



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE TRUMPET
June/July 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

I thought it might be helpful to share another installment of ***"Questions asked of Pastor Tom."*** Maybe you have had similar questions, and maybe this can lead to a broader understanding of some of the subjects talked about.

Q: Do you honestly believe members of St. Paul's will contribute \$900,000 for a new HVAC system?

A: I certainly do. We have a generous congregation, a creative capital campaign committee under the leadership of Mike Charlton, a highly regarded stewardship consulting group, Kirby-Smith, that will help us meet and exceed our goal. We have a 175 year history of faithfully doing what needs to be done.

Q: Will you make a pledge to the campaign?

A: I already have. I hope you will as well.

Q: Do you have any continuing education coming up this summer?

A: Yes. I'll be headed for a week at the Chautauqua Institution. The theme for the week is "Comedy and the Human Condition." I'm looking forward to having a really good laugh.

Q: So, I hear we're looking for a new music director. How's that going?

A: Remember it was Luther who said that next to the Word of God, music is God's greatest gift. Right now we probably have more applicants than we need, but we will reach out to all of them. Pam Wannan and her committee are excited about finding someone who will stir our hearts musically for many years to come.

Q: As you know, I'm new to St. Paul's, and I have not signed up to do anything yet. What are you looking for? Where does the church need help?

A: Thank you for asking! We need an Evangelism chairperson, and again I say unto you, an Evangelism chairperson.

Q: Forgive my ignorance, but what exactly is evangelism?

A: It is sharing the Good News, plain and simple. No experience necessary. We need someone who can provide oversight for the ways we reach people with the Gospel. This could include social media, the church website, welcoming visitors, banners, signs, bring a friend to church, and much more.

Saved by God's grace, and nourished through Word and Sacrament, we, the community of believers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, are Sent by the Holy Spirit to Share the Good News and Serve our neighbors following the example of Jesus Christ. (St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement)

Q: I have asked this of you before, but with terrorists and with so many evil people in the world doing such terrible things, do you still believe that everyone is going to heaven?

A: I sure do! We have all fallen short of the glory of God and even the worst sinners among us are saved by God's grace and are going to heaven.

Q: What if a person doesn't repent, doesn't ask for forgiveness?

A: They're still going to make it. The emphasis should not be on our asking, but on God's saving act in Jesus Christ.

Q: Now that you have been in Washington for 32 years, have you warmed up to any of the Washington teams?

A: Of all the Washington teams I suppose I have warmed up to the Nats Warmed up, mind you, not boiling over. I am still a diehard fan of the team in first place in the American League East.

Q: Have you been thinking about retirement?

A: Yup.

Q: I heard that you have been doing some text messaging lately. Does that mean that Twitter and Facebook are to be your next hi tech accomplishments?

A: Nope.

Q: What is your favorite passage from the Bible?

A: I have many, but this week it is Isaiah 40:31.

Q: I'm sorry, but what does the passage say?

A: Why don't you come to Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm and find out?

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Thomas A. Omholt

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Ron Rademacher
Barb Pitts
Carol Pihlstrom
Hal McNitt
Gloria Stuart
Engelhardt Unaeb
Karen Thoms
Deaconess Cassie Brown
John Hughes and his family
Jean Fetzer
Bob Janshego
Betty Kelly
Debbie Goerlich
David Cox
Ralph Benson

Christians and all people of faith who are
persecuted throughout the World.



Bible Study

Wednesdays, @ 7 pm

Studying the scriptures is an excellent way to learn more about what the risen Christ is up to in the world and in our lives. St. Paul's weekly Bible study group meets every **Wednesday at 7 pm in room 207**. All are welcome!



Weekly Quotes From Martin Luther

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone."

"True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue."

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"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"

"There never yet have been, nor are there now, too many good books."



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - Dress Casually. Stay Cool.

Just a reminder that St. Paul's is without air conditioning so please be prepared to be warmed by the Spirit on Sundays, and warmed by summer like temperatures as well. Rest assured that we will have plenty of water on ice.

Sunday, June 4th: Affirmation of Baptism and Pentecost



On June 4th, we rejoiced with **Andrew James Audas, Grace Ann Farrell Cabral, Anna Katherine Dueholm, Reganne Stephanie Engstler, Michaela Ruth Larson, Eric Frank Moore, Stone Alexander Shearer, Luke**

William Monahan Trainor and Samantha Carter Whatley as they affirmed their baptism at the morning's worship service.



As always, there was a celebratory picnic following the service.



