

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

As I was leaving the dentist office the other day, I noticed pairs of young men going from door to door. Maybe they were Jehovah Witnesses, maybe they were Mormons. They were inviting folks into a religious discussion. They were inviting folks to join them for worship. They were on a mission. What I noticed was that they were not hurrying from house to house. I think I observed this because this year we are into Mark's gospel. As I read this journey to proclaim the good news as Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, the writer of Mark gives a sense of urgency. Immediately after... he went immediately... immediately the man was healed. Both the door to door evangelists and Jesus had a story to tell, a message to convey to all they encountered.

We all have a mission to tell the good news. In *Living Lutheran*, the E.L.C.A magazine, there is a monthly column entitled "I'm a Lutheran" The magazine provides sentence prompts to assist the person being interviewed in telling the good news. Two of the prompts are subjects we can respond to and I am inviting you to consider one or both of the prompts and write a few sentences to explain this way of telling the good news. The first prompt is **My favorite bible story is...because...** The second prompt is **I am a Lutheran because I believe...** I invite each of you to respond to either or both prompts. We will include your reflections in future newsletters.

The young evangelists going from door to door had a story to tell. So did Jennifer Kirby who was featured in June's *Living Lutheran*. As we enjoy the experiences of nature during the summer months, we have time to reflect on creation. Jennifer writes:

I believe the Creator is present everywhere and in everyone we interact with. We live a phenomenal existence. Our daily experiences and interactions are to teach us, even if we don't see it at that moment. The Creator is always putting people and things in our path to remind us we're part of something much larger than ourselves.  
(June 2018 *Living Lutheran*, page 12)

You see, we each have stories to tell and we live in a world where most folks haven't heard the stories of Jesus love and healing and forgiving. We can tell stories, invite folks to worship or Bible School or Sunday school so they hear the good news and become part of the Christian family.

Enjoy your travels this summer and join us in worship when you're in town.

Shalom,  
Pastor Bev+



Dear members of St. Paul:

July is going to be a busy month at St. Paul. We have a very busy schedule:

July 1<sup>st</sup> – We have been invited to worship with Zion at their church at 10:30 a.m. It will be an outdoor service (weather permitting) with Dan Schall. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs. This service as well as the service where we will be hosting Zion at our church on September 16, 2018 (Please note the change in date) are meant to help us become familiar with the congregations at both churches should we decide to move ahead with a joint ministry. It by no means is meant to say we will have combined church services every Sunday. We will be holding our own church service as well as Zion will hold their service should a minister agree to serve both of our churches.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Willing Workers Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Lunch will be served during Horse Trading Days

July 23-26<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Lutheran Day at Kennywood [order forms are on the bulletin board in Strobel Hall and by the office. Submit ticket orders by July 3 to Deacon Amy Santoriello, Zion Lutheran, 11609 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (check payable to Southwestern PA Synod)].

I also want to let you know that council held a meeting on Thursday evening to talk about church being held in Strobel Hall due to the heat factor in the sanctuary. We realize that several individuals were not attending church due to our being in Strobel Hall or because of the time it was being held. Council has had a discussion regarding this and we are looking at ways to modify our church as well as the service in order to make it a little cooler during the summer months. For the time being we are going to do as our Worship Committee suggested and hold church down in Strobel Hall during the month of July. We will then take another look at the situation and decide what we will do for the remainder of the summer.

This is a discussion that takes place every summer as we have individuals that want to be up in our beautiful

sanctuary and those that cannot stand the heat and want to be down in Strobel Hall. I think we have to compromise and try to make adjustments to satisfy the members of our congregation as best we can. I also believe we should not base attending church on whether we are in a beautiful sanctuary or an air conditioned building or if service is held at a time that allows us to sleep longer before attending. We are in the midst of looking for another congregation to share a minister with us should one become available and both churches will have to be flexible and make compromises in order for this to happen, however this needs to start by us doing so within our own church. We can't expect others to do what we aren't willing to do ourselves.

Not much else to report this month. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and be safe in any travels you make.

*Linda*

Council President

#### WILLING WORKERS



**Horse Trading Days schedule:**

Starting on **Monday, July 16** at **9:00 AM** help will be needed in the kitchen for making meatballs.

**Thursday, July 19** will be the **Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00 to**

**7:00** and we will need help with food donations and volunteers to help in the kitchen and dining room night of the dinner. **HTD luncheons: Friday, July 20, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Saturday, July 21, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** We will need volunteers to make potato salad, pasta salad and broccoli salad. Plus PIES, PIES AND MORE PIES!! A sign up sheet will continue being passed around in church or call Marty Goetz if you are able to help. We will also need parking lot attendants for all three days.

**Also needed are aluminum or tin pie plates. Pie plates may be dropped off in Strobel Hall. If you want your pie plate returned to you, please mark your name on the plate.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all your help!  
Marty



Only new prayer requests will be in the weekly bulletins.

**NEW PRAYER REQUEST:** Lisa Swinto complications after child birth, friend of Cheryl Whitehouse.

**CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS:** Baby Landon Pennell, Tom Baker, Brad Bartley, Ann Boben, Landon Brewer, Carol Bulger, Nancy Bulger, Samantha Bulger, Nellie Chmara, Kim Christy, Jake Dietrich, Rick Dickerson, Don, Emma [child suffering from viral meningitis], David English, Mark Fox, Bernie Fedorka, Barbara Frantz, Charlotte Glaspey, Brett Greenhill, Andrienne Haegg, William Loveridge, Bobbie Marchlenski, June Marshall, Nolan Nachriener, Newborn Conrad, Don Nielsen, Terry Oakes, Verna Patscko, Lois Peeples, Mark Pollack, Jax Ramirez, Erin Roman, Bud Senn, Dawn Swidorsky, Louise Spithaler, Dr. Mark Tarter, Bud Weber, John Wherry, Lilly Wolfe, and Ron Zinkham.

