



St. Paul's Church

June Newsletter

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Dear St. Paul's,

I enjoy riding my road bicycle on the Cannon Valley Trail. A good ride for me these days is fifteen miles, but by the end of the summer it will be thirty. My bike and my biking gear is the only thing I own that my children are not allowed to touch. My bike is mine and so is my biking gear. Along with my bike I have my own helmet, clip in shoes, gloves, hat, sunglasses and water bottles that are just for me. When I put on my biking gear, I put on a different mindset and I am free of schedules. There is something thrilling about biking through swarms of bugs, around unknown corners and along the river. But no matter where I get on the trail, I always return to my car and back to being mom, wife, and pastor. But there are these moments when I am just out on my bike thinking about tire pressure, the sound of the changing of gears and the bliss of coming upon a swan, turtle, or deer.

Maybe you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing as an escape or way to relax. What is it? I know for some it is gardening, birding, walking, golfing, fishing, hiking, shopping, hunting, collecting.... The difference between our faith and these special interests we have is that living our faith does not require special gear, expertise, or a map. Faith, our belief in God, is a gift given to us though we do not deserve it. Faith, our belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, cannot be lost, replaced, or bought with a coupon code. We are given the opportunity each and every day to witness to others love and mercy by the ways we live our daily lives. It is as simple as "hello", the holding of a door, an encouraging word, a compliment, a note, a word of thanks or appreciation.

My challenge to you in the coming month is that when you wake up and put on the coffee, put on your shoes, put on the radio or television, remember that you have already put on Christ, and that God will be going with you everywhere you go, and in this you are living testimony of God's goodness.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Dana

Leadership & Staff: Pastor Dana Jackson & Pastor Kristen Schlauderaff

Sharon Duden, President; Ellie Tiedemann, President Elect; Dan Flemke, Vice President; Delores Morud, Secretary; Laurie Hinrichs, Treasurer; Lynne Petersen, Organist; Jeanne Follstad, Choir Director; Linda Kuyath, Finance Secretary; Sue Ottman, Secretary; Marcia Anderson, Wedding Coordinator; Randy Mickelson, Custodian

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

From May 10th, 2018

Encourage Ministry Team—Discussed Community Meal on June 17th. Inmate Release items due on June 1st.

Give Ministry Team – Working on updating social media. 1st and 2nd quarter statements will not be mailed but available upon request.

Invite Ministry Team—Did not meet.

Leadership Team - Discussion on Pastor Kristen's process. Continued discussion on Constitution and Bylaw changes.

Serve Ministry Team – Working on getting quotes to refinish historic doors and also a quote on replacing sacristy door. Painting of gathering area will start in June.

Study Ministry Team – Vacation Bible School will be held June 10—14th.

Youth Ministry Team - No report.

Worship Ministry Team – Worship in the Park will be held on Saturday, July 28th. Working on having some special talents performed during the summer months.

Unfinished Business – Need members for the Youth Team.

New Business – None reported.

Next Meetings: **Thursday, June 14th**

Leadership: 6 p.m., Teams: 6:30 p.m.; Council 7:30 p.m.

**** Just a reminder!!! There are NOT team meetings, Leadership, or Council meetings in July!!!!**

A simple and convenient way to give!!

Consider automating your regular donations with our electronic giving program. **St. Paul's** relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Visit the church office for more information.



Just a reminder!!! St. Paul's activities/groups are done for the summer months!! These include: Men's Risers, Quilters, Confirmation, Sunday School, Thursday morning Bible Study, Ruth Anna Group, and Choir practice! If you have any

questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the church office at 651-388-7106. Enjoy your summer!!

March—Food

Shelf Month!! Food Drive

Thanks to your generosity, St. Paul's collected over 45 pounds



of food to be donated to the Red Wing Area Food Shelf!!!! Thank you for helping to meet the temporary hunger needs of families in our area!!!



Dear Pastor Dana and St. Paul's Church family,

Thank you so much for the milestone anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 22nd. Thank you for the corsage and boutonniere, the delicious cake, the ladies who served it, and to Sharon Duden for taking the pictures. The service was beautiful!! We appreciate it very much!! Love & Prayers,

Bud and Lois Pruter

Dorance and I would like to sincerely thank St. Paul's, the Invite team, and Sharon Duden for the lovely recognition of our 50th anniversary. We know there was a lot of effort involved and we really appreciate your hard work. You made our "date" very special.

Again, thank you so much and God Bless You All!!!

