

# ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

## THE GOOD NEWS

June 2015 Edition



### Worship Times

**Sunday Morning**  
8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Sunday School**  
Summer Hiatus

### Contact Us

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### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm



## PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

**A Message from Pastor Rick:** Beth Drane, Bob Ullom, and I will be heading to Birmingham this month for the annual Southeastern Synod Assembly. While our congregation is fairly active in synodical ministries, some people still wonder what exactly the synod is. The following information comes from our synod webpage ([www.elca-ses.org](http://www.elca-ses.org)) and does a better job explaining how our synod works:



### What does the Southeastern Synod do?

“The synod” is not just the synod office located at 100 Edgewood Avenue in Atlanta. “The synod” is everyone in all of congregations in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. It is all of our committees, task forces and ministry teams. The Southeastern Synod is all of us walking together and working to live the Great Commission in this multicultural mission field.

#### Our synod provides support for congregations by

- guiding congregations in transition as they set goals and enter the process of calling a pastor or rostered lay person
- overseeing Candidacy: helping candidates to discern their call to rostered lay or ordained ministry; shepherding candidates through psychological evaluation and career counseling, an annual retreat, ongoing spiritual support and mentoring
- coordinating Disaster Response efforts between local congregations and national church agencies
- organizing and supporting new and other mission congregations
- providing consultants in evangelism, stewardship, ecumenical issues, planned giving, conflict management, leadership development, and other areas
- provides support for leaders, both lay and rostered, by providing resources including: Annual Professional Leadership Convocation, First Call Theological Education, Compensation Guidelines and Leadership Sexual Abuse Prevention training and resources.
- promotes opportunities for youth and their leaders through synod youth events
- provides synod and churchwide communications
- plans and produces special events such as the Synod Assembly
- provides opportunities for individuals, groups and congregations to give ongoing support for ministries in the Southeastern Synod.

Through **MISSION SUPPORT** (benevolence) the Southeastern Synod continues to support ELCA national and global ministries such as:

- Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) a nationally acclaimed ministry of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- ELCA Global Mission, the channel through which the ELCA expresses itself in mission throughout the world;
- ELCA Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission, providing funds to synods for ministries that support congregations in their call to be faithful, welcoming, and generous. It assists congregations, synods, and institutions and agencies of this church to grow in evangelical outreach;
- Theological seminaries and more than a dozen continuing education centers;
- Lutheran colleges and universities;
- Lutheran campus ministries;
- outdoor and camping ministries;
- Lutheran Services in America (LSA), the largest private charity in the United States and a network of institutions and agencies across the country.
- Lutheran World Relief internationally known for its global response to persons and nations who have suffered from national disasters and emergencies;
- Our ecumenical ministries, including our full communion partners: The Episcopal Church USA, The Presbyterian Church USA, The Reformed Church in America, The United Church of Christ, The Moravian Church in North America, The Lutheran World Federation, The National Council of Churches in the USA, and The World Council of Churches; and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



If you have any questions about our synod or the ELCA, please feel free to ask me.  
I hope this has been helpful to you.

Peace  
Pastor Rick

# DISCIPLESHIP

Winnie Johnson - Coordinator



At *Camp Discovery* VBS,  
You & your children learn that Jesus works in and through us!

**Jesus saves us and gives us:**

Faith, Courage, and Wisdom to Serve and Share  
the Good News with our neighbor!

God does have a plan and a purpose for each of His beloved children!

**Fun for ALL ages ~ Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Rick ~  
Register NOW!**

*Registration forms are available on the Usher Table.*

Each night we will gather at our Campsite (Fellowship Hall), sing songs, hear the day's Bible verse, then break into groups for various activities.

- \* Adults will go to Bible Study, led by Pastor Rick
- \* Children - Kindergarten and up will visit: The Bible Challenge Center, Storytelling, Crafts, & Games.
- \* PreK and under will have their own class.

We will all gather back together for special Campfire Snacks and closing

**Thursday Evening we will close with worship around a real campfire outside.**



## Volunteers needed

Contact Sue Tyler if you are interested or for more information.

[splchurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:splchurch@bellsouth.net)

**"Camp Counselors"** - *Small group leader of 4-6 kids of different ages.*

**Pre-VBS Set-up** Week of June 14th - *Help decorate, gather supplies...*

**Registration** - *During VBS*



# ELCA WORLD HUNGER WALK -FOR- WATER

WWW.ELCA.ORG/WALK4WATER

This year, ELCA youth will join together for **ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water**. The goal is to raise \$500,000 for ELCA World Hunger-supported water projects around the world. Through these gifts, local communities will be equipped to provide water for drinking and growing crops, sanitation and hygiene, as well as ongoing health education, training and maintenance.

