Lutheran churches from our Eastern Conference gathered at Camp Frederick on June 18 with 35 youth and 8 adults. We painted a two story Victorian House built in 1860 in Rogers, Ohio. The team did it in four days and we only spilled one pint of paint, but the stories go on and on.

Every night at 10:00 pm we gathered for devotions and to share our highs, lows, and where we saw God that day. It was easier for our youth to see God at work in us and with us than it was to see a low. If you want a life-changing experience, come with us next time or come and visit our work sites once during the week.

Painting the house was my responsibility, but we also sent a team to Youngstown to work with Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation as we have for the past three years. A team of 10 painted and cut boards the first day. On day 2, we sent 27 to landscape a house that is being restored and will bring income to YNDC when it sells. On day 3, a team of 15 boarded up houses and continued to cut and paint boards. On day 4, a smaller team painted the entire stock of 4' x 8' sheets of plywood. YNDC had nothing left for us to do at the end of the day. A good thing, as it was to rain hard on Friday.

Meanwhile, on day one the house painters scraped 90% of the house and applied 10 gallons of primer to the old, original siding of the house. That only got it half primed. We used 22 gallons of primer to complete it. Thankfully, it only required 8 gallons of the more expensive Colonial Blue paint since we sealed up the old boards.

These youth are the most awesome kids anyone could ever work with. This year we ate breakfast an hour earlier and got to the work site and worked an hour longer. We essentially put in an extra 8 hours in 4 days and got all the work done in 4 days. This is the standard the youth set. We adults offered to quit an hour earlier in order to do team-building at Camp. Our youth said, "We do team-building on the work site. We came to work."

I worried that the chatter, laughter, and noise on our work site might be intrusive for the neighbors; but no, the neighbors described the voices as the voices of birds: coordinating, helping, caring for one another, and yes, coordinating the war on wasps. Our youth were "God sent" to Rogers and Youngstown. It stirs the neighbors and shows them what we can do to care for each other. One small task force of 5 painters finished painting the porch of the house we started 2 years ago. Automatically, they were identified as the "Camp Frederick People". The ones who get things done and do not quit until it is finished.

Four years ago, we struggled to get permission to work in Rogers. They were not thinking about others helping them. Now the village is buzzing with requests for us to help their neighbors who need the help.

As we shared each night where we saw God at work that day, I was able to share those God stories with every person in Rogers, and in Salem at The Home Depot, and at the filling station in Rogers, and with everyone in Trumbull County that I meet.

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

THANK YOU: Thank you very much for the keychain and the generous scholarship. I will use it to help with my education at Bowling Green State University. I would also like to thank all of you for your continuous support throughout my life. Sincerely, Andrew Sutton

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:

2 = James Hipple, Callie Kester, & Margaret Kraynek
3 = Shane Preston
4 = Joe Knouse
6 = Debbie Papalas
7 = Ken Wareham
8 = John Gibson, III, & Michael Kines
9 = Samuel Lindenmuth
10 = Christian Groves
12 = Heidi Brown
14 = Michelle Prox
15 = Susan Kemp
16 = Evan Davis & Lauren Patton
17 = Elaine Benka, Matthew Kerns, & Brian Papalas
18 = Stephanie Groves
19 = William Cohol
20 = Justin Kemp
21 = Lorri Baudo & Robert Trimbur
22 = Jay Beougher, Andrew Martin, & Paul Wilson
24 = John Adrian
26 = Heidi Colarich
27 = Alix Hannan & Julie Kester
29 = Mary Claney & Sally Kerns
30 = Deborah Cravotta, Cynthia Poplyk, & Peggy Skoczylas
31 = Kay Paajanen & Ashley Shaw

ANNIVERSARIES:

6 = Holko, Rick & Debra
9 = Cohol, William & Marlene
9 = Kemp, Wayne & Susan
12 = Barba, William & Nancy
12 = Groves, Kirk & Stephanie
18 = Kerns, Matthew & Sally
22 = Lynn, Scott & Christy
28 = Bartlett, Rodger & Diana

ST. PAUL SERVANTS FOR AUGUST 2017

Greeters

8/06 Joint Worship & Picnic at Howland Township Park
8/13 The Dodge Family
8/20 Gene & Debbie Cravotta
8/27 Gene & Debbie Cravotta

Lectors

8/06 Marty Maurice
8/13 John Lacy
8/20 Kelly Hutchison
8/27 Rachel Skoczylas

Flower Delivery

8/06 Joanne Santucci
8/13 June & Kelly Hutchison
8/20 Peggy Skoczylas
8/27 Diana Bauman

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:

8/06 Georgia Mikola
8/13 Lisa Thirion
8/20 Kay Paajanen
8/27 Debbie Cravotta

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

8/06 Kyra Mymo
8/13 Drew Thirion
8/20 Emily Gilger
8/27 Ean Dodge

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

8/06 Lorri Baudo & Judy Muehlbauer
8/13 Lorri Baudo & Judy Muehlbauer
8/20 June & Kelly Hutchison
8/27 June & Kelly Hutchison

Church Closing

Harry Pasku

Visitor Notes

Jean Maurice

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 August...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, August 3**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. Our theme will be the crowd favorite "Black-and-White". 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 30. Emmanuel and St. Paul members are welcome to join us – call Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689 to get signed up!

Living Lord Fellowship in August...We will have Fellowship on **Sunday, August 13 & 20**, hosted by the baptism families. On August 13 we will have the baptism of Evelyn Walters, the daughter of Matt and McCala Walters and granddaughter of Lynne Walters. On August 20 we will have the baptism of Nicolas Montagna, the son of Ignacio and Tracy Montagna and grandson of Warner and Norma Taiclet.

From Living Lord's Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...*"Nothing brings to life again a forgotten memory like fragrance."* Christopher Poindexter

Arpege is my favorite fragrance. I have many memories associated with scents. The smell of a white carnation and tuberose always takes me back to my childhood. I use these scents to comfort me and it is my aromatherapy. The term "aromatherapy" is fairly new; it was coined in 1937 by Rene-Maurice Gattefosse while extracting oils from flowers and herbs. However, the effects of aromatherapy are ancient. Who does not enjoy the smell of roses or oranges and feels invigorated with their scents? The healing properties of essential oils are well known. Essential oils are extracted from plants such as barks, leaves, and flowers. The sale of scented candles and air diffusers are very popular because people enjoy their soothing effects. We have come a long way from burning incense, as was practiced by the Egyptians and Romans, to today where we employ bergamot scent to treat post-anesthesia nausea. Caution is necessary when shopping for essential oils. They can be considered as drugs, and thus, because government regulation is limited and as yet to be adopted, at least personal caution should be taken to avoid overuse and/or side effects. Remember, not all natural ingredients are safe. Most of our medications are derived from nature. If in doubt as to how to use and what essential oils are best suited for you, limit yourself to candles and fresh-cut flowers to invigorate your home. There are physicians in our area that are certified in complimentary medicine and can help you to better understand the role of essential oils. Just enjoy the smell of roses...it will light up your day and improve your energy level.