

June is almost here and we are eagerly anticipating the celebration of receiving new members on June 4th. Sydney and Luke will be confirmed and at least 2 adults will be joining our congregation. AND the CAT survey will be available for you! More about CAT follows. During the month Marty and I will be attending synod assembly June 15-17 at California University of Pennsylvania. A memorial service will be held for Caprice Alberth Lavery on Saturday June 24th and I will be at Camp Lutherlyn with Piper Butcher the last week of June.

St Paul's congregation is alive but rather static. We continue the ministries near and dear to the members, we anticipate growth but there has been no real change for several years. The definition of insanity is to continue doing things the same way and expecting different results. In some ways that describes our ministry and mission. At our January congregational meeting, Michelle Snyder from Crows Feet Consulting explained the benefits of participating in a proven church assessment tool to help congregations evaluate where they are and where they are willing to go. At that meeting, the council recommended and the congregation agreed to participate in the Church Assessment Tool (CAT). The reason why we will conduct this anonymous survey is so that INDIVIDUALS have the opportunity to offer their insights into the life of our congregation. This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. CAT provides key indications of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. We want to have a clear picture of the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into God's future. The survey will take about 15 minutes of your time and I encourage each and every member to complete the survey.

St. Paul Lutheran has a wonderful past with a proud history and we have a future not yet known to us. In Genesis Abram was quite discouraged because he had no offspring. Then the Lord brought Abram out to the night sky and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars...so shall your descendants be." Abram believed the Lord. Later his great grandson Joseph dreamed dreams that were initially dismissed by his brothers. But Joseph kept the faith and the ancestors of our faith continued to believe in God's future. When the disciples were distressed with the news of the death of Jesus, he assured them he would send a Counselor, he would not leave them orphaned. Later Jesus reassured the believers that, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:20) On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended and stirred up the believers. We know God has a future for us and the Holy Spirit will stir us up, guide us and probably redirect us to continue to be a witness to this community because God has a future for St. Paul Lutheran in Zeligople!

Christ has Risen indeed! Alleluia! The Holy Spirit continues to be with us, to guide us to stir us up to be faithful people of God.

Pastor Bev

For we walk by
Faith,
not by Sight.
2 corinthians 5:7



Only new prayer requests will be in the weekly bulletins.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS: Carrie Burke, Lois Peeples.

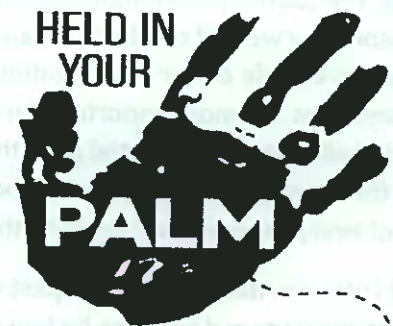
CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Baker, Brad Bartley, Landon Brewer, Evelyn Bordon, Carol Bulger, Samantha Bulger, Ernie Dambach, Candice Dishman, Don, David English, Mark Fox, Barbara Frantz, Brett Greenhill, George Goetz, Andrienne Haegg, Cindi Hunter, William Loveridge, Bobbie Marchlenski, Nolan Nachriener, Darlene Neibar, Nellie Chmara, Terry Oakes, Verna Patscko, Mindy Pasquale, Mark Pollack, Dan Rossi, Erin Roman, Louise Spithaler, George Stout, Family of Lou and Becky Tomei, Lilly Wolfe, and Ron Zinkham.

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



While hanging out with her father in his workshop, a preschooler tried to imitate him by using a tape measure. When she couldn't quite reach the distance she wanted to measure between herself and an object, she moved the object closer to her!

No matter how much we try to finagle God's rules, his standard of holiness won't be moved. As sinful beings, we can't reach that standard on our own. We're stuck without Jesus' grace. Thank God that he helps us measure up!



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!

