

Fitting In

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5

Isn't it amazing how beautifully all the different parts of our bodies work together? Each part has its own function. Each part has something different that it is "good at." Yet when everything is working as it should, no part fights with another part. Each part does what God designed it to do so that the body, as a whole, can function the very best it can. In fact, the overall functioning of the entire body depends on how well all the parts work together and support each other in their individual functions.

Your heart pumps your blood. But that blood would have nowhere to go if it were not for the arteries and veins connected to your heart. Your eyes see. But those images would mean nothing to you if the optic nerve didn't transmit those images to your brain to be interpreted. Even the seemingly most insignificant parts of our bodies have important roles to play.

In the same way, God's church is made up of many parts, and each of those parts is different. Some people are good at speaking. Some have the gift of teaching. Some have the gift of serving with a selfless heart. Some seem to always know just the right thing to say to encourage us when we're feeling down. Some are "prayer warriors." Some are organizers. God has specifically designed each person in his church to be able to perform a particular function. And none of these functions is unimportant. In order for God's church to function the best it can, all members need to be doing their part.

What part are you in the body of Christ? Is there something that God has given you a passion for that you could use in service to the congregation? God's church simply cannot function at its best unless you are also doing what God has designed you to do.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for so beautifully designing each part of your church to work together. Help me do what you have designed me to do, so that your church as a whole may do the work you have given it to do. Amen.

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St. Paul Rocks
Come Get the Scoop!

Following the second service on September 30th, we'll be scooping out ice cream and sharing a light lunch, as well as painting inspirational rocks to place "In the Mission Field."

To support this food, fellowship, and fun event, be watching for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex – coming soon!





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be working in Chapter 4 of our book "Living a Chocolate Life".

"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." Eph. 6:10

Come join us for fellowship and growing in God's Word on September 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The ladies discussed ideas for the upcoming Fall Festival on Sunday, November 4th. Also 15 colorful gift baskets were assembled for the staff at the Academy of Early Learning.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come serve the Lord with gladness.

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Lutheran Women in Mission



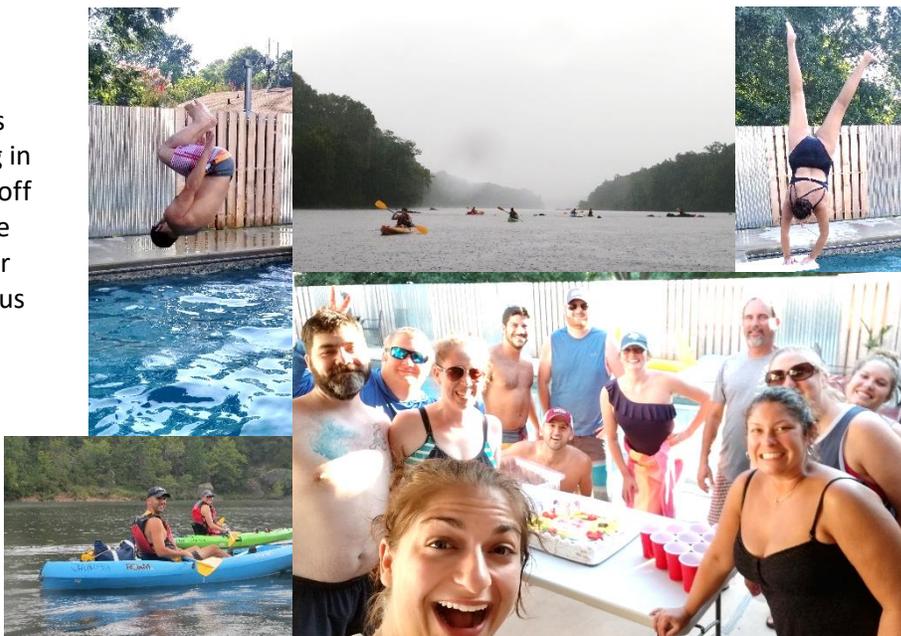
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PAIRS & SPARES

In July, Pairs and Spares met at the Garnto's home for a pool party! We enjoyed relaxing in the sun, playing some games, and showing off our best pool tricks. In August, we hit up the Coosa River for the 2nd time this Summer for some kayaking. We didn't let the rain stop us and we had an amazing time!

We hope to see you in September! We'll be heading downtown to Escapology on September 22nd, so let Kristi know if you're interested (kristidotdunham@gmail.com).



Steve Richardson is hosting a volunteer project, "Feeding Disabled Veterans". He could use all the prayer and help he can get! Would you consider praying or joining him for this project?

You can check out my project page here: <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/events/151689/detail?src=d1>



Thank you to the people – behind the scenes – who keep St. Paul “looking good!”

