



ST. PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

July 2019

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JOIN US FOR VBS!
JULY 8-12
9:30-NOON

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS MONTH

JULY 4TH- INDEPENDENCE DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 8TH-12TH-VBS 9:30-NOON

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	SERVERS	LITURGISTS	BREAD BAKERS	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
7/7	8:30	Diane Ferreri	Judy Stintsman Liz Wittmann	Lynnette Ozanich	Carol Kopkas	Barb Spatz Maria Phillips	Team 1 R Hamilton T Herr G Hofman T English F Putman T Brunett	Tracy Hamilton Laurie English	Denny & Rae Batig
	11:00	Bonnie Sears	Tracy Krug Meg Montag	Dean Firing		Sue Green	Team 2 J Montag T Riggle G Rohde J Lappin R Genter T Norris	Jan Sultan Sharon Genter	
7/14	8:30	Mike King	Mike King Linda King	Sherrill Crawford	Carol Kopkas		Team 3 T Salay D Henning D Moore M Eckert P Milloy W Crawford	Sandy Henning Amy Russo Joyce Moore	I. Sumner J. Bairoti
	11:00	Dave Hall	Dave Hall Chris Hall	Cindy Cain			Team 4 B Wester A Krueger P Sultan P Sultan D Cain W Hansen	Diane Barrett Jane Krisher	
7/21	8:30	Paul Heyse	Adam Hinton Jennifer Hinton	Meg Montag	Betty Krueger		Team 5 W Hansen J Flick J Schlott J Cutnaw L Carmean		Paul & Pat Luster
	11:00	Jane Krisher	Lois Wolfe Cathie Varnes	Jon Montag			Team 6 H Daniels G Hrivnak R Genter M & H Hollingsworth	Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta	
7/28	8:30	Mel Grunau	Mel Grunau Sue Grunau	Liz Wittman	Betty Krueger		Team 7 R Winwood B Trausch J Holden R French B French J Sears	Rudy & Carol Spagnuolo	Adam & Jennifer Hinton

	11:00	Linda Jungeberg	Lynn Morella Linda Jungeberg	Dave Hall			Team 8 L Walker J Sears G Grizzell S Harkema	Barb & Harold Daniels	
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AUGUST LECTORS & SERVERS

		8:30	11:00
04-Aug	LECTOR	Culley Coughlin	Danelle Eikens
	SERVERS	Adam Hinton	Lois Wolfe
		Jennifer Hinton	Cathie Varnes
11-Aug	LECTOR	Marilyn Niksa	Diane Ferreri
	SERVERS	Marilyn Niksa	Alice Chadbourne
		Liz Wittman	Sharon Lappin
18-Aug	LECTOR	Bette Idemoto	Cheryl Harkema
	SERVERS	Charles Russo	Liz Campbell
		Gail Hansen	Jeff Campbell
25-Aug	LECTOR	Amy Kurek	Rally Day
	SERVERS	Linda Jungeberg	One Service
		Anna Mae Migra	



Following the Rabbi This Summer

The most famous Christian who ever lived was Jewish.

And the most famous Jewish rabbi who ever lived was the first head of the Christian church.

His name was Jesus.

Jesus of Nazareth taught a simple message: "Come, follow me."

There are many voices who have outlined what following God is supposed to look like. They've written books, they've talked on the radio, and they've broadcast sermons on television.

It can get pretty confusing sometimes.

Who should you listen to?

Who has it right?

Personally, I cut through the clutter with an incredibly simple method:

I listen to Rabbi Jesus.

I run every word anyone says about God through the filter of the words and deeds of Jesus as they are recorded in the four canonical Gospels.

Anything that fits the image of Jesus, I consider further.

Anything that doesn't make it past that gate, I leave behind.

Listening to many Christian teachers and preachers, it's easy to get the impression that the voice of God is essentially one of judgment and condemnation.

A great many people have the impression that being a Christian means pointing out sin, maintaining the purity of the community, and separating from those who would contaminate us.

But when you listen to Rabbi Jesus, you hear a voice of acceptance, forgiveness, and love. The only judgment he made was against judgment itself.

Lutherans have historically referred to this as "salvation by grace alone."

It's time for the Christian Church to make some decisions.

Are we going to settle for being known for the judgments that we make against people?

Or are going to follow Rabbi Jesus in the way of salvation by grace alone?

