



Newsletter

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SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE WORLD

**Sunday
Worship Services**
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

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“Branching out towards the future. . .



Remembering the Roots of our past!”

(The Following is the sermon preached October 21, 1962 for the first service in the Old Niles Ferry Church of St. Paul. Preached by The Reverend Stephen J. Schulz.)

Text: “So we built. . .for the people had a mind to work.” Neh.4:6

To pinpoint the exact date that a church has its beginning is difficult. Certainly, we are agreed that St. Paul’s is not beginning today. Nor for that matter is it ending. From the organizational standpoint we might say St. Paul’s began in December, 1954, when the congregation was officially organized by the Lutheran Synod of Virginia of the then United Lutheran Church in America. Yet, St. Paul’s dates before this time.

The first service of this congregation was held in May, 1953—over nine years ago. But even before the first service, St. Paul conducted, the congregation had a dream. In April of 1953 all Lutherans in the Maryville-Alcoa area are interested in forming a Lutheran Church in Maryville met at the Donald J. Richardson home.

When St. Paul Lutheran Church was a dream, my father was Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Knoxville. He was present at the first meeting in April of 1953 in the Richardson home. “Luther Life” is the church newsletter at St. John’s—it is similar to our “Epistle.” In the June 1953 edition my father wrote the following:

“A laymen living in Maryville, who couldn’t give up the dream of a Lutheran congregation being established gathered for worship service on Sunday, May 10. The layman is Don Richardson, originally from Ohio. For over two years he has been seeking out Lutherans in the area. With some 30 names on the list, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson extended an invitation to this group to. . .meet at their home on April 23rd.”

Yes, St. Paul’s began as a dream in 1951, 11 years ago in the mind of Don Richardson, and certainly this dream is visualized today.

“They built. . .for the people had a mind to work.”

St. Paul’s is a striking example of the value of prayer and faith. Things have not come easily to our congregation. If it had not been for the prayers, the faith exhibited by its members it would not be here today. When St. Paul’s had its Organizational Sunday Service in 1954, 59 Adults signed the Charter as its original members.

Due to unforeseen changes in the community, St. Paul’s membership fell. At one time the church at large felt this mission should be closed. But the remaining few here prayed that this mission of the church would continue. And prayer without faith is dead. It was the faith of these individuals, along with their prayers that bring us here today.

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL



Slightly over 2 ½ years was not unusual to have only six or seven in attendance, including children—six years after organization. If it had not been for the faith and the prayers of these remaining people who felt that there was a place and a need for a Lutheran Church in Maryville this congregation would have closed its doors.

What better example of prayer and faith I ask you have we than in this congregation. God does answer prayer—when prayers are prayed in this right spirit, and when they concern the spiritual life of a man. Certainly, no one who belongs to this church could possibly doubt that God is as alive today as in the day of Nehemiah. Prayer and faith in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit built this church coupled with hard work, and well deserved labor.

St. Paul's is also a striking example of the value of "the people" in a great enterprise. God will not let his people go without guidance and aid if He is called upon. God could have called—and you the people could have said no! But yes was your answer. "For the people had a mind to work."

What is the future for St. Paul's? We cannot rest on the hard-work, prayers, and the faith of our predecessors. We ourselves must continue to move ahead. This is still only the beginning of our church. The mission of the church which is to bring the un-churched to God has just begun here in Maryville in St. Paul Lutheran Church.

All of us are going to have to work harder than we have ever had to before. This certainly is no time to let up or to feel that our job has been accomplished.

For us no better example can we have than to follow the example of faith left to us by the some 100 people who have belonged to this congregation but have left the community. We must not let these people down. If we do we cannot help but to be a disappointment to our God.

No organization is stronger than its weakest man. And we must each recognize our responsibilities that it is not us who is the weak link in the chain. This is true both physically with our time and talents as well as it is true spiritually. As members of the church of Christ we are all one, united in Christ, and this unity must not be broken.