Dear members of St. Paul's congregation,

I attended the 3rd Sunday luncheon on May 21st. Pastor Sarah from the Synod led the church service and then joined us for lunch. She spoke on what was happening with our situation. One of our biggest problems is that we cannot afford our own minister. She spoke about Zion and the fact that they are able to afford a minister, but have other problems they are dealing with at this time. They are considering calling a pastor, but are not quite ready. Now, you may ask yourself if Zion can afford to call someone why can't we? JaLeen has explained that we have offering of a little over \$100,000 per year. A new pastor would cost about \$60,000 per year and we would only have \$40,000 left to keep the church running (electricity, water, sewer, wages, insurance and any other expenses that may come up). Pastor Sarah is working on other ideas and listened to our suggestions and questions. She will give me a call every other month or so. In the meantime, remember we are still having worship and have Pastor Bev as our interim minister. She is available for anyone who has any concerns or is in the hospital.



The summer months are upon us and every year we remind you that your financial support is still needed even when you are away. When you are busy paying your bills and planning your vacations, remember to keep up with your financial commitment to St. Paul's. Even if you are unable to be in church, your offering can be dropped in the mail or set up automatic contributions through your financial institution. This works very well, and is a quick and easy way to contribute. Please keep praying for our church and know that God is watching over us and does have a plan.

Back to the service on Sunday, May 21. John Bulger preached the sermon. He did a super job and delivered a meaningful message. THANKS JOHN!!!!



Sunday School is over for the summer.

PENTECOST – JUNE 4 -10:15
Join us as we confirm two of our young people, Sydney McMurray and Luke Wilson.

We will also welcome new members to our church family on this day. REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!!!

Summer Worship of 9:30 AM will start on June 11.

Join us for a more relaxed worship. We will also have hymn sings on the following Sundays – June 25, July 23 and August 20 when you can submit a favorite hymn to be sung. Before you get busy with the day's activities, come and reflect and give praise to God.

There will not be a newsletter for July and August. Please watch the church bulletins for information. The bulletins will also be available on our website www.splcz.com

Have a safe and happy summer. See you in church!

Marty

YARD SALE

A couple of Sundays ago I passed out sheets asking for help with the Yard Sale. We had 6 people sign up to help. Willing Workers met this past Monday and we decided that 6 people working 6 days to set up and sell just would not work. I talked to Council and they agreed. We have therefore, canceled the Yard Sale for this year. If you have started to gather items, you can donate to Park United Presbyterian, St. Gregory or other yard sales in the area.

**HORSE TRADING DAYS
JULY 13-15, 2017
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

We will make meatballs Monday, July 10 at 9:00 AM. Volunteers are needed to work the spaghetti dinner on Thursday evening, July 13, from 4:00 to 7:00. Help is also needed to work the lunches Thursday – Saturday, parking lot help Thursday – Saturday and Friday afternoon and evening we will still be serving food. If you can help, please sign up when the sheets are sent around in June or call Marty or Colleen to let us know when you can work.

Remember also to stop by for lunch and the spaghetti dinner. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Willing Workers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children concluded their Sunday school year with a puppet show honoring Mother's Day and the women of the church and presenting all the women with candy kisses and a poem. Elizabeth does a wonderful job with this small group of children and they work very well with each other.

The Sunday school program is important to the life of the church and we welcome any ideas or thoughts you may have on ways to grow our program. Your support and children's attendance is a blessing. By encouraging your children to attend you will increase our numbers, and more importantly, enrich everyone's experience.

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15



WALK TO WITTENBERG



In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, join us on a journey of faith from June 2017 – June 2018, kicking off Synod Assembly weekend (June 16th). Individuals and congregations are invited to team up to walk (or run, bike, swim, etc.) 4,203 miles over the year, the equivalent of the distance from Pittsburgh to Wittenberg, Germany. Weekly devotions will be provided to help us focus on different issues related to hunger, and a fundraising website will help us track funds donated through this event to ELCA World Hunger. See the W2W FAQ sheet for more info, email swpaw2w@yahoo.com to register your group or ask questions and join our Walk to Wittenberg group on Facebook! #SWPAW2W

Phyllis Metz is looking for a leader to coordinate this journey of faith for our church, also members of English Lutheran are planning to participate! Please call Phyllis at 724-452-5993 or 724-584-7660 or email phyllismetz@aol.com with any questions or to discuss the event with her. Additional information is included in the newsletter.