**And, thanks to a generous family in the ELCA, all gifts toward this goal will be matched – dollar for dollar – up until we hit a grand total of \$1 million!** Together we make a difference – creating healthier families, stronger economies and a future filled with hope

See more at: <http://www.elca.org/walk4water>

## Why Water?

The global water crisis doesn't always make headlines. But the truth is that it claims more lives each year than war. Globally, 1.8 billion people – that's about **one out of every four people** – drink from contaminated water sources. Unsafe water leads to illnesses that claim the lives of 840,000 people each year, almost half of whom are children under the age of five.

What's more, women and children spend hours each day collecting water. This keeps them from school, work, and time with family. This keeps families and communities from learning, earning an income, and contributing to the local economy.

## Water facts

- Research in eastern Uganda found that a family spends an average of **660 hours** a year collecting water. This represents two full months of labor.
- Water-related illnesses result in the loss of **443 million school days** each year.
- Close to **half of all people** in developing countries are suffering at any given time from a health problem caused by contaminated water or unsanitary conditions.
- **2.5 billion people** live without basic sanitation.
- More people have access to a mobile phone than a toilet.
- On average, women in Sub-Saharan Africa walk more than **three miles** each day to fetch water for their families. A traditional five-gallon jug, usually used for this purpose, weighs **40 pounds** when full!

Sources: World Health Organization and United Nations Development Report, 2006

## Our impact

Clean water is one of the most powerful ways to create change in the world. When a community gains access to clean water, close to home, **everything changes**.

Women don't spend hours gathering water. They are healthier than ever. They can work and farm. Earn money and grow food. Send their children to school. Support the local economy. And then teach neighbors how to do the same.

**In support of the ELCA effort - St. Paul Youth will be collecting funds during VBS.**

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**Saturday, June 27th**

**9:30am - 1:30am**

**Birdwell Clinic**

729 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy

St. Paul Youth will be washing cars to raise money for the ELCA Walk for Water Campaign (see article on opposite page). All funds collected will be given as an offering in Detroit during the Gathering.

The youth attending the **National Youth Gathering** have been meeting every Sunday to continue to

Rise up Together and prepare for their trip to Detroit. Before we enter into Detroit as guests, it is important for us to spend some time learning about Detroit's past, present and future. Detroit received a lot of bad press in the last few years. The media has failed to tell the stories of innovation and hopefulness at work among those who live and work in and around Detroit. They also have failed to lift up and honor the rich and vibrant past of Detroit, a past that brings the city's people great pride.



There are many wonderful things about Detroit worth celebrating. The American music scene would not be what it is today if not for Motown. Music brought together people of all race, religion, and gender. Music artists used their words to inspire and uplift people as well as voice their opinions/concerns about the world. The Coney Island hot dog is a banquet on a bun—it originated in Detroit and we even enjoyed a true Coney Dog! Detroit is the home of the American-made automobile and we will be visiting the Henry Ford Museum. We studied the history of the automobile and watched a car being made. Entrepreneurs from all over the world are considering Detroit as an exciting and affordable place to locate and start their new businesses.

We could not discuss Detroit without discussing the hardships seen both past and present. Most of these hardships stem from deep-seated racism. We cannot call ourselves “theologians of the cross” if we are not willing to pay attention to the ugly reality of racism in our country, in our own towns and in Detroit. We learned in previous lessons that a theologian of the cross calls out that which is evil. We open our hearts to something new. We refuse to sugarcoat that which is oppressive. We discussed the four levels of racism (internalized, interpersonal, institutional, and structural), the difference between them, and identified them in real life scenarios. We were able to utilize the theology of the cross as a framework for helping us think both critically and hopefully about racism in general and Detroit's situation in particular.

The knowledge we gained will enable us to visit Detroit with a deeper appreciation for and understanding of the city and what it has to offer. Detroit's hardships, both past and present, have taught us awareness of others' struggles, humility, and respect for one another that will not only help us in Detroit but also in our everyday life here in this community. **BE THE CHANGE. RISE UP.**

By: Kara Birdwell

## Women of Saint Paul NEWS

We had a wonderful time at the Ladies' Tea.

There were around 30 ladies attending the tea, which was amazing, knowing how many other events take place in early May.

Beth Drane and Barb Miller organized a great get-together, which included the reading of a deeply touching and inspiring poem. We were very happy to receive guests from the Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Tellico, and we hope to see them again soon!