Dorance and Sandy Halverson

To the "Invite Ministry Team" and St. Paul's Church family,

What a nice celebration in April, planned for couples celebrating their special "milestone" anniversaries. It was special having a corsage and the beautiful cake. All so very nice and thank you so much!

Elaine & Herb Johnson



I Love to Tell the Story



God is great and gives us many gifts. It is with our faithfulness and thankfulness that we give generously of our time, our talents and our treasure and tell the story of God's love. Thank you Saint Paul's for your giving this year! We thank you for your support of our shared ministries and the impact we are having here in Red Wing and ELCA ministries throughout the world. As we go into the summer season at the church, the give team appeals to your continued generosity. The summer is a great time to get set up on automated giving so that church ministries remain at full strength as church members live out their busy summer schedules. Even when you can't make it to church on Sunday, the needs of the community and all of God's people remain. Contact Saint Paul's church office to help you get set up. We pray for you and your families to have a blessed, healthy and happy summer.

Give Team

Risers Update:

The Risers, our Tuesday morning non-denominational men's breakfast and Bible study, have wrapped up another good year. We have been blessed with new members as well as our 'regulars', many of whom have been active for decades. Our meetings will resume on the Tuesday after Labor Day. Thanks to generous members, the Risers were able to contribute \$500 to various congregational and community needs. Thanks to Jeff Grosso from St. Joseph's Church for his faithful leadership in Bible study and to Larry Perkins for his delicious hot breakfasts.



Welcome.....

On Feb. 25th, the following people joined our St. Paul's family:

Greg & Steph Erickson, Ella & Tom

Ruth Rothchild

Andy Fischer & Sarah Beegle

Roger & Mary Ann Flom

We are so happy to have you as part of our church family!!!



Amazon Smile

Exciting News! St. Paul's Lutheran Church Red Wing is on Amazon Smile. If you already shop at Amazon.com for anything, you can designate St. Paul's to receive a donation each time you buy. You must go to **smile.amazon.com** and designate St. Paul's as your selected 501(c)(3) eligible charity and you are on your way to helping St. Paul's carry out its mission in Red Wing and the world! If you have questions talk to Derek Jackson on the Give Team.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon!!!!

Mission Impossible: The Case Of Jesus's Miracles

Please join us for Vacation Bible School!

Sunday June 10th through Thursday June 14th.

First Lutheran church is hosting this Tri-Lutheran event.

Dinner served at 5:30. Class is from 6-8.

Volunteers needed! Join in the fun!

This is open to all kids entering Pre-School in the fall up to entering 5th grade in the fall.

We are excited to see you there!

We would like to express our sincere thank you to Emily Thoms and Jaimie Halvorson for all the time and hard work that they



have put into our Sunday School program this past year. Your dedication to the children of St. Paul's plays a huge part in the future of our church. Thank you for helping our children grow in their faith!!! We appreciate you!!!!

Just a reminder!!!

If you are listed on our Worship Leader schedule and can't be here to complete your role, please find a replacement and let the church office know. Thank you!!

To make you smile.....

A 5 year old at the beach ran up to his grandpa, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore. There a sea gull lay dead in the sand.

"Grandpa, what happened to him?" the little boy asked.

"He died and went to heaven", the grandpa replied.

The little boy thought for a moment, and then said, "And God threw him back down?"



W.E.L.C.A. Information:

BELOVED, Women's Day at Good Earth Village

Saturday, June 30th, 2018

8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

(Join us for Women's Day - sign up on the kiosk if you'd like to share a ride and carpool.)



Message from Judi Mickelson:

Each day I look forward to receiving an email from the Women of the ELCA that contains the “*Daily Grace*” message. This was one that I received last week and I thought I’d share.

Words are Powerful

Psalm 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”*

I’ve heard people claim that words are meaningless. “I didn’t mean anything by it,” they say after uttering cruel or hateful words. I don’t agree. Words are powerful. They can hold both positive and negative power. The childhood rhyme, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never break me,” ignores the real power of words. Who among us doesn’t remember being called a name, either as a child or an adult? Sometimes the effect of negative words can last a lifetime.

I invite you to pause and consider the power of words within your life. What do your words create? What influence do the words you read—from books to social media to advertising—have on your life? To quote the psalmist, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

This message is an excerpt of “Word power” by Linda Post Bushkofsky in the March 2018 issue of Gather magazine.

Thank You!!

A special thank you to the women who helped serve and make salads for the WELCA Tri-Lutheran Dinner on May 15th. We had a lovely turnout and the barbershop quartet was enjoyably humorous and entertaining.