Very few congregations go through a building program without a split, hurt feelings, and wounds that forever remain unhealed. We have been extremely fortunate in our group today that we all come here united as one in Christ having completed another step in the building of this church.

There have of course been differences of opinion. This is healthy. But it can honestly be said that no one ever left a meeting holding a personal grudge. The reason for this was that the attitude founded in this congregation at its very beginning is still present with us today. That is the attitude of Christian love. This must be kept at St. Paul's in the future and must never be lost at any cost.

What do you want this church to be? This is a question that each of us must ask ourselves before we leave today. For this church in the future will be what you as its member's make of it. One of the basic facts of psychology is that every person has a concept of himself. Everything gets into one's self-concept that he does. If something is not like the image he holds for himself that individual rejects it.

The same is true of the individual and his relationship of the church. Each of us has an image of what the church should be. If it is not what we think it should be we reject it. But as we look ahead in our building of souls for the Kingdom of God the church must not be what we think it should be. We must bring our image of the church into line with Christ. Through Christ we can build for the future. We can build on what God can do through us or with us through His church.

And, if our image of the church is brought into line with Christ we will continue to have the spirit of self-less Christian love in this congregation. As we leave today let us continue to give thanks to God for our new church home. God built this church through us. It was definitely not ourselves alone. God built this building through us and this was possible today as in Nehemiah's day for it can be said: "They built. . .for the people had a mind to work."

Faith and prayers coupled with hard, well-directed labor in Christ built this church for God's people. Our sermon hymn today was, "On Christ the solid rock I stand." Let us remember its words: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. No merit of my own I claim, I wholly lean on Jesus' name, on Christ the solid rock WE stand, all other ground is sinking sand. Amen.

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Pastoral Ponderings:

When you think of the word stewardship, many cringe and even more avoid coming to church on the Sunday's when they know there will be the typical temple talk or sermon given to persuade them to give. What really is stewardship?

Albert Schweitzer said it best, "If there is something you own that you can't give away, then you don't own it, it owns you." None of our possessions are really ours, none of our bodies are really ours, and time is not something we own. Everything we have comes from God.

We present our gifts, our offering before God to say thank you for what we have received and we return these gifts to God to be used to serve the good of others. We are called, whether we live in a one room shack, or a six bedroom mansion to be an offering to all people. Stewardship is not a month in the church calendar year that is set to cause people to cringe or stop coming to church.

Stewardship is and should be seen daily in the living out of our baptismal call to be disciples of the crucified and risen Lord. Stewardship is not just about money. Stewardship is praying for the needs of the church, the world, and all those in need. Stewardship is giving of our time to much needed causes, such as volunteering at the local food bank or homeless shelter. Giving of our time or our presence also includes our being part of worship, assisting, helping with the children's choir, teaching Sunday school, etc. Stewardship is serving. We are called to a ministry of servant leadership.

On Sunday, May 22, we will have an opportunity for **Consecration** at St. Paul Lutheran Church! We want to urge you to plan now to attend two important events that day. First, either the **8:00 or 10:30 a.m. Worship Service** and, second, the **Celebration Potluck** immediately following Worship. The Rev. Julian Gordy, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod will be our guest preacher and one of St. Paul's first called pastors will be among us, The Reverend Steve Schulz.

We believe that you are concerned enough to come to the Church on Consecration Sunday to provide the congregation with an estimate of your financial giving as an act of worship in the sanctuary. *This means no one will call on you at your home for a "pledge"*. The only contact you may receive will be a personal invitation designed to secure your reservation for attending Worship on Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Potluck Luncheon immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service.

We look forward to your participation, as you live out your stewardship!

Branching out towards the future. . .Remembering the roots of our past!

Pastor Kevin Strickland

PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Council President

Thank you to the church staff and the many volunteers who helped make all our Easter services so wonderful.