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
~Eleanor Roosevelt

Haley Johnson daughter of Dee Ann Johnson and Scott Johnson graduated Cum Laude from Robert Morris University in May 2017 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing. She has accepted a position in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Meghan Matscherz daughter of Martin and Gailyn Matscherz will graduate from Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh on June 4. Keep Meghan in your prayers as she prepares for the Boards.



Join everyone at BOBAB BLAST!

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School God's Great Get-Together won't be the same without YOU! **Vacation Bible School is coming to English, St. Paul and Zion Lutheran from July 31 to August 3, 2017. We will gather at Zion Lutheran. All kids ages 3 to 13 are welcome!**

TRUST LOVE FOLLOW CARE

The great baobab tree in the expansive African savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. This exciting get-together has something for everyone in the community to love. Kids will be creating, running, jumping, and following with action packed games; singing amazing songs; and sharing the good news with everyone they meet.



REGISTRATION FORMS IN NEWSLETTER! Forms may be dropped off in the office or mailed directly to Zion Lutheran.



It is time to register for summer camp!!! Go to www.lutherlyn.com to find out about the different camps offered including Small Fry Days information. Please keep in mind if you have a child interested in camp and needs help with the cost, please see Pastor Bev.

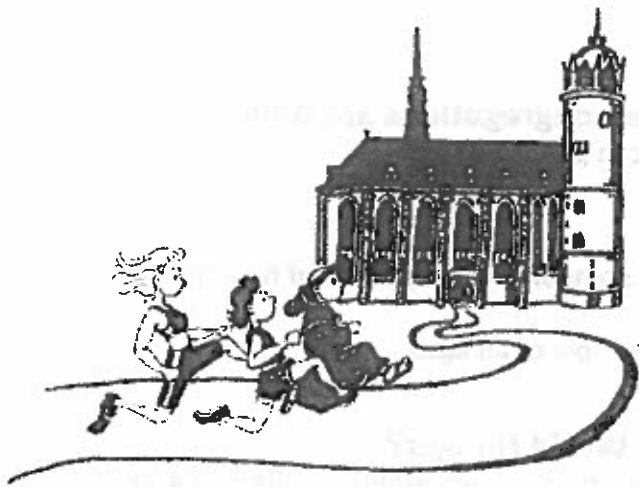
UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP LUTHERLYN

Lutherlyn Tour, Thursday August 31, 10:30 to 1:30 – lunch included. Please RSVP by one week prior to the scheduled tour to Deb at 724-865-2161 or deb@lutherlyn.com

"My Grown-up and Me" Camp, Tuesday, July 11 or Thursday, July 13. This is a day for 3-6 year olds to spend at camp with their grown-up (parent/guardian, grandparent, babysitter, etc.). Our hope is that this will provide a fun way for younger kids to experience camp with someone that is special to them.

Youth Group Days – Jr. High/Sr. High Days – July 10, 12, or 14, Elementary (1st – 5th grade) – July 25, 26, or 27
This is an opportunity for groups of youth/kids to come to camp together for a fun day in the summer. Hopefully this will help youth stay connected to each other, the church, and their faith over the summer.

Grown-Up Camp, August 28-30, Camp isn't just for kids! This 3 day retreat is for adults to come, relax, and have fun at camp!



Walk to Wittenberg FAQ

What is the Walk to Wittenberg?

The Walk to Wittenberg is a program of the SWPA Synod Hunger Task Force to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. Congregations are asked to sponsor a team that will together over the course of the year walk 4,203 miles, the distance from Pittsburgh to Wittenberg, the home of Castle Church where Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door. Each team will need a team leader to help

track the miles that that each team member walks and report to the Task Force. There is no limit to the number of members you can have on your team, and there is no age requirement. Everyone can take part! Each week there is a devotion to do as a team or as individuals.

Does my team need to register? Yes, you can do so by emailing swpaw2w@yahoo.com or on our Facebook page: Walk to Wittenberg.

Are there resources such as pledge sheets, devotional booklets, reporting forms? Yes, all of which are available on the Facebook page, the synod website, or you can have them emailed to you.