What do we really think following God looks like?

I'm convinced that following God looks like following the Rabbi Jesus.

Over the course of four Sundays this summer (21 July, 28 July, 04 August, 11 August), we'll be temporarily abbreviating some of the standard portions of our regular Sunday worship in order to make a little more room for me to outline some thoughts about following the Rabbi.

I'd like to invite you to make it a point to be at these services,

and to invite those people who might just be looking for a Christianity that looks like Jesus.

Pastor Dan

FINANCIALS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:
May 31, 2019

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
Income				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 163,032.76	\$ 204,305.00	\$ (41,272.24)	\$ 168,503.09
Building Use	3,739.00	3,000.00	739.00	2,440.00
Interest	81.54	75.00	6.54	45.34
Other Income	3,042.31	3,000.00	42.31	2,142.56
Total Income	\$ 169,895.61	\$ 210,380.00	\$ (40,484.39)	\$ 173,130.99
Expenses				
Benevolence	16,303.22	21,050.00	4,746.78	16,850.28
Worship	4,959.70	6,172.00	1,212.30	4,711.87
Programs & Services	5,064.89	8,723.00	3,658.11	1,840.63
Property	26,790.80	46,708.00	19,917.20	46,396.07
Staff Salaries and Benefits	94,414.80	102,759.00	8,344.20	88,458.98
Contracted Services	12,460.00	13,750.00	1,290.00	12,395.85
Administration & Support	7,852.74	12,229.00	4,376.26	10,573.89
Total Expenses	167,846.15	211,391.00	43,544.85	181,227.57
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,049.46	\$ (1,011.00)	\$ 3,060.46	\$ (8,096.58)

Income and Expenses Summary Notes:
Income

The YTD period ending May 31, 2019, has an operating surplus of \$2,049, year-to-date at April 30, 2018 was a deficit. However, please note this surplus is down nearly \$10,000 from last month. Congregational Contributions through May 2019 are \$5K less than contributions received through May 2018, a decrease of 3.2%. Building Use/Other Income is \$2000 more than the amount at this time last year. Total Income at May 31, 2019, is \$3,200 less than at May 31, 2018. Congregational Contributions are under budget by a little more than \$41K and Total Income is under budget by just over \$40K.

Note: Other Income includes periodic gifts made by the Thrivent Choice Donation program, clothing recycling program, and other miscellaneous unrestricted income.

Expenses

Total expenses are under budget by just over \$43K as of May 31, 2019. Total expenses YTD are \$13K less than total expenses as of May 2018.

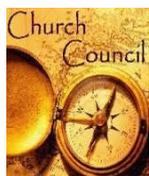
Note: Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of May 31, 2019	As of May 31, 2018	Variance
Assets			
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 106,290.95	\$ 125,987.80	\$ (19,696.85)
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	589,718.18	595,727.09	(6,008.91)
Total Assets	\$ 3,737,558.13	\$ 3,763,263.89	\$ (25,705.76)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,799.00	\$ 135.49	\$ 3,663.51
Loan from Endowment Fund	0.00	7,528.00	(7,528.00)
Payroll Withholding	4,525.83	5,197.94	(672.11)
Accrued Expenses and Other	150.00	100.00	50.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	140,675.74	141,617.70	(941.96)
Total Liabilities	\$ 149,150.57	\$ 154,579.13	\$ (5,428.56)
Equity			
General Fund	\$ (41,659.62)	\$ (21,063.33)	\$ (20,596.29)
Investments (Endowment)	588,518.18	588,199.09	319.09
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00	0.00
Total Equity	\$ 3,588,407.56	\$ 3,608,684.76	\$ (20,277.20)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 3,737,558.13	\$ 3,763,263.89	\$ (25,705.76)

Balance Sheet Summary Notes:

Dedicated Funds include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

COUNCIL CORNER



St. Paul's is changing, it's inevitable! Just as the seasons change, the church changes as well. We can view change as either good or bad. We can resist it or embrace it. Either way, it will happen. Martin Luther started this change in the early 1500s under the Holy Roman Empire. He was declared a heretic and cast from the church. But something remarkable happened, the Reformation. That same Spirit that pushed Luther to change is still here pushing us to change; to proclaim the "Word made Flesh" in our times. I encourage everyone to get involved and embrace change and see where it leads us. We all may be surprised!