Council wishes to thank everyone who participated in the congregational conversations. Although our opinions and ideas may differ; our love for our church and our call to ministry in Christ is shared by all. Council is working on a financial plan which will allow us to grow our ministry and mission using the memorial gift of Doyle Owenby, the earnings of the Endowment Fund and your generous gifts for the remainder of this year. Also creating a team to lead us in a three year capital campaign further us in mission and eliminate our building debt. Following our stewardship program in May and our fall capital campaigns initial commitments, a 2012 spending plan will be developed. Council will then present a plan to the congregation to fund and grow our ministries in all areas. Additional information for the 2011 church growth-funding plan we be forth coming in the next few weeks.

Al Hutchison our church treasurer, will no longer be able to serve in this capacity do to his work traveling schedule. Loda Rae Wylie has agreed to fill this role as interim treasurer appointed by council. She will have the title of interim treasurer until she is elected by the congregation. We thank her for her willingness to serve in this important position.

Peace of the Lord be with you!

Tom Sims - President

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sixteen-year-old Oboist, Shawn Hutchison, and his family have been members of St. Paul Lutheran Church for seven years. They moved from Canada to Maryville when his father, Al Hutchison, accepted a job transfer to Tennessee. Shawn plays the Bass Drum and Marimba in the William Blount High School marching band. In 2006, he became part of the Oak Ridge Youth Symphony playing the Oboe and in 2008, the English horn. Last year he became interested in the piano and wrote an original piano piece, *Berceuse*, for the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association's fundraiser.

Shawn has never failed an audition. He was chosen to play in the Junior Civic Honor Band for East Tennessee, was first chair Oboe in the All East Tennessee Regional, was chosen as Principle Oboe in the All State Orchestra and will be attending the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts this summer.

He has been hired by Alcoa First Methodist to play for last year's Christmas service, their Easter Cantata and this year's Christmas service.

Shawn is a very gifted musician and an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Congratulations Shawn!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



Confirmation News

May

4th: 6:30pm Faith Alive Worship Service

11th: 5-7pm Faith Alive Celebration with Cook-Out

15th: 5-7pm Dinner and Class Working on Mentor Projects and Memorizing Creed

June

1st: 6pm Second Year Confirmands Practice for Confirmation Sunday/Affirmation of Baptism

7pm Second Year Confirmands Banquet with Parents and Mentors

5th-11th: Campfirmation At Lutheridge

12th: 10:30am Service Affirmation of Baptism with Confirmation

Sunday School May Calendar of Events:

All Classes – 9:30 to 10:15

May 29th will be the last class for the spring term. Sunday school will begin again in September. Teachers, thank you, for a great year of Sunday school, you were there every Sunday morning to share your faith with our kids.

Preschool: Cathy LeBlanc, Jo Tollefson, and Lacey Blackman

Kindergarten to grade 2: Laura King and Darla Kaufman

Grades 3 to 6: Chris Mallette, Winnie Johnson and Valerie McNair

Grades 7 and 8: Sue Tyler and Dee Walker

High School: Kara Birdwell, Lane McGinnis, Becky Merkord, Clayton Narveson and Pastor Kevin

Thanks also to our Adult Study leaders: Leona Patty, Harry Kocotos and Pastor Kevin

Adult Bible Study News

Grab a cup of coffee and come join the Adult Bible Study in Room #2 at 9:30. Every Sunday – *“Christ invites you to follow him . . . daily”* – join this study on Daily Discipleship with a study of that Sunday’s gospel.

This study is designed for small groups and does not require preparation by participants.



Vacation Bible School:

ReNew: The Green VBS!

The Parable of the Sower

Date: June 26 to June 30, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

It’s time to make plans for Vacation Bible School. Helping with VBS is a great way to get to know others in our church family.

Watch for pre-registration and volunteer sign up in the Welcome Center during the month of May.

