

Prayer Requests

Continued Strength: Ron Biri, Terry Butcher, Leroy Burns, Steve Brune, Timothy & Pricilla Carron, Wayne Cook, Doloris Cleve, Lorene Crismon, Betty Damron, Jason Eastman, Delmar & Virginia Elders, Retta Forsythe, Zola Francis, Vickie Gallagher, Nancy Hill, Keith Hutson, Ron & Martha Jarrell, Sherry Jordan, Ryan Kannenberring, Josh Lehman, Gary Meadows, Bowen Meyer, Tim Miller, Weston Miller, Richard Pratt, Wayne Province, Doug Ross, Ruthann Renick (Jeannie Province sister), Francis Roberts, Eyvonne Skaggs, Ina Stokes, Fay Lee Townsend, Nadine & Duane Thomas, Scott Winder, Rhonda Wensink

Treatment: Loretta Barnhouse, Jane Bates, Mary Beauty, Jessica Bergfield, Jane Blaies, Amy Brenneke, Sarah Cassidy, Alene Cooper, Tim Finley, Mike Haney (Courtneys uncle), Janet Hayes, Tara Harrison, Jeanie Hampton, Rene Holmgren, Tom Hunting, Christopher Jones, Orin Kaden, Coleta Ludwig, Marshall Mead, Pat Moreno, Joanne Nash, Alice Pennick, Karon Reeves, Scott Storz, Ed Turner, Ingrid Underwood, Josh Watson, Becky Windsor



Hospitalized:

Surgery: Bill Bess

Recovering: Marilyn Wiley

Testing:

Hospice Care: Betty Cook,

Sympathy:

**BE FAITHFUL
IN PRAYER!**

Upcoming Events

6/23 9:00am Worship Service
10:15 Bible Study,
6/24 6:00 pm Monday night Quilters
6/26 8:00am Ladies Aid
7:00pm Remnant Group Practice
6/27 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
6/29 4:45 pm Rejoice 445- Gym
6/30 9:00am Worship Service
10:15 Bible Study, SS class
7/1 6:00 pm Monday night Quilters
7/3 8:00am Ladies Aid
7:00pm Remnant Group Practice
7/4-5 Office Closed
7/6 4:45 pm Rejoice 445- Gym
7/7 9:00am Worship Service
10:15 Bible Study,
7/8 6:00 pm Monday night Quilters
7/10 8:00am Ladies Aid
7:00pm Remnant Group Practice
7/11 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
7/12 4:45 pm Rejoice 445- Gym



St. Paul collects aluminum cans for recycling. You can drop them off in the bin between the church & the brick house.

Altar Guild for June

Sat. 6:00 pm

Sun. 9:00 am M. Fitzgerald



Stewardship Moment

Luke 8:37 – “Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.”

The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd and their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?



St. Paul Lutheran Church & School

Our Mission:

“ In Christ we strengthen the saved and seek the lost”

Pastor Steve Constien –sjconstien@juno.com

Weekly News and Notes June 22 & 23 2019



**St. Paul Lutheran Church and School
Evening VBS, Pre - School [ages 3 and 4] through
6th Gr**

SUMMER 2019—July 28, 29, 30, 31

August 1st Swim Party - Civic Center

Theme this year is: Miraculous Mission VBS

Your child will look into the Bible, Gods Holy Word, and discover Gods miraculous mission to save you, me and the whole world! Please pray for the success of our VBS 2019! It takes many volunteers to make this program a success.

Registration is open now at <https://vbsmate.com/stpaulfarmington>

We need you! Lesson Leader- Music, Crafts/Art, Snacks, Please contact Leslie Jones 631-2176, Mark Jones or Tammy DeGroot if you can help in any way. There will be sign-up sheets available at the front entrance. Once again, an adult bible study will be offered during the evening VBS time.

