



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE TRUMPET

June 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was just informed by the leaders of this year's Vacation Bible School that I will be portraying Clark Cavern, cave explorer extraordinaire. As part of Cave Quest VBS I will now be on a quest for just the right attire. I need to find the right shoes, the right cave explorer clothes and accessories. Is there a Clark Cavern costume out there somewhere?

In Bible study on Wednesday nights, and on Sunday mornings, we have been reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Now Paul does not talk about putting on a costume, but he does talk about something far more important. In Galatians 3:27 he talks about putting on Christ. "As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." So try to imagine that for a moment. Try to imagine what it would be like to clothe yourself with Christ. It won't make you Christ just as my Clark Cavern costume will not make me a real cave explorer, but might it not bring out that which is Christ like in you and in me?

Imagine being clothed with Christ while in a traffic jam or while in a heated board room discussion. Imagine being clothed with Christ while having a fight with your spouse or a fight with the IRS. Imagine being clothed with Christ listening to a Donald Trump speech. Imagine being clothed with Christ while watching the bodies of dead migrants wash up on a deserted beach. Imagine being clothed with Christ while struggling with an addiction or struggling with trying to do the right thing. Would it make any difference? Would, being clothed with Christ, change what we do or say around difficult people and difficult circumstances in life? Should it?

Try it. Next time you're in a tough situation remember that you are clothed with Christ. Let that clothing bring out the best in you. Let it bring out a Christ like love, patience, understanding, forgiveness and compassion. Try it. Let's all try it.

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)

**Welcome to the St. Paul's Trumpet,
A publication of St. Paul's
Lutheran Church.**

Additional information is available on the church website at www.stpaulslutherandc.com. St. Paul's also publishes a weekly email update – E-news. If you would like to receive the weekly E-news, please contact Joy Belew (joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com)

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Ralph Benson

June Ericsson

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



Wednesday night Bible Study

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. Come and join us!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Tom.



Festival of Pentecost and Affirmation of Baptism: **Sunday May 15th**

Pentecost is always an exciting time at St. Paul's and 2016 was no exception. Rowan Gjersvold, Murphy Harlee, Erin Hollar, Lars Nordquist and Brian Yetter affirmed their faith at the 11:00 am service and were confirmed into full voting membership in the church. Our Confirmands worked diligently over the last two years studying the Bible and the Small Catechism to prepare for this very special day. The annual Pentecost picnic followed the worship service.



Items Needed for Namibia Mission Trip in July



Our Namibian Mission Team is leaving for Africa next month, where they will spend time helping out at two of Namibia's youth hostels. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia, (or ELCRN for short), operates 19 of these hostels around the country. The hostels provide a home away from home for about 1,400 children between the ages of 6 and 16. Some, but not all, of the children are orphans, having lost one or both parents to AIDS, tuberculosis, other diseases, or accidents.

While the Mission Team is there, they will help build a playground at one of the hostels, and will perform a variety of other services, including painting, health presentations, and support for the Namibian children.

How can you help?

There are a variety of items always needed. Please consider contributing any of the following:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Winter clothing: shoes, flip flops, warm hats.
(Remember it is winter in the southern hemisphere!)
- Blankets (twin)
- Towels
- Sheets (twin)
- Heavy-duty soccer balls (not inflated, please)
- Small toys of any kind
- Stickers
- Hairpins/bracelets
- Jump ropes
- Chalk
- Hacky sacks
- Frisbees
- Kites
- Money to purchase tools once in Namibia (or to purchase items here). Please make your check out to St. Paul's and make sure that you denote "Namibia Mission Trip" on the memo line of your check.

There will be collection bins marked "Namibia" in the Narthex and the Portico for collecting items. If you have any questions, please let Pastor Tom, Lisa Wackler, (lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com) or any of the Namibian Mission Team members know.



Summer Worship Schedule

The worship schedule at St. Paul's changes during the summer. Each Sunday, (May 22nd through Labor Day) there will be one worship service at 10:00 am. Sunday School does not meet during the summer.