Brenda McClellan showed us how to sew a simple but pretty dress using pillow cases. It would be perfect for a little girl living in a warmer climate, in Africa or Asia. These dresses can be embellished with ribbons or patches or other creative ways.

We discussed which kits to collect for this summer, and most of us were interested in the **school kits**.

However, with the earthquake in Nepal, and a landslide in Colombia, and other disasters there is also a need for personal care kits. So we made the decision to allow those who have an interest, to collect for the personal care kits. Please read the instructions carefully. Sometimes incorrectly packaged kits do not pass customs, and are discarded.

**Since LWR has expressed a great need for school kits, we will collect items for 84 kits. We will begin collecting as soon as possible. (The list is also available at the LWR website). \$50.00 were collected at the tea for shipping of kits.**



There were two speakers at this year's tea: Lan and Hilda from Knoxville. They work with the organization "**Days for Girls**" (More information can be found on our bulletin board.)

Lan and Hilda showed us how these personal items are put together. Lan, a dentist, told us of her childhood, and how hard her early life was, and how destitute her family was in rural Vietnam. She loves to travel back to her homeland, to offer free dental care to the children there, and she also brings the hygienic items which are desperately needed. All the women

who attended the tea were very moved, and were quite interested in getting involved. There are so many wonderful ways the women of St. Paul can help those who are not as fortunate.

We will collect: One-gallon zip-loc freezer bags, (not the zippered kind), colorful cotton fabric, flannel fabric, and girls' panties, size 8-9

### **June 13th ~ Organizational Meeting ~ Discussing Days for Girls, etc.**

Bring sewing machine +Patterns, scissors, fabric

#### **2015 SCHEDULE:**

##### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2nd Tuesday ~ 7:00pm

3rd Thursday ~ 10:00am

##### WOMEN'S SERVICE TBD

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH ~ Dec. 5th ~ 11.00am

BEEKEEPERS' DINNER ~ Dec. 14th ~ 7.00pm

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:**

\*Beekeepers' Dinner

(Decorating, Setting up, Cleaning up)

\* Coordinator for Women's Christmas Brunch

\* Days for Girls and Dresses for Africa

- Please check bulletin board for updates

Contact Elaine Fisher or Beth Drane



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

## School Kit Collection

Collection Dates June-July

WELCA is collecting the items listed below to make school kits for Lutheran World Relief. You may drop off your donation at the display in the Welcome Center.

**Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.** Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.



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*Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper*

*One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other*

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×5

*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band*

*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)*

×1



×1



*One pencil sharpener*

*Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) secure together with a rubber band*

×5



×1



*One 2½" eraser*

×1



*One box of 16 or 24 crayons*



## WELCA Southeastern Synod Convention

You are called to attend the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA to be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea on beautiful St. Simon's Island, Georgia, September 18-20, 2015. We will have a Bible Study, two opportunities for worship, workshops, fellowship, fun, and pre-convention activities. Come be a part of this spirit-filled weekend!

Each congregational, intercongregational, or special unit of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA is entitled to one delegate. It is important that all congregations be represented as we conduct the business of our organization.

Women of all ages from the Southeastern Synod are encouraged to attend. Invite your mother, daughter, sister or friend. Spouses are also welcome to join you at the convention.

There are six scholarships for young women (up to 35) and three scholarships for others which are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact me for an application at [louise@iconis.com](mailto:louise@iconis.com).

### Purpose of the Convention

The purpose of the annual convention of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA is to conduct the business of the organization, elect officers and board members (and four triennial delegates each triennium), and approve the budget and Love Offering for the coming year. It is the highest legislative authority of the synodical organization. Each congregational unit is encouraged to elect a delegate (and an alternate) to represent their unit at the convention. Voting members of the convention are the elected officers and board of the synodical organization and the delegates from each unit. A majority of the delegates that are registered at the convention will constitute a quorum.

The convention also provides our women an opportunity for fellowship and fun as well as spiritual growth through Bible Study, workshops, and worship services. Special guests include the bishop of the Southeastern Synod, churchwide representative, chaplain, music director, keynote speaker, workshop leaders, and others.

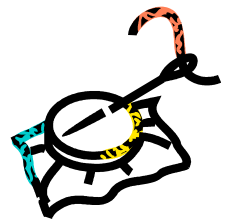
### Registration Forms are available on the WELCA Board.

Talk with Beth Drane, Barb Miller, or Elaine Fisher (St. Paul's delegate) for more information.



