

# ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maryville, TN

## THE GOOD NEWS

September 2015 Edition



### Come to the Water Event Raise \$5,000

With more pledges coming in.

This year, teams were open to all members of the area Lutheran churches. Pictured below is the first all girl team (Named the "I Don't Knows") to participate in this Men in Mission sponsored event.

Messiah Lutheran in Knoxville, Faith Lutheran in Farragut and Shepherd of the Hills in Loudon were the other local churches participating.

See page 9 for more event photos.



### Worship Times

**Sunday Morning**

8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Sunday School**

9:15am

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



## PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

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### A Message from Pastor Rick:

I recently attended the ELCA Worship Jubilee. The theme for this wonderful event was “Called to be a Living Voice.” Because this event was planned by the ELCA Worship Office (led by Pastor Kevin) and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the gathering focused quite a bit on the messages we proclaim through worship & music and how these messages shape the rest of our life.

While the worship experience should shape our life outside of these church walls, it is good to continually ask each other how exactly we are called to be a living voice in the world. Too often, the only time we vocalize anything about our faith tends to

be in worship or Sunday School each weekend. For Lutherans, the idea of speaking about one’s faith can be quite intimidating. Heaven forbid that we do anything that might be considered evangelism.

It really shouldn’t be that scary. The Greek root of the word from which we get the term “evangelism” actually translates to “good news”. We all know how to share good news. You share lots of it: stories about family, your favorite football team’s latest win, highlights from a recent vacation. Talking about how God has changed your life should not be any harder than sharing any of our other stories.

Of course, it does not end there. Being a living voice for Christ means that we need to use our voices and whatever other resources we have to help bring the good news to the world. This includes being advocates for the poor, hungry, abused, or any other individual or group who is suffering. The church is a part of these types of ministries, but we are also individually called to be instruments of justice and peace.

How do you specifically act as a living voice? I can’t give you one answer that fits everyone. I do think, however, that we can start by asking God how and where our voice and need to be heard.

Peace

Pastor Rick

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The St. Paul Church Council will meet monthly on the third Monday ~ 7:30pm

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### Church Council

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### A Message from the Council President

#### Dear Friends of St. Paul

During the Men's Bible Study on Sunday, August 23, we discussed John 15:1-17 (The Vine and the Branches). Verses 16 & 17 reminded me of the enjoyment we had at Come to the Water. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.*

When you talk about bearing fruit and love what I think about is "Come to the Water". There was no doubt that this event was fruitful and full of love. In the past this was just a St. Paul event but this year we were blessed to have members of the congregation from Messiah and Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church. We were also blessed to have Bishop Gordy attend the event, Pastor Eric from Messiah and Pastor Laura from Shepherd of the Lake. The highlight of the day was the dunk tank. Not only did the children

and adults participate in getting dunked but Bishop Gordy, Pastor Eric and our very own Pastor Rick also got dunked.

I am pleased to announce that we raised over \$5,000 with money still coming in for Novus Way Ministries. I want to congratulate all the participants, especially all the volunteers who helped make this "Come to the Water" even better than last year. I also want to encourage everyone to come and join us next year, August 20, 2016 for this wonderful event of faith and fun.

Faith-N-Family resumes on Wednesday September 9, 2015 and we look forward to seeing everyone there for food and faith filled activities. This program gives everyone an opportunity to get together and share a meal and share your faith in Jesus Christ. Last but not least I want to remind all the men in St. Paul to join us for the Men's Bible Study. It starts at 9:15 on Sunday morning and we have plenty of room for you to come and share God's Word.

In closing I hope that everyone has had a great summer and I look forward to the fall with the beautiful colors and the cooler weather.

Yours in Christ

Rick Anger

### School Kit Collection Totals

In June and July the Women of ELCA asked for donations for school kits. Our goal was 84 kits. As always happens in this wonderful church family we far exceeded this goal and collected 125 school kits.

In addition we collected 16.5lbs of soap, 34 personal care kits and 5 fleece-tied blankets .

**For a total of 264 items weighing 498.6 lbs. WOW!!!**

These items were taken to Greenville, TN on August the 21<sup>st</sup> by Barb Miller, Elaine Fisher and Beth Drane and loaded onto the Lutheran World Relief truck. This effort was made possible by all of your wonderful donations, a grant from Thrivent Financial and the work of the Youth Group, who made the blankets. Whenever asked this Church family steps up and accomplished any goal and exceeds them.

**Thank You, Thank You!!**



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



## THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS ON THE MOVE!

The library is being rearranged and will be moved to a new space in what is now known as the "Cry Room" room #2, behind the sanctuary. Shelves have been built,

**Thank you; Mo Brueckner, Jan Hanes, and Jim Hall.**

Books have been color-coded and are ready to move,

**Thank you; Beth Drane and Carolyn Speck.**

You will enjoy the new space. It will be lighter and roomier and more inviting. There will be computer access to the card catalog so you can look up topics or authors or subjects easily.

