



**ST. PAUL'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*THE TRUMPET*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We have been hearing a lot these days about what it means to look "presidential." We hear it from the presidential candidates themselves, from reporters, and just the other night a member of St. Paul's said that she thought one particular candidate looks more "presidential" than all the others. Now even though I agreed with her, I had to wonder what exactly "looking presidential" means.

I think it means two things. It has to do with one's physical appearance. It has to do with charisma, presence, one's ability to articulate an idea. It also has to do, I think, with how one acts in a pressure situation. Whether it is a political debate or an international crisis, can the person stay in control, and stay focused, and continue to be a voice of reason and hope?

What one looks like, and how one acts. I wonder if this also applies to pastors, to lawyers, and to stay at home moms? Do I look like a pastor and act like one? You don't have to answer that! Do you look and act lawyerly? Do you look and act like a stay at home mom? For that matter, do we look and act like human beings created and fashioned in the image of God? I dare say that we all look the part but oftentimes don't act the part. What about looking and acting like Christians? We will often look the part on Sunday mornings, but acting like Christians during the rest of the week can be a challenge, especially when thrown into pressure situations and everyday crises.

Looks and actions. What does God have to say about that? Do you remember the story in 1 Samuel: 16 about how David was anointed to be king? Samuel is sent to the home of Jesse and will pick from Jesse's eight sons the one to be king. The fashion show/presidential debate begins. Samuel is impressed. Just as he is about to make his decision, the Lord reminds him, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Finally, David comes in all dirty and smelly from tending the sheep, and God says, "This is the one."

When the Lord looks upon your heart and mine, what does the Lord see? Hopefully the Lord sees love, faith, courage and compassion, which help shape our lives as presidents, pastors, lawyers, stay at home moms/dads, and as Christians living in the world today.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas A. Omholt

*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)*

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**Please Keep In Your Prayers ...**

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Lois Leland

Donald Althouse

Ellen Saposnik

Barbara Miller

Jean Isley

Katherine Davis

Joseph Saccone

Miriam Burt

Ann Albert

Johanne Jackson

Scott Hickman

Friends and family of Kay Schwarzmann  
upon her death.

Friends and family of Katharine Berger  
upon her death.

Christians who are persecuted in the Middle East



**Wednesday night Bible Study to  
resume on April 20th**

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 will resume meeting on Wednesday, April 20th at 7 pm in room 207. Come and join us!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact [Pastor Tom](mailto:Pastor Tom).

## **Mission Trip to Namibia: July 19<sup>th</sup> – August 2nd!**

What do you have in common with Albert Schweitzer David Livingstone? If the answer is that you feel called to live out the ELCA motto, "God's Work, Our Hands" among his children in need in Africa, your time has come. St. Paul's is organizing a mission trip in coordination with our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN), to help at some of the 19 orphanages that the ELCRN operates. All skills are needed, from helping with renovations to helping the children with their schoolwork. Of course ultimately it will be an opportunity for us to get to know our fellow Lutherans in Namibia better.

**The trip dates are July 19 to August 2, 2016.** For additional details, please contact Gail Ferris (gailferris@aya.yale.edu) or Pastor Tom (tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com). We look forward to sharing with you this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve our Lord by serving those most in need.



### **St. Paul's College Scholarship Fund accepting applications!**

As you know, St. Paul's has a college scholarship fund and we are now accepting applications! So, if you have a daughter or son planning to enter college this fall, and are in need of financial assistance, we would like to hear from them **by May 1st**. Please have them contact Pastor Omholt in writing (by email or letter) stating briefly where they plan to attend school, when, and a brief reason why they need this scholarship. Your family financial data is not necessary, just basic reasons. Priority will be given to students beginning their first year but we may consider those starting their second, third or fourth year. Contact Pastor Tom with any questions. (tomholt@stpaulslutherandc.com)



## **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 seated exercise** that is led by an excellent instructor who has become an important part of the PTC community.

### **Upcoming Schedule**

#### **April 13**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Ambassador Andrew Steigman  
"The Vikings"

#### **April 20**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Activities-to-Go  
"A Special Tribute to the People of Japan - Japanese Journey"

#### **April 27**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Dr. Robert Jenner  
"The History of Los Angeles"



### **Reminder!**

St. Paul's Podcasts are available online at:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stpaulsdc>





### ***Pocket Prayer Squares Available!***

Pocket Prayer squares are knitted by members of the prayer shawl ministry with love and prayers for your encouragement, healing, joy and peace.

