

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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"We, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran, saints through Jesus Christ, give glory to God for His free gift of salvation and personally reach out to the community and the world with this good news."

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ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE — August 2017

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39(NIV)

In the book of Romans, Paul proves that God can, and will not fail us.

The reason Paul is writing to the Christians in Rome it is to tell them that God will never forsake them, for any reason, because Jesus died on the cross for all of them and with His death, even the worst trial of this world would not separate them from the love of God.

Paul tells the Christians that God does not shelter them and us from the difficulties of life because we need them for our spiritual growth.

In Romans 8 God assures us that the difficulties of life are working for us and not against us. God permits trial to come that we might use them for our good and for His Glory.

We endure trials for His sake and since we do, do you think that He will abandon us? Of course not. Instead, He is closer to us when we go through the difficulties of life.

The only thing that will separate us from the love of God is an unrepentant heart. That is why we need to go to Jesus in prayer, every day, asking for his forgiveness. That is why we follow him in thoughts, words and deeds.

Because of Jesus sacrifice on the cross, we are not separate from him anymore, but we are united through the hope of the Eternal life.

Nothing will separate us from the love of God. May God help us to live and proclaim this wonderful blessing. In Jesus name. Amen.

Pastor K

Miscellaneous August Events

“READ from the START,” Wednesday, August 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 796-1997 to register today for this FREE fun and interactive community workshop sponsored by St. Paul's! Participants receive 5 free children's books to read to your child at home! St. Paul's is offering free child care (movie night) and refreshments for all kids whose parents attend the workshop. Make a big difference in your child's life!

Through the guidance of a certified Discussion Leader, parents/caregivers read and discuss high-quality children's books and discover how to create positive experiences with stories. Did you know reading to young children strengthens parent/child bonds and that language development begins long before children can talk? Explore new activities for both you and your child to do after reading together, such as art, songs, finger plays, and more! You will leave with exciting new ideas and ways to read to your child. Attend the Read from the Start workshop to learn more about the importance reading has on a child's future.

Miscellaneous Items

The Deadline for submitting items for the **September 2017 EPISTLE** is Sunday, August 20.

Radio Broadcasts: The following dates are open to sponsor a broadcast of the Sunday morning service: August 27th. The cost is \$130.00. Please contact the church office to sponsor a broadcast.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! If you forgot to register to attend the March for Life January 17-20, 2018, it's not too late to do so. We are meeting July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity boardroom to go over the trip details, please plan to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to go, please contact Donna Seidel (573-680-0606) or Elaine Ott (573-619-6608). After the July 20th meeting, if there is still room on the bus, we plan to open it up to churches outside of this area. If you have any questions, please contact Donna or Elaine. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex.

FAIR PARADE: We are preparing for another Fair Parade. Many compliments have been received from the community on our previous entries. This time the theme is Faith Family Fun. So, bring your family and sing along with Pastor playing guitar. There will be riding room on wagon and some can walk. Line up is 4-4:30 at Cargill. Sign up sheet in Narthex. The children will love-it!!

BULLETIN BOARD: Please see bulletin board in the Narthex for new area events.

Advance Notice

Congregational Survey: The church will issue a survey beginning September 10th and running through October 3rd. The purpose of the survey is to determine the needs and wants of the Congregation in a new Pastor. Every member of St. Paul's is encouraged to take the survey as it is vital to the Call process. More information will be available as September approaches.

Save the Date of November 5, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, Missouri, for "Celebrating the Reformation with the Hymns of Martin Luther." You are cordially invited to join members of Trinity for a Hymn Festival with Dr. John Behnke (Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisc.) as guest organist and festival director.

St. Paul's Child Care Center News

The kids thought Vacation Bible School was amazing! They loved the stories, games, snacks, crafts, and music. Thank you to Beth Jungmeyer, all the teachers, and all the volunteers who gave them this fun week! The kids continue to enjoy going to library each Monday to listen to a story read by a church member. Thank you so much to our volunteers this past month: Diane Weicken, Glenda Hamilton, Amy Wilhelm, and Kelly Hall! The staff and board are preparing for our READ from the START event (explained elsewhere in this epistle). We hope everyone with young kids can make it for a great time and free books! Please call 796-1997 with any questions and to register!

--- Marie Wickham, Director

Thank you!

I would like to extend a special thank you to the members of the congregation for graciously giving me the opportunity to become your Secretary. I am both grateful and excited to be given the position and hope that I will serve God and you to the best of my abilities. I look forward to all that is to come.

--- Sara Hays

Saturday Evening Worship Services

August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you!

Dear Members of St. Paul's Church,

Thank you for paying ½ of my cost to go to Heit's Point this year. I had a great time at Night Owl Camp on July 16-21. We stayed up all night and slept during the day. I saw my counselors from past years, made new friends who go to other Lutheran churches, and had a lot of fun. We did activities like swimming in the lake and the pool, playing Capture the Flag and Eagles' Nest, Bible Study, and learning lots of new songs. I love going to camp, and I hope I can be a Junior Counselor in a few years. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely, Caydee Cooper

Mighty Fortress VBS

We had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School on July 17-21. The "Mighty Fortress" theme celebrated God's mighty power to win the victory over sin and death for us. We appreciated the help of the 35 volunteers who served as leaders and helpers to teach and encourage the 60 young people who attended VBS. Special thanks to Mike Volkart who provided ice cream for all, Harold Kiesling who bought milk for snacks, Dorothy Jungmeyer who wrote a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant for us, and others who brought cookies and items for our Friday lunch. Our successful mission project brought in over \$300 for Heit's Point Ministries. Mark Nolte, Heit's Point Director, will be at our 9 am worship service on August 9 to accept our donation. He will also lead the Adult Bible Class that morning to share information about Heit's Point Lutheran Ministries and how the camp has changed and developed. We challenge members of the congregation to help and support our Heit's Point Project by doubling the efforts of the VBS. Your gift can be put in the Fortress Box on the table in the entry.

Thank you from the Mighty Fortress Planning Committee: Crystal Ashley, Beth Jungmeyer, Jeanette Kunze, Sara Turner, Diane Weicken, Marie Wickham, and Pastor Kopper.

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