Stay tuned for the re-opening and dedication of our new library.

## RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 6th ~ 9:15am  
Fellowship Hall

***Spirit and Truth: Teaching Kids the Heart of Worship!***

Are the kids in our congregation able to actively engage in our worship service?

Do they know the meaning of important church festivals?

This year we will learn the meaning and importance of worship, the liturgy, and the church year with engaging stories, funny skits, and challenging activities.



# Wednesday Night

**September**

**9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

**Family Meal - 5:30pm**

**Activities - 6:15pm**

Let us do the cooking, so you can sit down with your family and enjoy a meal together after a busy day of work and school.

# Faith - N - Family

## **Cross-Generational activities include:**

Devotions, Prayer Stations,  
Pin Wheels for Peace, and Peace Puppets



## **Children activities include:**

Sing-N-Sign and Outdoor Games

**Bible Study**  
Adults

# Annual Church Picnic

September 27th ~ 11:45am

**Pearson Springs Park**

1467 Montvale Station Rd, Maryville

The main course, drinks,  
plates/utensils provided

**Please bring a  
dessert to share**



## 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.*

**September 6**

Tom & Anne Sims,  
Kris & Rene Zimmer

**September 13**

Merl & Judy Krull,  
Elizabeth & Rick Anger

**September 20**

Herb & Carol Perry,  
Tom & Lyla Lindquist

**September 27**

Judy & Jerry Sorensen,  
Frank & Julie Rutherford

SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator

# SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY DINNER SERIES

— THE BLESSINGS OF HOME —

Best BBQ & Homemade Cobbler • Live Music • Kids Activities • Silent Auction



2nd Annual  
**Backyard**

**BBQ**



## 2nd Annual Backyard BBQ

*Benefiting Blount Co. Habitat for Humanity*

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

6:00 to 8:00 pm

\$10.00 per person (Kids under 5 are Free)

Smithview Pavilion

# SERVING

Charlie Malin- Coordinator

## St. Paul Women Host Meal for ~ New Opportunities School for Women

For the second year, Carol Perry, Laura Mallette, Elaine Fisher, Leslie Walker, Suzanne Bielenberg and joined this year by Debbie Roberts, hosted a dinner July 27, 2015 at SPLC for the 6 women participating in the New Opportunities School for Women program. This three week residential program was held on the campus of Maryville College. NOSW is an educational program for low income, middle-aged women (ages 30-55) in Appalachia aimed at helping them improve personally, financially and educationally. This program was founded in 1987 at Berea College in Berea, KY and has graduated over 725 women.

NOSW offers participants opportunities in career, educational, personal and cultural development through such means as:

Internships, resume writing, interview skills, computer basics and leadership development  
Appalachian literature, women's health, creative writing, public speaking and professional mentoring  
Classes on self-esteem and professional presentation including interview wardrobes and makeovers  
Field trips to regional cultural and recreational events

Preparing and serving a dinner to this group enabled the women of SPLC to interact with these participants during the meal. In this way they better learned of the many challenges and opportunities these women have faced during their participation in the program. This year one of the women in the program interned with Marsha Wynn at Maryville College in Alumni Affairs. In 2014 Laura and Suzanne felt privileged to be able to accept an invitation to the graduation ceremony at the end of the program. This year Marsha had that privilege. All 3 had tears in their eyes as they heard each of the women give their personal statement about the program and their unique experiences.

## YEAR LONG FOOD DRIVE

*Three times our Lord asked Peter, "Do you love me?" and three times Peter replied, "Yes Lord you know I do. Each time Jesus commanded Peter to "feed my sheep.*

Starting on September 20<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting items for the Community Food Connection. Each month on the third Sunday will be designated as a special product Sunday. For example, September is Mac & Cheese Sunday, October will be peanut butter Sunday. A list for the rest of the year will be posted so that we can take advantage of sales. The collection box is in the Welcome Center under the window of Sue's office. Please drop your donations at any time. During the third week of the month the collection box will be emptied and ready for the next month's collection item. The Food Connection also needs plastic grocery bags. They use these bags for breads and produce. If you wish to recycle your grocery bags, please drop them into the collection box



Community  
Food Connection  
of Blount County, Inc.

# PARISH LIFE

Carla McMillion- Coordinator



**Tuesday, Sept 15th**  
**Noon**

SPAM group will meet for a potluck in Richardson Hall. Mr. Greg Caldwell, will explain how your computer can be protected and make your life easier. He is very knowledgeable and will welcome questions. SPAM is open to all- over 55 adults. Please come, join a growing group. This activity is a gift from your church to you, as seniors.