The squares may be carried with you in your pocket or purse as a reminder of God's love and to sustain and strengthen you in difficult times.

The Pocket Prayer Squares are available at the entrance to the Nave off of the portico as well as in the narthex. We ask that you take them on an as needed basis to ensure adequate supply. Please contact Deaconess Cassie with any questions or concerns.

### ***Shekinah 2016***

Seventh and eighth grade Confirmation students attended the ELCA's Metro DC Youth Event, Shekinah, the weekend of April 1st-3rd.

Inspired by Martin Luther's speech before the Diet of Worms, the youth used Luther's immortal words "**Here I Stand**" to explore the many ways that they could put on the armor of God to do great things in the world.



Shekinah - amazing weekend confirmation retreat with StLuthRef seventh and eighth graders and Metro DMV youth.



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

***St. Paul's collection drive for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kit Ministry a great success!***  
***81 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief were assembled on April 10th.*** These Baskets of Promise will be distributed to people around the world afflicted by war, displacement, and poverty. Special thanks to St. Paul's members who contributed soap, towels, combs, nail clippers, toothbrushes and to those that helped to assemble the kits. **Towels are still needed - Max size 52" x 27"--dark colors recommended!** They may be dropped in the basket marked "**Baskets of Promise**" located in the portico.





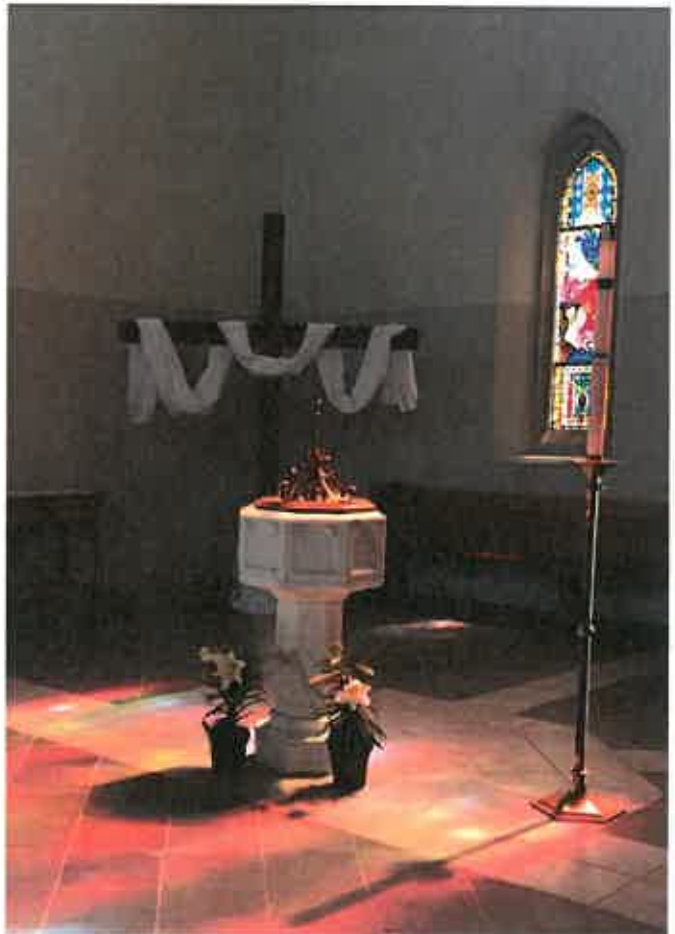
**From our Sexton and Shelter  
Coordinator: Sponsorship  
Opportunity**

**On Saturday, May 7th**, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the **Christian Motorcyclists Association's 28th annual "Run for the Son"**, 'spreading the light of Jesus around the world.' **Glenn Ralph, will be among them!** The riders are sponsored to ride and the monies raised are divided between 3 charities. Go to the Christian Motorcyclists Association's website at [www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org) to learn more. Please contact Glenn Ralph at [killsing@yahoo.com](mailto:killsing@yahoo.com) or by phone at 202-607-3928 for sponsorship material or to learn more about the event.

**Passion Sunday**



**Easter Sunday**



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