

The Messenger



TODAY AND EVERY DAY, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS...

*Thank You for the rest You gave to me last night,
Thank You for the dreams You put into my spirit,
Thank You for every breath You give to me, please breathe on me today,
Thank You for my heart, let it beat with Your heart for the people around me,
Thank You for my eyes, let me see as You see,
Thank You for my ears, let me hear what You are speaking to me,
Thank You for my hands, let me work for You to bless others,
Thank You for my family, let me serve and love them as You do,
Thank You for my friends, let me be a strong example that leads them closer to You,
Thank You for my church family, let me grow closer to them and to You,
Thank You for being my Heavenly Father, to whom I can turn when I am in need,
Thank You for Jesus who loved me enough to lay His precious life down for me so that I can have eternal life and fellowship with YOU.
Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, the Blessing of Your presence with me at all times,
I thank You for this day and what You are about to accomplish in and through me.*



BLOGS, MAGAZINE, PODCASTS, SERIES

The Lutheran Witness seeks to help you interpret the world from a Lutheran perspective. Editors and designers work to craft articles and magazines that point readers to Christ and Him crucified for the sins of the world. It's about Him and His life, suffering, and death for the sins of the world.

Lutheran Witness now has an online blog at <https://witness.lcms.org/articles/> about current events such as, "Co-Parenting: Strangers Having and Raising Children Together", "Prospects for a Coronavirus Awakening", "Supreme Court Makes LGBT Agenda a Civil Right", "Herman Sasse: Courage for Confession, Of Parking Lots and Catacombs", "Treasury of Daily Prayer: A COVID Lifeline" and more.

There are also articles in series on "Technology and Theology" and "Our Problems; God's Answers."

And as if all of this were not enough, you can even get the articles as [podcasts](#).



MUSIC OF THE SEASONS

Summer: "Music of the Psalms"

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW ON THE ST. PAUL CHURCH WEBSITE

Three favorite Psalms, "The Lord Is My Shepherd (Ps. 23), "Out of the Depths" (Ps. 130), and "Praise Him with Instruments" (Ps. 150), have been arranged for organ with the texts dramatically delivered with the music. Peggy and Scott have produced this devotional recording for your personal worship.

Look for this new page on our St. Paul website under the Worship menu tab. www.stpaulmontgomery.org

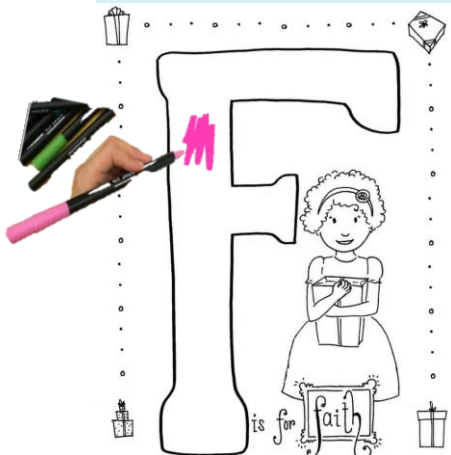
ARE YOUR CHILDREN MISSING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

ACADEMICS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT BUT SO IS YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

While we're not back to the Sunday School classroom yet, we've found some great Sunday School help for your children, your grandchildren, or maybe some neighbor children. If you are not already receiving a weekly Sunday School email please contact the church office to get on the email list.

Each week there will be links to resources that go along with the sermon/gospel reading for the week. There are videos, coloring sheets, craft ideas and songs. Materials are appropriate for ages preschool through 5th grade.

Don't forget that subscription to RightNowMedia that is provided through St. Paul at no cost to you. There are many, many videos for children. Contact the church office if you don't have an account.



The next LWML meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall on August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

All St. Paul women are welcome.

Mite Box Explanation and History

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program.

Mite Boxes, available from the district, zone, or LWML office, are distributed to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation. Local groups submit Mite Box offerings to the appointed district officer.

The Widow's Mite

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41-43).



Preschool Plus



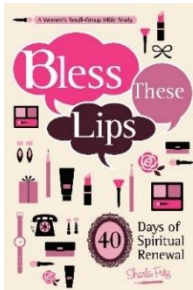
Currently there are 29 children attending the school. Most of them are full-time and some are part-time.

Some big upcoming events this fall are the Thanksgiving and Christmas shows. There will be a Thanksgiving service on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving with a full feast.

Volunteers are welcome. Contact the school (334-356-0016) if you would like to help in any way. Help will also be needed with decorations and the meal for Thanksgiving.

St. Paul Board of Directors

The board will be meeting virtually on 20 August to discuss next year's budget. As part of the budget drill, we will be working on a simple format for St Paul member/mission area suggestions to next year's budget.



WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. (Aug. 27 & Sept. 10)

Examine what God's Word has to say about our mouths, tongues, and lips. Discover the power of your words and how you can influence your world through them.

The book examines things we say that get in the way of our relationships with God and with others.

Mike & Cindy Ahrendt 8/16/1980
 Rudy & Ann Ohme 8/16/1969
 Adam & Melissa Warnke 8/20/2011
 Jon & Kristi Dunham 9/15/2012



Sadie Owens	8/17	Wilson Buckley	8/27	John Ficzer	9/3
Cynthia Bennett	8/20	EJ Antoon	8/29	Janice Mather	9/6
Matt Buckley	8/21	Grant Behning	8/30	Mary Wynn Warnke	9/6
Naomi Kirklin	8/21	Rosalinda Crum	8/30	Charles Howard	9/7
Madison Paxton	8/25	Hannah Holman	9/2	Tessa Antoon	9/13
Mignon Frazier	8/26	George Dunham	9/3	Becky Pierce	9/16

Please submit pictures/information for the newsletter by the 12th of each month to dhoward@knology.net.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

To activate the prayer chain, contact Margaret Carlson at 334-567-0964 or the church office at 272-6214.