**Please keep the church updated on your prayer request. All updates and request may be emailed to [spicofzelie@gmail.com](mailto:spicofzelie@gmail.com) Also if you would like to be notified of any needed prayers, please email the church office, with your email address.**

### A PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Holy One and Creator of all, thank You for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
And the increased daylight.  
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
And for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
Thank You for the increased time  
I have to be with my friends and family,  
And for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray  
No matter where I am or what I am doing  
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
And light my path with Your Word.  
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me  
A pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

### MUSIC IN THE SUMMER



The adult choir concluded its regular singing in the church on Sunday, May 27. We would like to encourage anyone who desires to offer music for our worship in the summer months to do so. These can be solos, duets or small groups. They can be instrumental as well as vocal. We have many talented musicians and would enjoy having you provide us with music while the choir takes a break. Please see Colleen if you are interested in sharing your musical talent with St. Paul.



## SUMMER WORSHIP TIME OF 9:00 AM

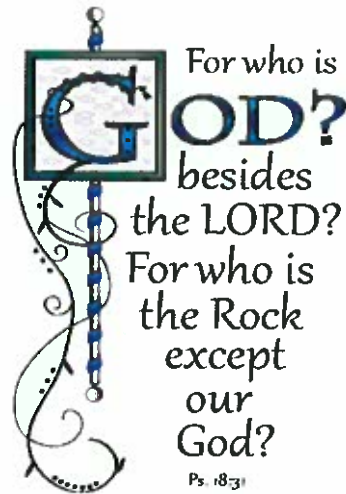
**July 1 – 10:30 AM** – Outdoor worship with Zion Lutheran, Perry Highway, Harmony, PA

**September 16** – Zion Lutheran will join us for our worship.

[On each of these Sundays there will be only one worship service.]

Hymn Sing Sundays will be: July 22 and August 26. Hymn sing request forms are in the bulletin.

August 18 Zion has invited us to a picnic. More information will follow in our bulletin and on our website at [www.splcz.com](http://www.splcz.com)



Vacation Bible School will soon be here! This year's theme is "Gangway to Galilee", and once again we'll be joining with Zion and English Lutheran Churches for a week of fun, from July 23 through July 26. VBS will be held at Zion Lutheran, Perry Highway, Harmony from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteers, supplies, and cash donations will be needed. We are also asking that children bring canned food donations for the Food Cupboard. Offerings will be donated to a local charity; suggestions are being taken as to which charity we will choose. If you would like

to volunteer, please see Pastor Bev. To add to the excitement, we will also have a float in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade! Lots of help will be needed to prepare the float, and we'll need volunteers to ride and walk alongside—we will be passing out wristbands with information about VBS.

Another volunteer opportunity will be Horse Trading Days — we will be sharing a booth with English Lutheran, passing out bottles of water and flyers for VBS. Many volunteers will be needed to help man the booth, beginning on Thursday, July 19 from 3:00-8:00, and continuing Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, from 10:00 until 8:00. Volunteer hours will be split amongst St. Paul, English and Zion. Please consider signing up for a slot, and let's get the news out about VBS and our churches! Registration form is in the newsletter. Additional forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex and by the office.

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

215 North Main Street, Zellenople

## WILLING WORKERS - SPAGHETTI DINNER

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

4:00-7:00



\$9.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for Children 10 and under

Take-out available (724-452-8832)

## HORSE TRADING DAY LUNCHES

Fri. 11-7, Sat. 11-3

Menu includes: hot dogs, hot sausage sandwiches, roast beef sandwiches,

Assortment of salads, and homemade pies.

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JULY

ASSISTING MINISTER: Bev Brosentsch  
LECTOR: Bev Brosentsch  
USHERS: Tim and Bev Brosentsch  
GREETERS: Thom and Colleen Cipro  
BELL RINGER:  
Office hours: Mon., Wed., Fri 9:00-12:00 spicofeerie@gmail.com www.spitz.com 724-452-8832

SUNDAY  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Outdoor Worship at Zion Lutheran	02 6:30 Call Committee Meeting	03	04 	05	06	07
08 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 Summer Worship with Holy Communion	09 7:00 Council Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 Summer Worship with Holy Communion	16 9:00 Help make meatballs for spaghetti dinner	17	18	19 4:00 to 7:00 Horse Trading Days Spaghetti Dinner	20 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Horse Trading Days Lunch/Dinner	21 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Horse Trading Days Lunch
22 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 Summer Worship with Holy Communion - Hymn Sing 	23 	24	25	26 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 23 TO JULY 26, 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM. ZION LUTHERAN, PERRY HIGHWAY, HARMONY Help needed during Horse Trading Days for booth: Thursday 3:00-8:00, Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 8:00. Please see Pastor Bev if you are able to help.	27	28
29 NO Sunday School 9:00 Summer Worship with Holy Communion	30	31				

Blessed  
is the NATION  
whose GOD  
is the LORD.  
  
Psalm 33:12