### Keep'em In Stitches

Keep'em In Stitches meets every Thursday, with the exception of the 4th Thursday of the month, at 10:00am. Bring a project you are working on, a sack lunch, and join us for any kind of needlework/stitching.



**SOCKS FOR HOMELESS VETS** - We have been made aware that homeless veterans in Blount County have a need, **SOCKS**, and you can help by donating. The only requirement is that they be new. This will be an ongoing program, so stock up on those socks when you see a good sale. You may leave your donations in the red collection bin by the Fellowship Hall door.



## PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator



**Tuesday, June 16th ~ 10:30am**

SPAM is going to Blue Goose Winery and Cheddars on Tuesday the 16th. The Blue Goose Winery is located at 3334 Old Niles Ferry Road.

*From 411 South turn right onto Fairview Drive beside Wal-Mart then turn right onto Old Niles Ferry Road the winery is 2miles on left.*

**Meet at 10:30 am at winery and we'll leave for Cheddars to eat around 11:30 am.**

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

### 2015 Schedule:

Check with Dan Wynn for times and places.

**June 11th ~ MIM picnic**

**July 11th ~ Red Lewis Night at Smokies Baseball ,**

**August 22nd ~ "Come to the Water"**

**October 25th ~Oktoberfest**

Mark your calendars and join us, all men of the church are invited and welcome.

## FELLOWSHIP

Rene Zimmer - Coordinator



### 10:30 Service Fellowship Teams

*Each team is responsible for providing cookies or donuts, setting up and cleaning up the Fellowship time after the 10:30 service. Contact Jacqueline Conzemius for more information.*

**June 7** Darla & Brian Kaufman,  
Marsha Wynn, Valarie Burts

**June 14** Lorraine Geary, Sue Stauffer,  
Dorine Keeble, Patty Harmon

**June 21** Brenda & Perry McClellan,  
Bob & Delores Block

**June 28** Tom & Anne Sims,  
Kris & Rene Zimmer

## SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator



### St. Paul Host Week

**May 31st - June 7th**

Sign up sheets will be in the Welcome Center

Contact Karin Bell (924-9016) or Laura Mallette (984-5396) to help serve or for more information about Family Promise





# JUNE 2015

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>June 4</b>	Barbara Chumley
<b>June 5</b>	Joe Abbott
<b>June 7</b>	Shane Burts
<b>June 9</b>	Frank Rutherford
<b>June 9</b>	Melissa Lindquist
<b>June 11</b>	Perry McClellan
<b>June 12</b>	Carol Perry
<b>June 12</b>	Randy Cohorn
<b>June 13</b>	Mackenzie Brandau
<b>June 13</b>	Olivia Brown
<b>June 14</b>	Dawn Hutchison
<b>June 18</b>	Carl Bell
<b>June 18</b>	Alice Andrews
<b>June 20</b>	Virginia Frye
<b>June 20</b>	Beth Drane
<b>June 21</b>	Regina Culver
<b>June 23</b>	Marianne Searfoss



<b>June 24</b>	Isabella Burnett
<b>June 24</b>	Della Basil
<b>June 25</b>	Steve Zrioka
<b>June 26</b>	Christie Leonard
<b>June 29</b>	Alice Lewis

### JULY

<b>July 5</b>	Helen Johnson
<b>July 6</b>	Jamie Ogle
<b>July 8</b>	Leona Patty
<b>July 9</b>	Dave Kaun

### ANNIVERSARIES

<b>June 4</b>	Gene & Virginia Frye
<b>June 6</b>	Les & Ann Mann
<b>June 7</b>	Larry & Carol Galyon
<b>June 8</b>	Merl & Judy Krull
<b>June 20</b>	John & Jean Beck
<b>June 22</b>	Dave & Kathy Kaun
<b>June 25</b>	Henry & Karin Bell
<b>June 26</b>	Joel & Marianne Searfoss



### JULY

<b>July 2</b>	Jim & Ann Hall
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# ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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With the World*



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## **Dates of Interest**

*Check Calendar for times and places*

### **Council:**

**Thursday, June 4th-Sunday, June 7th ~ Synod Assembly ~ OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday, June 29th ~ Summer Council Meeting

### **Serving:**

Sunday, May 31st-June 7th ~ Family Promise

### **Parish Life:**

Thursdays, June 3rd, 10th, 17th ~ Keep'em In Stitches

Tuesday, June 9th ~ Women's Bible Study - Evening

### **Discipleship:**

June 14th-19th ~ Affirm at Berry College

June 21st-25th ~ Vacation Bible School