Vacation Bible school is designed for Preschool (age 3 & 4) to grade 6. Grades are based on the grade your child will attend in the fall.

Nursery will be provided for children up to age 2. There will also an Adult Bible study led by Pastor Kevin during VBS time.

A light supper will be served from 6:00 to 6:20 for VBS participants.

If you have any questions involving VBS please call Winnie Johnson – 982-2237

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Faith Alive

St. Paul Neighborhood Cook-out

Come one! Come all!

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

5:00pm - 7:00pm

We will have food, drinks, desserts, dunking machine, moonwalk house, fire truck, K-9 Demonstration, Ministry Team information and games for all to play.

Mark your calendars to attend the final Wednesday night event before summer!



PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES



Theology Uncorked

Tuesday, May 10th 7:00pm

Pastor Kevin's apartment (The Reserve of Maryville off of William Blount Drive Apartment #614).

Come and engage in conversation about: "What do Lutheran-Christians believe about the end of the world and will anyone be 'Left Behind'?" Call Pastor Kevin with questions 865-201-1775.

SPAM

Tour of the Civil War Exhibit at the Blount County Historical Museum

Tuesday, May 17th at 11:00pm

We'll meet there, please arrive early. Suggested cost for the exhibit is \$2. After the tour we will go to lunch at El Jimador.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

Men In Mission would like to invite everyone to a potluck luncheon at **Noon on June 7**.

The luncheon will feature a presentation by Ms. Vallie Collins who will discuss her ordeal on the airplane that crash landed in the Hudson River.

So bring your favorite dish, enjoy the fellowship and listen to a great speaker relate her harrowing experience.

The ladies of St. Paul continue to make Chrismons for the Christmas tree. Each workshop includes a Bible study highlighting the meaning of the Chrismons. Watch the calendar for the next workshop.

May 14 at 11:00am the ladies will meet in Richardson Hall for a spring event. Mark your calendars for this special day of fun and fellowship. More details to follow.

SERVING MINISTRIES

The Community food Connection will participate with the US Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers holding their 18th annual one-day food drive on **Saturday, May 14th, 2011.**

The CFC normally collects more than 50,000Lbs of food to help support their efforts in supplying emergency food for over 5,000 individuals monthly in Blount County.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this a successful food drive. We can use Drivers (pick-up or van) and helpers, workers at the store and post office. Various shifts and hours are available.

If you can help, please contact Frank Rutherford @ 983-0788 or cell 405-7715.

Volunteer of the Month



Margaret Richardson, a charter member of St. Paul, has the distinction of being our oldest member. Margaret has shown her love for St. Paul's by serving in a variety of roles. She has

been a choir member, served on Church Council, chaired the Evangelism committee, taught catechism classes, served on a call committee, coordinated volunteers for Community Food Connection, assisted with the ALPHA program and provided and delivered meals to shut-ins.

Margaret continues to remain active within the church and currently is a regular member of the Wednesday morning Prayer Group.

Our thanks to you, Margaret, for being such a devoted volunteer within our church!

Thanks to **Carol Perry** for serving as coordinator for meals to those recovering from surgery or illness and to **Emily Moritz**, coordinator of funeral repasts for those who have suffered a death in the immediate family.

Health & Wellness Corner

For Heart Health, Know Your Numbers

(from AARP)

120/80 or under is normal blood pressure for adults.

Less than **35** inches for women, and less than **40** inches for men, is the best waist size.

Too much fat around the waist increases risk of heart disease.

0 is your ideal exposure to tobacco and secondhand smoke.

At least **30** minutes of exercise most days.

Regular exercise can lower your resting heart rate.



Take advantage of the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked following the 8:00am and 10:30am

services ~ each 2nd Sunday of the month.

This month's checks will take place

Sunday, May 8th.

If you have questions, please contact Sandi Weber at 981-7027.