Pastor Dan will be leading us in a 4 Sunday series of sermons starting July 21st entitled "Following the Rabbi". The Liturgical service will be condensed to provide additional time to hear the message. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a guest to our services to hear this intriguing message.

It was noted that the motions voted on by Council are not raised to the congregation within a timely manner. Normally they appear the following month in the approved minutes. To address this, all approved motions will be posted on the Council bulletin board (outside the office, in the hallway) by the following Sunday of a Council meeting.

Sherrill has been doing a yeoman's job since Rae's retirement. But it is time for her to share this task once again with someone else. We are looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant that would be willing to work Wednesday through Friday in the office. We are first soliciting the congregation before we look outside to the public. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact a Council or Staff member and we can provide additional information.

A word about finances: Our church is struggling. Even though we have reduced expenses and curtailed some planned expenditures we are showing a negative cash flow. Our congregational giving is below expectations. Please prayerfully consider your contributions to the church, so we can continue to confidently spread the Gospel message.

Calling all volunteers! If you can help out, or if you want to help out, or if you need to help out, please do so! Do not wait for the call to volunteer, Luther certainly didn't! Contact any of the Council members or Staff and we will be happy and overly joyed to point you in the right direction. There are an abundance of ways to serve.

Yours in Christ,

Dean L. Firing, President

Please contact any member of the church council with questions or concerns: Peter Brumenschenkel, Dean Firing, Jack Flick, Randy Genter, Jennifer Hinton, Kara Krywyj, Jon Montag, Lynne Morella, Aaron Ozanich, Pastor Dan Skillman



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee is attempting to adjust all projects to reduce costs and will be revising the 15 year plan to be in line with the reduction in funding.

Jim

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Reasons for Committing to Your Weekly Offering

Word and deed. Making a promise and acting on it again and again is a physical lesson about our Savior's love for us. Every time God forgives us and renews us through our baptism, God is keeping that big promise made through Jesus Christ. With each grace filled act in relationship with us, God recalls the promise and it becomes new again. Making a commitment of an offering is a bold and simple way to respond to our Lord's promise and action in our lives.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



BEREA GRINDSTONE PARADE-

Mark your calendars for July 5th. Please join us at the Berea Fairgrounds to participate in the Grindstone parade. Help to spread the word to our community and represent St. Paul and our 2019 Vacation Bible School. Help pass out informational sheets and ice pops to everyone along the parade route. We need folks of all ages. Join the fun & help to spread the news! The parade takes off at 5:30 so please arrive at 5:00. Come in off of Eastland Road. Hope to see you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019-

VBS is right around the corner! We are all getting excited about our 2019 "ROAR" week. We will be having great songs, puppet shows, skits, Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and a picnic on Friday that will be served on a frisbee. Bring your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandkids and friends from school. It should be an exciting week.

Kids- If you haven't signed-up, please do so at the VBS Registration Table across from the Nursery. Youth & adults- we could still use lots of extra hands to help with all of our activities. Please sign-up on the volunteer board across from the Registration Table.

Can't wait! We hope to see you!

Susan Moore 440-243-1144 ext. 207; email: children@stpaulbera.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR

July 5 5:30 VBS Grindstone Parade
Meet at the Fairgrounds at 5:00
Please join us ... Folks of all ages!

July 7 9-1:00 Help decorate our halls for VBS

July 8 8:45 Volunteer Meeting in the Sanctuary
9:00 Youth Meeting in the Parlor

July 8-12 9:30-Noon Vacation Bible School

July 12 5-7 VBS Volunteer Picnic & Swim Party
Longbrooke Pool
499 Wyleswood Drive Berea

July 14 8:30 VBS Slideshow during Worship
11:00 VBS Slideshow & song during Worship

July 21 See you in Worship at 8:30 or 11:00

July 28 See you in Worship at 8:30 or 11:00





ATTENTION ADULTS!

Join us in between services in the Parlor for conversation and Coffee! We are hoping to start some adult opportunities for Bible Study and Education and would like to invite everyone to participate. We will meet each Sunday in July in between services!

YOUTH JULY SCHEDULE

5th – Parade 5:30PM

7th - Movie Night 6-8:30pm

8-12 - VBS

21 - Cedar Point 9am-9pm - Meet at church at 9am to head out to Cedar Point for the day. Everyone will be responsible for their own ticket/Pass for the day. Do bring your swim things if you plan to do any water rides or visiting of Soak City. Please let Amanda know ASAP if you plan to attend and whether or not you will need a ride!