St. Paul's Day at Nationals Park

Baseball fans, it's that time of year again - there's nothing like a late spring evening game at the ballpark. The faithful Nats fans from St. Paul's will once again be assembling to cheer on the home team on Friday June 10, 7:05 p.m., against their division-rival Phillies. The cost for the tickets, which are in the third-base gallery under cover in case of rain, is \$20. For further details and to reserve tickets, please contact Gail Ferris at gailferris@aya.yale.edu



Ideas Needed for Six Sundays of Summer Service!

Do you have a great idea for a summer service project? If so, please contact Lisa Wackler, Director of Congregational Life - she is currently planning the Sunday projects and wants your thoughts and ideas!

Lisa can be reached through the office (202) 966-5489 or at lwackler@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

June 8

Charles Mokoff
Classical Guitarist

June 22

Dr. Robert Jenner
"The Eruption of
Krakatoa"

June 15

Nancy Abramson
"Nancy Sings"

June 29

Christiana Drapkin
"Summertime Swing"



St. Paul's Vacation Bible School: "Cave Quest" is fast approaching and we need YOU!

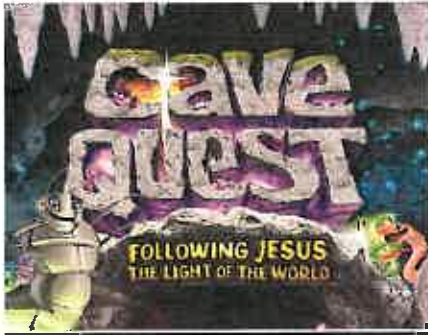
Our Vacation Bible School is only two weeks away, and we are busy making all of our plans. In addition to registering your child, **we need helpers of all ages. Older kids (rising 7th graders and up) and adults are needed to help keep the program running smoothly. And you don't have to be there every day...any time you can give us will be appreciated!**

We're also looking at transforming the chancel and other church spaces into exciting cave spaces. ***We are looking for the following items:***

- LARGE pieces of cardboard (from appliances or other large items)
- LARGE pieces of Styrofoam (foam insulation board)—doesn't have to be in perfect condition
- Paint that you no longer need
- Christmas lights: colored and white
- Can lights or small spotlights
- Dark sheets or other large pieces of dark fabric
- Brown sheets
- Artificial plants, including small delicate flowers
- Climbing equipment (ropes. etc.)

And are you feeling creative? We are also looking for folks with ideas and vision for decorating these spaces. If you'd like to help, please let Tammy Larson (301) 263-9265 or Lisa Wackler (lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com) know!

Register now for Vacation Bible School



“Cave Quest”

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School, **Cave Quest**, is **June 20-24th, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.**

Join us as we will learn about the many great gifts that Jesus gives us, through worship, crafts, outdoor play, Bible study, and song. We will even have a Bible-themed snack every day!

Kids aged three (and potty-trained, please) through completed 5th Grade are invited to join in the fun. Older kids (completed 6th Grade and up) and adults are welcome to help with the programming!

Cost of the program is \$80 per child (with a \$160 family maximum) if you register by Monday, June 13th. (After June 13th, the price goes up to \$100 per child, with a \$200 family maximum.)

There is also an option for Extended Day programming from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm every day. The cost for the Extended Day programming is \$100 per child, and space is limited. Registration forms are available in the Portico or you can download one from our website at www.stpaulslutherandc.com. For further information, please contact Joy in the church office at 202-966-5489 or joyb@stpaulslutherandc.com. **Interested in volunteering? Please contact Tammy Larson at (301) 367-9991 or Lisa Wackler (lwackler@stpaulslutherandc.com).**



Polyhymnia Chamber Chorus @ St. Paul's: Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 2:30 pm

The concert will feature 16th century Italian Madrigals by Luca Marenzio, a group of German part songs by Robert Schumann, contemporary pieces by Arvo Pärt and Eric Whitacre, and three settings by Emma Lou Diemer of texts of William Shakespeare, commemorating the 400th anniversary of his death. The performance is free. A light reception follows the performance. Polyhymnia is a 501(c)3 organization. Your support can be treated as a charitable donation for tax purposes.

For more information, go to www.polyhymniasings.org

Pocket Prayer Squares

The Pocket Prayer Squares are available in the portico and narthex. We ask that you take them on an as needed basis to ensure adequate supply. Please contact Deaconess Cassie (cbrown@stpaulslutherandc.com) with any questions or concerns.



Reminder!

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

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