2011 Crohn's walk Volunteer Landing in Knoxville

Saturday, May 14

Registration Start: 4:00 PM ~ Walk Start: 5:00 PM

If you would like to join Jillian Bruch, who was diagnosed with Crohn's, and her family on the walk or make a donation follow the link below.

http://online.ccfa.org/site/TR/2011TakeStepsWalk/Chapter-Tennessee?px=1896343&pg=personal&fr_id=2613

SERVING MINISTRIES

**Good Neighbors of Blount County is hosting their spring benefit concert
“LEAN ON ME”
Sunday, May 1
6:00pm**

Monte Vista Baptist Church, 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd, Maryville, Tn.

Various church musical ensembles from Blount County will be performing their favorite hymns. If you’ve ever wondered what other churches sing, then this would be a great time to attend this smorgasbord of song. “The Faithful Men” and “4MV” will be featured.

Participating groups include: Monte Vista Baptist, Fairview United Methodist, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic, New Providence Presbyterian, St Paul Lutheran, St Paul AME Zion, and Voices of Praise.

A reception will follow to allow folks to meet their neighbors.

Admission is *FREE*.

Love offering donations will be accepted.

This charity event raised funds to help neighbors in Blount County bridge the gap to maintain stable homes by providing moral support and guidance along with rent and utility support.

The sagging economy and harsh weather has put an added strain on many neighbors in our community.

This spring fund raiser complements the fall Progressive Dinner for Good Neighbors.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS OF
BLOUNT COUNTY BENEFIT CONCERT**

An ecumenical music celebration of faith and life presented by
Blount County Churches
featuring
“The Faithful Men”
& “4MV”

May 1, 2011 @ 6pm
Monte Vista Baptist Church
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd.
Maryville, TN
www.goodneighborsbc.com
Admission:
Free love offering

LEAN ON ME

“BRIDGING THE GAP”
Blount countians helping Blount countians!

GNBC, a 501C3 non-profit organization helping families maintain stable homes.

PROCLAIMING MINISTRIES

Welcome Home to our New Members!



Joe Abbott

Is the son of Claude and Tena Abbott. He is presently attending UT in the college of Civil Engineering. He spent a year serving in Kuwait through the Army Reserve and is presently serving in the 844th Engineer Battalion.



Rick & Elizabeth Anger

Recently moved to Maryville from Wisconsin. Elizabeth is the daughter of Alice Lewis and is a retired Legal Assistant. Rick will be retiring in July

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Scripture readings for the Sundays in May:

May 1st Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,22-32, Psalm 16, 1Peter 1:3-9,
John 20:19-31

May 8th Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19,
1Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24: 13-35

May 15th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1Peter 2:19-25, John
10:1-10

May 22nd Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5,15-16, 1Peter 2:2-
10, John 14:1-14

May 29th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1Peter 3:13-22,
John 14:15-21

Lectionary readings can be found at:

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Lectionary/Year-A.aspx>

Have you ever wonder about the word... Narthex

The **narthex** of a church is the entrance or lobby area, located at the end of the nave. (The area where the congregation sits, extending from the entrance to the area around the altar - chancel.)

Traditionally the narthex was a part of the church building, but was not considered part of the church proper. It was either an indoor area separated from the nave by a screen or rail, or an external structure such as a porch.

The original purpose of the narthex was to allow those not eligible for admittance into the general congregation to hear and partake in the service.

St. Paul's narthex begins at the carpeted area to the left of the Welcome Center

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CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Worship Service ~ 8:00am or 10:30am

Celebration Potluck
following 10:30am Worship

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Julian Gordy,
Bishop of the Southeastern Synod



H. Julian Gordy
Bishop
ELCA-Southeastern Synod

A native of Newnan, Georgia, Julian Gordy served as pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Franklin, TN; Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Ocean Springs, MS; and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Morristown, TN before his election as bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod in June, 2007. He received the A.B. in religion from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia in 1972 and the M. Div. from Lutheran Theological

Southern Seminary in 1985. A long-time proponent of ministries of mercy and justice, Bishop Gordy was a founding member of the board of MATS, a unique home for homeless persons in Morristown, and of Samaritan Ministry of Jackson County, an ecumenical emergency relief agency on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

He has been involved in numerous community and church agencies and boards in Tennessee and Mississippi and was active in the founding of Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi. He has served church agencies and institutions in a number of roles, most recently as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Bishop Gordy has been a frequent leader of workshops on organizational structure, consensus decision-making, mission development and liturgical renewal.