How can I track my Walk to Wittenberg Miles?

There are a number of smart phone apps and fitness trackers that track your steps and convert them to miles, such as a Fit Bit or Apple or Google watch.

Other apps include

Map My Run <http://www.mapmyrun.com/>

Map My Fitness <http://www.mapmyfitness.com/> -

The Daily Mile <http://www.dailymile.com/>

Running ahead <https://www.runningahead.com/>

and Strava <https://www.strava.com/>

Will there be other ways to get involved? Yes

Each month or so there will be a mini-challenges; for example, in July look for the Amusement Park Challenge, The Road to Emmaus Challenge after Easter, and in October the Trick-or-Treat Challenge.

When do we start?

The Walk to Wittenberg kicks off at Synod Assembly with a 1 mile fun walk.

You can begin recording your mileage on June 16, 2017.

How do I report my mileage?

There is a personal recording sheet available.

You will need to report your weekly/monthly millage to your congregational team leader.

Your congregational team leader will then send a team report via mail, email at swpaw2w@yahoo.com or on our Facebook page: Walk to Wittenberg.

Only your team leader should report the miles for everyone on their team, please do not report as individuals. Please only report the number of miles walked by the whole team each week! If you have questions on how to do this, please contact us.

What if no one else from my church wants to do it? Let us know if you would like us to connect you to another team.

Is there a social media element? Can I see how other congregations are doing?

Yes, Walk to Wittenberg has its own Facebook Page and you can post to it!
Plus the Twitter and Instagram hashtag is #SWPAW2W.

How can my congregation participate?

Every church can join in no matter the size. You will just need someone to keep track of how much the members of your team walked.

You may also want to organize group walks. This is great for people of all ages.

How does this raise money and awareness for ELCA World Hunger?

This is two-fold. First, there are weekly devotions for your team to use. Each month a different aspect of hunger is lifted up.

Second, you can collect pledges to walk. Ask friends, families, co-workers and neighbors to support you. Pledge forms will be available.

Where do I send my Money?

Details will be shared about a giving website at synod assembly, and will be shared via email, Facebook, and the synod webpage.

Are there other activities that transfer into mileage? YES

Walking or running a mile = walking 1 mile

Cycling 3 miles = walking 1 mile

20 minutes of spinning = walking 1 mile

15 minutes on the Stair Master = walking 1 mile

3 miles roller blading = walking 1 mile

1/2 mile swimming = walking 1 mile

45 playing volleyball = walking 1 mile

30 minutes of gardening = walking 1 mile

20 minutes of basketball = walking 1 mile

30 minutes of fast dancing = walking 1 mile

30 minutes of leaf raking = walking 1 mile

20 minutes of water aerobics = walking 1 mile

30 minutes of wheeling yourself in a wheelchair = walking 1 mile

20 minutes of wheelchair basketball = walking 1 mile

20 minutes of stair walking = walking 1 mile

1 mile of horseback riding = walking 1 mile

30 minutes of yoga = walking 1 mile

30 minutes of strength training = walking 1 mile

20 minutes of snow shoveling = 1 walking mile

How do I get a cool Walk to Wittenberg t-shirt?

Order on your shirts via order form; the suggested donation is \$20. Order forms are attached and available on our Facebook page.

T-shirts ordered by May 15th can be picked up at synod assembly.

After that arrangements will be made with the Walk to Wittenberg team. Proceeds from the t-shirts will go to ELCA World Hunger!

What if I have other questions? Please contact the Walk to Wittenberg team at swpaw2w@yahoo.co or post to the Facebook page: Walk to Wittenberg.

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord - Ephesians 6:4

JUNE

2017



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 BELL RINGER: Jeff Miller
 LECTOR: Jen McMurray
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SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 PENTECOST
 9:45 Choir Practice
 10:15 Worship with Holy Communion - Confirmation

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30 Summer Worship with Holy Communion

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 Happy Father's Day!

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 9:30 Summer Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 Council Meeting



PENTECOST WILL BE CELEBRATED - JUNE 4



Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:3-4

Join us for worship -10:15 AM
 Summer Worship starts June 11 - 9:30 AM