27-28 - Youth Lock In - 5pm-9am: Join us for a fun night of fellowship and service! We will start the evening with a yet to be decided activity followed by ice cream, movies, service projects around the church and more! Please sign up on the youth room board so I can make sure to have enough chaperones and food!

Amanda PerryMiller 216-856-2718; e-mail aperrymiller@stpaulbera.org

WHEELS FOR THE WORLD WHEELCHAIR AND AMBULATION DEVICE DONATIONS

St Paul's is hosting a drop off location for used or new wheelchairs on Aug 10th, 2019, from 9am – 1pm. Donations can include used walkers, canes and crutches. All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. We cannot accept power wheelchairs.



The wheelchairs and other devices are sent to inmates at correctional facilities to restore them to like new condition. They are then sent to other countries where wheelchairs are not easily acquired. Teams of therapists and mechanics match the chair to recipients, customizing the fit and provide training in use and care.



Since 1994, the WFTW ministry has delivered wheelchairs and Bibles in developing countries. But WFTW is not simply about “dropping off a wheelchair”. It is about changing the hearts, minds and lives of people. It’s about transforming societies, village by village, person by person. It’s about teaching about A-bilities and lessening the stigma of physical impairments. These gifts of mobility bring hope, joy and salvation to people with disabilities around the world. There is a team going somewhere in the world every 2-3 weeks year-round. Each team has 200-400 chairs to deliver. That is a whole lot of chairs needed each year. Your donations will be greatly appreciated, tell your family and friends!



For more information, contact Jan Bairoti at 440-234-1535.

SHEEP AND GOATS FOCUS



How Love INC Works...

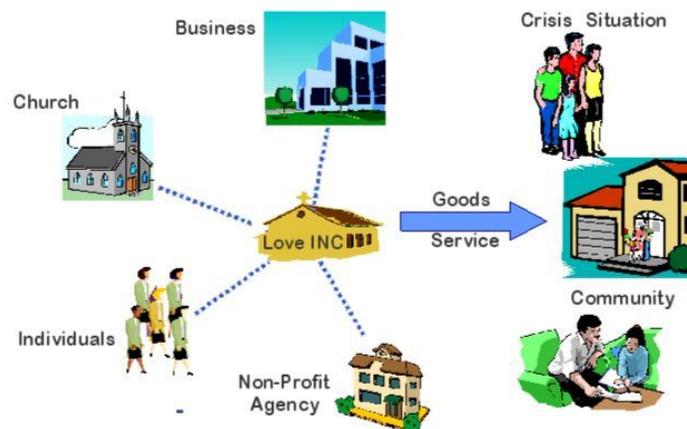
Receive request for help - Love INC receives requests for help by telephone from churches and pastors, agencies, individuals and families.

Assess the need- Specially trained Love INC volunteers or staff screen the request for extent of need and legitimacy, and discover any deeper issues fueling the crisis. Love INC determines what help the client has already received from agencies or churches, and ensures the need is manageable and specific.

Refer to Help- The request is referred to the most appropriate Love INC partner church, agency, or faith-based organization and the need is met.

Follow Up- Love INC reviews the outcome. Was the immediate need met? Is there a core issue that requires longer-term attention? The follow-up also provides an opportunity for the recipient to become connected to a local church if he or she so desires.

Connecting resources to a need...



**MONTHLY COLLECTION
FOR CHURCH STREET
MINISTRIES**

School Supplies

**In addition all canned, boxed, shelf
stable food is welcome every month**



**COMMISSION ON AGING
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**



**Tuesday July 9th at noon
the Senior Luncheon will
be held at Coe Lake
Cost \$5.00**

**Contact the
"Active Senior Network"
for reservations
at 440 891-3316**

MEMORIALS

Kay Schindler
Mel & Sue Grunau

Ronald Shalkhauser
Penny Boyer

Tex Bynum
Jan Bairoti

OFFICIAL ACTS

Wedding
6/8 Alison Winwood and Andrew Pasko

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Bible Word Search:
NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

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CHRIST KING of the Jews LORD RABBI SON OF DAVID	EMMANUEL LAMB of God MASTER REDEEMER SON OF GOD	JESUS LIGHT of the World NAZARENE SAVIOR SON OF MAN
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