Swim Party - Aug 1, 2019

This year our VBS swim party will be in conjunction with our schools Triple C back to school event. "Set The Date" for Aug. 1, 2019 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will have an organizational meeting for VBS on Sunday, June 30th. We will meet in the Commons area of the school at 11:30. Lunch will be provided. All leaders and volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend.



The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for their support. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to prepare for the gathering. We have only 19 days before we leave for the gathering. Any support would be greatly appreciated ...



WANTED :Sunday School teacher for the 1st –3rd grade class. If you would like to volunteer , please contact Leslie Jones at 631-2176 or Mark Jones 631-0454.

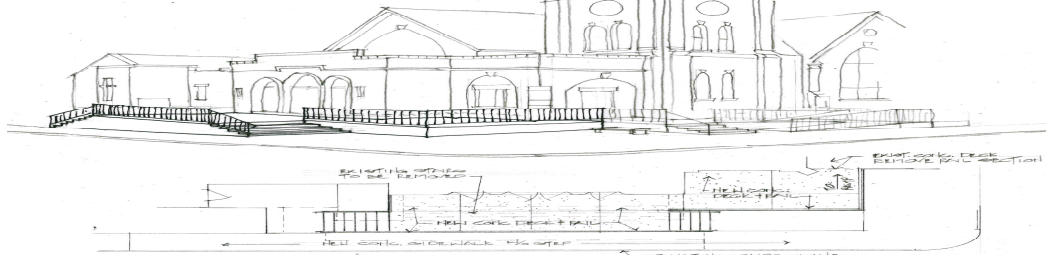
Cemetery Fund

This is a gentle reminder to everyone. Please remove the old decorations in the St. Paul Lutheran cemetery as it is mowing season again. If you would like to make a donation to the cemetery fund to help keep it looking nice, just use a designated envelope or mark one saying "Cemetery Fund." Thank you for your donations to this project.

Join Pastor Constien and fellow members as we begin a new six-week Bible study topic after church on Sundays, starting May 12: "*Heaven and Hell.*" We will uncover misunderstandings people have about life after death, and explore the biblical truth about heaven and hell. Subjects include: "There Is a Heaven--Really!," "Popular Misconceptions," "Pictures of Heaven," "That Other Place," "Living for Heaven," and "Curiosity Questions about Heaven." See you in the commons at 10:30!

Church Entry Project update:

Church Entry Project: Money continues to come in for the this project. We will do this project in two phases, the front only as the first phase and then the connecting of the two entrances as the second phase. The bid to do the complete Phase I is \$56,400. We have some talented volunteers in the congregation who have said they would be glad to donate their time to the project. This would reduce the project cost. We have approximately \$20,000 committed to this project. Thanks to all who have donated. If you can help with this project, make your check to "St. Paul Front Entry Project" and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.



Readings for Worship

Date	Festival	First Reading	Epistle	Gospel
6/05	Seventh S. of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Rev.22:1-6	John 17:20-26
6/09	Pentecost	Gen 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:23-31
6/16	Holy Trinity	Prov 8:1-4	Acts 2:14a,22-36	John 8:48-59
6/23	Second Pentecost	Is 65:1-9	Gal. 3:23– 4:7	Luke 8:26-39
6/30	Third Pentecost	1 Kings 19:9b-21	Gal. 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62

Weekly Contribution

6/2 Contributions	\$6271.25
Going Beyond	\$293,325.86
6/9 Contributions	\$9253.00
Going Beyond	\$294,415.30
6/16 Contributions	\$6474.37
Going Beyond	\$295,145.30



Last Week's Attendance

445pm	33
6:00pm	40
9:00 am	146
Sunday School	00
	219

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: "How much should I give?" Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions also vary. Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though, as Lutherans, we know we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus' substitutionary atonement, the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God's favor by what we do. So, we begin to answer the question, "What should I give?" with the question, "What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?"

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe – 10 percent – of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. (Deut. 14:22–29). This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth the following: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the "Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did. This is our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we have also been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same. If we have been lax in this, let us, like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame, likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God's giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us – with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love – to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.