Before attending Southern Seminary, Bishop Gordy worked in university and hospital administration and in housing restoration. He is married to the Reverend Dr. P. Morgan Gordy, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Tennessee.

They have four children and six grandchildren. His hobbies include backpacking, sailing and woodworking.

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

Reminder from your Financial Secretary

In April 2010, an account was set up at Mountain National Bank (MNB).

Since then 19 families have started using their bank's on-line bill pay systems to send their stewardship gifts to Saint Paul.

Although direct electronic transfers are not yet available, the bank representatives of the MNB Branch on Hwy 411 have been handling our on-line contributions and making the deposits directly into our account.

As electronic banking continues to propagate and we continue to grow our participation in the system, both MNB representatives and we are hopeful that electronic transfer is possible in the near future.

Our goal is to grow our monthly transactions from 21 in March to 50 as quickly as possible. The deposits can be set up monthly, semi-monthly, or even weekly.

If you are ready to sign up, here are the steps to do so:

1. Call me or e-mail me for St. Paul's MNB account number.
2. Go into your bank's on-line bill pay system and click on "Add Payee".
3. Enter the following information where appropriate:
St Paul Lutheran Church c/o MNB,
ATTN April Harvey, 1820 W. Broadway,
Maryville TN 37801, tel # 865-984-9991,
St. Paul's account number, and enter your envelope number on the memo line if possible.
You can call me at 865-405-9474, 423-884-6317 or e-mail me on hpcp2@tds.net,

Herb Perry

May 2011

The Lenten season has continued in somewhat its usual fashion.

Unless there are unusual circumstances, we are able to use the Jonesborough Area Senior Center on Sundays, only. We held our Lenten "services" at the Limestone Ruritan Club. We have been discussing Opening the Book of Faith. Attendance has been minimal, but the discussion and interest of those in attendance have been powerful.

We are now focusing on Holy Week. We will have participated in a joint worship service with the Jonesborough Presbyterian Church on Maundy Thursday. The pastor, Allen Huff, and I will do a dialogue. I will participate with him in the distribution of Holy Communion. Both of us will read psalms as members of the community of faith strip the altar. Part of the liturgy will be from the ELW

On Good Friday, we were fortunate to be able to secure the space at the Senior Center. We will, again, have a Tenebrae Service, the service of darkness, reading the passion story from the Gospel of John. Both The Reverend Allen Huff and I will lead that service. He has encouraged their community of faith to participate.

In the afternoon of Palm Sunday, we will initiate our plan to make initial calls monthly. Four teams will be available to call on approximately one hundred (100) homes. Afterward, the community will come to a fellowship dinner to share in the experience of the callers. Please pray for us.

On May 1 two individuals will be baptized. One of them will be our second adult baptism, Wayne Waszkowski. The second will be a six-year old girl, Payton Anderson. What a joy this is for us. Please pray for them.

Worship attendance continues to grow, although slowly. We set a new high in active worshippers together with prospects who come to worship. The financial strength of the community continues to be stable.

We have been blessed to add a new mission partner from Conference 6.

Ed Wolff, Mission Pastor



ELCA CHURCH WIDE

2011 Easter Message

from Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

- Matthew 28:8

Mary Magdalene and Mary walked to Jesus' grave, expecting to find death. It's understandable. Images of violence filled their minds. Thoughts of their vulnerability and mortality deadened their spirits. Death had become the defining story of their lives.