SUMMER OF SERVICE

Six Sundays of Summer Service

Starts June 25th! While summer fun is on everyone's minds, St. Paul's and the Social Ministry Committee don't take a holiday from helping others! Please join us each week in the dining room after the 10 o'clock morning service for a different project (each will take 45 minutes or less) between June 25th and July 30th. The service projects are geared for helpers of ALL ages, so please join us! Here's what's coming up:

Sunday, June 25th: Arrange flower bouquets for seniors and shut-ins.

Sunday, July 2nd: Write cards to members of the Armed Services and new US Citizens.

Sunday, July 9th: Clean the SPLC food pantry.

Sunday, July 16th: Pack toiletries for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Sunday, July 23rd: Create bookmarks for hymnals and Bibles (especially for kids while parents attend the Capital Campaign meeting!)

Sunday, July 30th: Pack school supplies for DC-area students.

Please check the bulletin, weekly e-news, and social media for specific info as we get closer to each week's project. If you have any questions or would like to donate to offset the cost of supplies, please contact Emily Foley at emilywfoley@gmail.com or Lisa Wackler at lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com.



News from the Committee on St. Paul's Scholarship Fund

St. Paul's College Scholarship Fund Committee met recently and voted to award 7 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year! **Matthew Larson, Molly Wackler, Leo Wackler, Ryan Brown, Perri Hollar, Katie Cabral and Veronica Ferris are this year's recipients.** Congratulations to all of them!!!



Prime Time Center

The Prime Time Center gathers every Wednesday between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for fun and fellowship. St. Paul's Center continues to be blessed with a faithful ministry team who welcome the participants, spend time with them in conversation, and serves a wonderful hot luncheon to everyone. We welcome you to come and see this vibrant community and participate in any program that seems interesting to you. The programming begins with an entertainment, lecture, or information session from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm followed by a delicious hot lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Immediately after lunch the group participates in an active hour of exercise that is led by an excellent instructor who has become an important part of the PTC community.

June 21

Activities-to-Go

"Here Come the Brides: Wedding Traditions Around the World and Through the Ages"

June 28

Dr. Robert Jenner

"The Story of the Spanish Armada"

Stop by and join in the fellowship! Contact Deaconess Cassie with any questions (cbrown@stpaulslutherandc.com).

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### **Music Director Search In Full Swing!**

St. Paul's search for a new music director is well underway! We have received 15 applications and interviews have begun. Members of the committee include Pam Wannan (Chair), Marcia Perez, Carol Beebe, Karen Brunn, Karen Campbell, Bill Heffley, Sue Hollar, and Mihkel Smit. If you have any questions or thoughts about a new music director for St. Paul's please contact Pam Wannan at [pam@wannan.com](mailto:pam@wannan.com) or Pastor Tom at [tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com](mailto:tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com). Stay Tuned!



### **Still some openings at St. Paul's Nursery School for the 2017-2018 school year!**

St. Paul's Nursery School has openings for the 2017-2018 school year. It is a part time morning program, Monday through Friday, 9 am-12. It is a caring and loving environment for young children, and is a great introduction to school. Please check out the website below or contact the Director of the school, Katie Johnson or at 202 966-0214 for more information.

<http://www.stpaulsnurseryschool-dc.org>

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### **Toiletry and School Supply Collection**

**As part of the Six Sundays of Summer Service**, we're collecting toiletries and school backpacks and supplies to donate to Friendship Place ([www.friendshipplace.org](http://www.friendshipplace.org)) Consider picking some of these items up next time you're at the store! Pro tip: If your travels take you to a hotel that provides travel size toiletries in the room, consider bringing back and donating what you don't use!



**Toiletries (we're collecting these through July 16).** lip balm, toothbrush/toothpaste, pocket packs of tissues, boxes of maxi pads or tampons, razors, shampoo and conditioner, sturdy brush and/or comb, deodorant (regular size, no travel sizes), body lotion, packages of snacks like cheese crackers or trail mix, small make-up items (lip gloss, mascara), packages of underwear (medium to large sizes), socks



**Back Packs for School Supplies (we're collecting these through July 30th).** We are looking to collect 15 backpack for girls and 20 backpacks for boys (1st and 2nd grades)

Please place donations in the baskets in the Narthex and Portico. If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Lisa Wackler ([lwackler@stpaulslutherand.com](mailto:lwackler@stpaulslutherand.com)).

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**Now Playing at St. Paul's!  
Vacation Bible School  
"ROME: Paul and the  
Underground Church"**



We just completed Day one of VBS with over 30 children participating! During this week, they will learn about the many great gifts that Jesus gives us, through worship, crafts, outdoor play, Bible study, and song!



**ABOVE:** A "Guard" (unknown identity!!!) keeping watch over Paul who is under house arrest (also unknown identity!!)

**Stay tuned for more in the Summer issue of the Trumpet!**  
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Council members welcome your calls at their home phone numbers.

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