## Women's Bible Study

**Starting September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

the Women's Night Bible Study will begin. We will discuss at the first meeting what we wish to study this year. All Women of St Paul are invited so please come and share your ideas with us. Any questions contact Beth Drane 865 681 5987 or tenneliz2000@yahoo.com





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Carla McMillion- Coordinator



**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY**

**Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement for that Sunday.**

Duties	September 6		September 13		September 20		September 27	
	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Carolyn Speck	JB Johnson	Mike Culross	Merl Krull	Warren Bielenberg	Marsha Wynn	Don Burnett	Carolyn Speck
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Laura Mallette Floyd Johnson	John Walker	Joel Searfoss	Kris Zimmer	Jackie Kreider Marianne Searfoss	Marsha Bryant	Steve Zrioka	Art Hafner
<b>Lector</b>	Joel Searfoss	Linda Ullom	Marianne Searfoss	Kris Zimmer	Winnie Johnson	Merl Krull	Warren Bielenberg	Lyla Lindquist
<b>Ushers</b>		Perry McClellan Bob Ullom Linda Ullom		James Hall Robert Bryant James McMillion		Tom Sims Herb Perry Al Hutchison		John Beck Roy Johnson René Zimmer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betty Ludwig	Karin Bell	Leigh Caldwell	Marsha Wynn	Linda Zrioka	Janice Hoover	Jackie Kreider	Carolyn Speck
<b>Acolyte/ Crucifer</b>	Carolyn Speck	Darian Lindquist	Autumn Burnett	Alyssa Rundle		Noah Ohsiek	Isabella Burnett	Darian Lindquist
<b>Nursery</b>		Carol Perry Jody Ohsiek		Eric Walker Jessica Lindquist		Chris Mallette Laura Mallette		Dorine Keeble Anne Sims
<b>Greeters</b>	Warren and Suzanne Bielenberg	Curly and Sarah Wainwright	Mary Nell Biehler	Doris Hite	Gloria Leonard	James and Ann Hall	Steve and Linda Zrioka	Ann Jordan Paula Kenworthy
<b>Sound Room</b>	James Speck	Kevin Rokavec	Steve Zrioka	Perry McClellan	Joel Searfoss	Bob Block	Greg Caldwell	James Speck
<b>Tellers</b>		Carolyn Speck David Lanzer		John Walker Roy Johnson		Dee Dee Walker Kris Zimmer		Chris Mallette Jan Hanes
<b>Flowers</b>	Tim and Leslie Walker In honor of Micah's birthday		Tim and Leslie Walker In honor of Jenna's birthday		Mike and Pam Culross 27 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary		William Wylie In Memory of Irene Wylie	



# September 2015

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**September 1** Lorraine Geary  
**September 2** Sherri Clark  
**September 2** Micah Walker  
**September 3** Loda Wylie  
**September 6** Laura DaCruz  
**September 8** Betty Ludwig  
**September 8** Alyssa Rundle  
**September 9** Pam Culross  
**September 10** Paula Kenworthy  
**September 12** Josh Burts  
**September 12** Denny Mansmith  
**September 12** Kaitlin Kuzman Tyler  
**September 14** J.B. Johnson  
**September 15** Lyla Lindquist  
**September 16** Ken Hancock  
**September 19** Joe Birdwell  
**September 19** Chris Ward  
**September 20** Marsha Wynn



**September 21** Mary Nell Biehler  
**September 23** Louise Bailey  
**September 27** Warren Bielenberg  
**September 27** Jillian Carpenter  
**September 27** Sam Joyal  
**September 28** Courtney Snoderly  
**September 29** Bob Block  
**September 30** Elizabeth Anger



**September 17** Mike & Pam Culross  
**September 17** Brian & Darla Kaufman  
**September 20** Joe & Denice Birdwell  
**September 25** Charlie & Jeannine Malin  
**September 27** Bob & Carol Trosen  
**September 27** Karl & Sandi Weber

**September 1** Sara & Don Burnett  
**September 3** Ed & Jackie Kreider  
**September 3** Will & Betty Ludwig  
**September 6** René & Kris Zimmer  
**September 12** Herb & Carol Perry  
**September 13** Bob & Delores Block  
**September 14** J.B. & Sylvia Johnson

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Maryville, TN 37803



*Sharing Christ's Love  
With the World*



## **Dates of Interest**

*Check Calendar for times and places*

### **Council:**

Monday, September 21st ~ Ministry Team Night & Council Meeting

### **Serving:**

Sunday, August 30th-September 6th ~ Family Promise Host Week

### **Parish Life:**

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

Tuesday, September 15th ~ SPAM

Thursday, September 17th ~ Women's Bible Study ~ Day time

### **Discipleship:**

Wednesday's, September 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th ~ Faith-N-Family

Friday-Sunday, September 25th ~ Confirmation Retreat @ Lutheridge

### **Fellowship:**

Sunday, September 27th ~ Annual Church Picnic