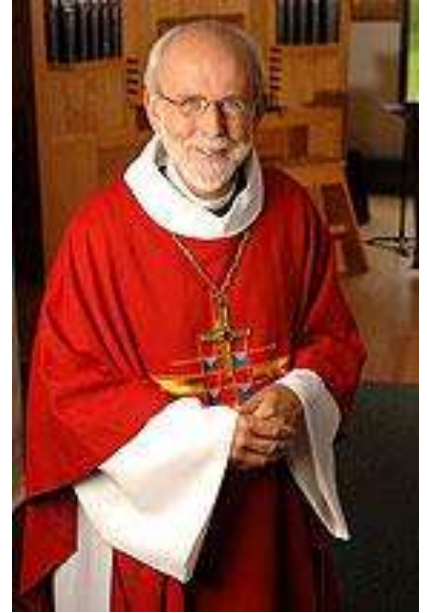
Instead of death, the women met a resurrection messenger who said, "He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said." As they hurried to tell others, the risen Jesus met them. They were changed. Now resurrection, not death, would define their lives.

Jesus lives! Now resurrection, not death, defines our lives. Jesus continues to meet you in resurrection messengers, just as Jesus met me in Pastor Josephus Livenson Lauvanus, president of the Lutheran Church of Haiti. As we walked through the ruins and rubble that lie in the aftermath of Haiti's earthquake, Pastor Livenson Lauvanus proclaimed, "We will not be defined by rubble, but by restoration, for we are a people of the resurrection."

Baptized into Jesus' death and raised to newness of life we, too, are people of the resurrection. We, too, are resurrection messengers. We, too, are about God's work of restoration.

The world aches to hear the message we have to tell. Sing with joy! Jesus lives!
We are a people of the resurrection.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Duties	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Assistant Minister	Warren Bielenberg	Brian Kaufman	Elaine Fisher	Elaine Fisher	Joel Searfoss
Communion Assistants	Jackie Kreider	Jim Pitts Anne Sims Tom Sims	Steve Zrioka	Beth Drane Gary Moehling Charles Morrow	Marianne Searfoss
Lector	Chris Mallette	Carol Perry	Marianne Searfoss	Art Haber	Tami Wyatt
Ushers	Mo Brueckner Floyd Johnson	Jerry Sorensen James McMillon Bill Wear	Greg Wyatt Cole Wyatt	Perry McClellan Gary Kinney Gary Moehling	Ed Kreider Karl Weber
Altar Guild	Jackie Kreider	Brenda McClellan	Suzanne Bielenberg	Regina Culver	Tami, Cole, Rachael Wyatt
Acolyte	Taylor LeBlanc	Samantha Fowler	Joey King	Philip Tyler	Dana Conzenius
Crucifer	Taylor LeBlanc	Arielle Tollefson	Joey King	Eric Walker	Dana Conzenius
Children's Church		Valari Burts Jena Burts			
Nursery		Chris and Laura Mallette		Betty Ludwig Carla McMillon	Jacqueline Conzenius Marianne Searfoss
Greeters	Steve and Linda Zrioka	Ann Jordan Dorine Keeble	Men in Mission	Men in Mission	Claude and Tena Abbott
Sound Room	Greg Caldwell	Mark Fisher	Greg Caldwell	David Walker	Will Ludwig
Tellers		Greg Caldwell John Beck		Joel Searfoss Gary Kinney	
				Chris Mallette Carolyn Speck	
				Harry Kokotos	
				Jean Beck	
				James Hall Carolyn Speck Kris Zimmer	
				Lyla Lindquist	
				Bertha Franks	
				John Beck Robert Bryant James Hall	
				Jim Pitts	
				Arielle Tollefson	
				Samantha Fowler	
				Kelsey Bruch	
				Bertha Franks Ethel Duff	
				Betty Ludwig Sandi Weber	
				Kelsey Bruch	
				Emily Kauffman	
				Jim Pitts	
				Bertha Franks Ethel Duff	
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<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Weeks 5</u>
<p><u>Sunday, May 1</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, May 2</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 3</u> 10:00am Comm Food Conn 11:30am OTL Bunch 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 4</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:30pm Faith Alive Meal 6:30pm Faith Alive Worship 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 5</u> 8:30am Lutheran Loungers 7:00pm Men in Mission</p> <p><u>Friday, May 6</u> Pastor Kevin's Day Off</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 7</u> 10:30am Widows SG</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 8</u> Men in Mission Sunday 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, May 9</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 10</u> 5:00pm Property 6:00pm GS Troop #74 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 11</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 5:00pm Neighborhood BBQ 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 12</u> 6:00pm Thivent BCC</p> <p><u>Friday, May 13</u> Newsletter Deadline Pastor Kevin's Day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 14</u> 10:30am Widows SG 11:00am WELCA - Spring</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 15</u> Graduation Recognition 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Confirmation</p> <p><u>Monday, May 16</u> 7:00pm Leadership Dinner</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 17</u> 12:00pm SPAM 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 18</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 19</u> 10:00am WELCA</p> <p><u>Friday, May 20</u> Pastor Kevin's Day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 21</u> 10:30am Widows SG</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 22</u> Consecration Sunday 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service Noon Luncheon</p> <p><u>Monday, May 23</u> 6:00pm Ministry Team Night 7:30pm Council Mtg</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 24</u> 6:30pm GS Troop # 552 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 20325</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 25</u> 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 26</u> 11:30am Out to Lunch Bunch 6:30pm NAMI Support Grp</p> <p><u>Friday, May 27</u> Pastor Kevin's Day off</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 28</u> 1:00pm Out to Lunch Bunch</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 29</u> 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, May 23</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 31</u> 6:30pm GS Troop # 552</p>