THIS IS CHURCH CHICKS!

Time to share stories, laugh and enjoy good food at Chappy's on Vaughn Road. No reservations needed. Look forward to seeing more ladies on Saturday, September 8th at 8:30 am.



JOURNEYMEN

Fifteen men gathered for breakfast and Bible study on August 18th. The lesson was “Explaining the Scary Stuff in Revelation” taught by Rev. Ken Klaus.

This was the first of a four-part study from Lutheran Hour Ministries about what John's revelation ‘is’ and what it is ‘not’ - and not a verse-by-verse study.



The Youth Group recently learned about 'judging by appearances.'



ST. PAUL VISIONING PROGRESS

The visioning core team met several times over the summer. On Rally Day Drew Wilson gave a brief presentation of long and short-term vision "horizons" and the corresponding efforts currently underway. A short video of that presentation is available on our website. A key accomplishment is the commitment of resources to maintain a current schedule on our website (stpaulmontgomery.org). Congregation-wide social events are being planned for the next few months – details will be announced in advance. The community outreach and Christian Education teams are developing plans — STAY TUNED!!!

Greetings from Joy Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MN,

We have been serving with Laborers for Christ for the past 10 years with LCMS congregations in LA, TX, IN, IA, WI, PA, KY, and MN. What joy it is to serve our Lord as we build sanctuaries, fellowship halls, offices, and schools. Along with building we get an opportunity to become a part of the congregation and enjoy the fellowship of other believers.

Charlie is the full-time Laborer. Debbie volunteers on the job along with leading ladies Bible studies, mowing grass, writing articles for the bulletins and pretty much what ever needs to be done.

More Laborers are always needed. Most Laborers have not had a career in the building industry so there's a lot of learning on the job. If you would like to serve the Lord in this way check out the website at

<https://lcef.org/laborers-for-christ/> .

Charlie & Debbie Howard



Thank You St. Paul for your generous gifts to make some very needed upgrades to our facility.



John Ficzer 9/3
 Janice Mather 9/6
 Mary Warnke 9/6
 Joyce Gravitt 9/7

Charlie Howard 9/7
 Tessa Antoon 9/13
 Becky Pierce 9/16
 Roman Paxton 9/19
 John Milkulka 9/20
 Cindy Ahrendt 9/22
 Mary Ficzer 9/26
 Charlie King 9/29
 Jon Dunham 9/30



Jon & Kristi Dunham 9/16/2012
 Frank & Linda Richardson 9/23/1963
 Jim & Berna Wittkop 9/25/1975

UPCOMING Events

September 3 Church Office Closed
September 8 Church Chicks at Chappy's on Vaughn, 8:30 a.m.
September 8 Mexican Train Dominoes, 6:30 p.m.
September 8 & 22 ... Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall
September 11 TLC at 10:30
September 13 Women of the Word Bible Study, 11:00 – 12: 30
September 18 LWML, 6:30 p.m.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Altar Guild

(Please call the church office for changes)

Sandy & Jerry Huffstickler

	Readers	Ushers	Acolyte/Crucifer	Greeters	Counters
Sept. 2 8:15 a.m.		Mike Nisbet Drew Wilson		Dee & Drew Wilson	
10:30 a.m.	Adam Warnke	Matt Buckley John Olsen Don Schulz Adam Warnke	Stanford Garnto Michael Landers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
Sept. 9 8:15 a.m.		Jerry & Sandy Huffstickler		Jerry & Sandy Huffstickler	
10:30 a.m.	Rudy Ohme	Harlan & Janet Rosin Steve Nightengale Need Volunteer	Xander Smith Jackson Smith	Neil Foulger Janice Mather	Janice Mather Ashley Semple
Sept. 16 8:15 a.m.		Ron & Paula Mitchell		Florence Smith Ethan Smith	
10:30 a.m.	Harlan Rosin	Dan Andrews Bob Cordes Dan Devaughn Need Volunteer	Julia Bennett Hailey Andrews	Harlan & Janet Rosin	Terry Elam Janice Mather
Sept. 23 8:15 a.m.		Mike Nisbet Drew Wilson		Mike & Janet Nisbet	
10:30 a.m.	Debbie Milkulka	Kurt & Cindy Hetler Need Volunteer	Matthew Landers Ava Dradzynski	Need Volunteers	Terry Elam Ashley Semple
Sept. 30 8:15 a.m.		Jerry & Sandy Huffstickler		Ron & Paula Mitchell	
10:30 a.m.	Beau Smith	Stanford Garnto Hailey Andrews Jackson Smith Ava Dradzynski	Pace Crew Aidan Smith	Julia Bennett Michael Landers	Debbie Olsen Need Volunteer

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