MAY 2011

BIRTHDAYS & anniversaries

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May 2	Ramona Bishop	May 20	Grant Foster
May 2	Melissa Sherman	May 20	Delaney Rostad
May 2	Linda Zrioka	May 21	Jean Eldred
May 4	Brianna Mandrekas	May 23	John Walker
May 5	Barb Miller	May 23	Brandon Clackum
May 5	George Wong	May 24	Anne Sims
May 5	George Kloss	May 24	Jason MacNair
May 6	Aaron Karvonen	May 25	Carmen Solt
May 11	Brooks Quickel	May 26	Kara Birdwell
May 11	Keanu Miller	May 27	Ann Mann
May 14	Laura Mallette	May 27	Dana Conzemius
May 17	Kris Zimmer	May 28	Richard Stauffer
May 18	Norma Watson	May 29	Brian Kaufman
May 18	Stephanie Bruch	May 29	Lilliana Henderson
May 18	Sean Blackman	May 30	Gail Hafner
May 19	David Walker		
May 19	Kristen Walker		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 1	Chuck & Dottie White
May 4	Bill & Beth Drane
May 11	Kevin & Donna Dornfeld
May 15	Steve & Jacqueline Conzemius
May 17	Tom & Lyla Lindquist
May 23	Danny & Betsy Quickel
May 24	Ramona & Danny Bishop
May 29	Cathy & Chris LeBlanc



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Monday—Friday

Dates of Interest

Discipleship:

Wednesday, May 4th ~ Faith Alive Meal Chef Salad ~ 5:30pm
Faith Alive Worship ~ 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 11th ~ Neighborhood Cook-out ~ 5:00pm-7:00pm

Parish Life:

Sunday, May 22nd ~ Celebration Pot-Luck

Serving:

Saturday, May 14th ~ Postal Food Drive

Worship:

Sunday, May 8th ~ Men in Mission Service for Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15th ~ Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 22nd ~ Consecration Sunday - Guest Preacher - Bishop Julian Gordy