

The Lamplighter

Quarterly Newsletter for St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS)

**Come Worship
With Us!**



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Sunday Worship:
8:00 & 10:30 am
(May – Aug. - 10:30 only)

**Sunday School &
Bible Study**
9:15 am

Wed. Bible Study
10:00 am
(Panera Bread Co.)

New Member Class
"Exploring the Faith"
Sat. 9:00 am
(Meets Each Spring & Fall)

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Christ the King

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

~ *Philippians 3:20*



It is right this minute 8:52pm on Tuesday, November 2nd. The election returns are rolling in, the numbers are scrolling across the bottom of my television screen, and I, like you, sit keenly interested in how this mid-term election will pan out. I'm asking myself the same question you are – come tomorrow morning, when my phone stops ringing off the hook and my mailbox isn't stuffed full of advertisements and accusations, who exactly will be in charge? Who will be running the show?



St. Paul writes to the Colossians, "And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:18-20).

Oddly enough, the Feast of Christ the King (November 21st), that great reminder that the Lord indeed reigns in this world in and through His Holy Church, was instituted in 1925 in response to the rise of secularism throughout the world. It was precisely because the nations had placed their trust in men that the Church saw the need to remind the faithful that, though there will be earthly powers and principalities, Christians also belong to another kingdom, not of this world (John 18:36), we live under the reign of Christ.

It can be confusing, I know, to live under the constant tension of these two places – the reality of the world where we all have to live and work and exercise our civic responsibility to be involved; and the kingdom of heaven where we focus our time and attention toward growing in faith toward God and service to our neighbors. Every two years, I'm reminded of the incredible passion people of all political leanings have toward this earthly existence.

It is my prayer for us as Christ's Church - as those who live also in the Kingdom of God, those whose citizenship is somewhere else and who exist only as sojourners here - that we would continue to exercise the same passion toward the Kingdom of God, that we would see it as our mission and our responsibility to be just as passionate about our eternal kingdom – the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ the King Sunday and the Season of Advent offer us the perfect opportunity to do just that. In the coming weeks, let us dedicate ourselves to this task – to focus our life together on the witness and mercy of Jesus Christ, and learn once again what it means to live in the Kingdom of God.

Board for Worship

We are in the mist of the fall season, with winter close behind. This is a very busy time of year at St. Paul with many activities being planned by the Board for Worship. By the time you are reading this article, we will have had Reformation Sunday on October 31 which had also been designated as Friendship Sunday where you were invited to bring your friends to church.

The month of November brings the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time for families to get together and count the many blessings that God has provided during the year. On Thanksgiving day, we will have a worship service with Communion at 10:30 a.m. Please bring a can good to be distributed to the Lutheran Mission Society.

December is a very important month at St. Paul. The first Sunday in Advent will have already past on Nov. 28th. However, the first Advent Soup/Salad Supper will take place on Wednesday, December 1st from 6 to 6:45 p.m. There will be two more soup/salad suppers on Wednesdays December 8 and 15. There will be no soup/salad supper on December 22 as that is the week of Christmas. After each of the soup/salad suppers there will be a worship service with Communion at 7:00 p.m.

The Live Nativity will be held on December 9 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. A sign up sheet will be in Luther Hall starting in November. Be thinking what character you might want to portray. There will be two sets of characters – with each set of characters spending 15 minutes outside and then alternating. We will need 2 Marys, 2 Josephs, 4 Angels, 6 Shepherds, 12 Wisemen, and encourage any of the children to dress as angels or shepherds and be part of our Live Nativity. Last year we sent 3 Wisemen downtown Annapolis to hand out flyers inviting people to come by. This year we want to send two sets of Wisemen with each set doing an hour – from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the other set to cover the hour between 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will also be a need for people to help as greeters, hostesses, wavers to get people to stop by, and singers to sing Christmas Carols. It is a fun and very meaningful evening as we set the stage for the coming birth of Jesus. Hope you will mark your calendar for Dec. 9 and come join us at St. Paul.

This will be my final article for the Lamplighter as the Board for Worship Chairperson as my term has expired. I have thoroughly enjoyed my position on the Board for Worship and have learned a lot of the “ins and outs” of what it entails to make a worship service run smoothly and make it meaningful to the congregation. The other members of the Board for Worship also do a tremendous job in fulfilling the positions needed to help with the worship services. A thank you goes to everyone who has helped me in making my position a pleasant experience.

Blessings,

Gail Kolos, Chairperson

Board for Worship

Weekly Worship Attendance

Fall 2010

	Sun. Worship (Avg.)	Bible Study
August:	95	28
September:	113	33
October:	102	34

Stay Informed...

If you are not currently receiving the “St. Paul Weekly” email newsletter, please email Pastor Hatcher (pastorjmhatcher@yahoo.com) and ask to be added to our mailing list.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ~ Mark 12:41-43

The 23rd biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) district convention was held in Richmond, VA, September 24 through 26, hosted by the Tidewater Zone. The theme was "Rooted in Faith...Growing in Christ". St. Paul Lutheran Church was represented by five members who had a good time and were inspired by the event.

A major emphasis of the LWML is the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of mite box offerings. The Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-43) is the inspiration. These mite box offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942. The 83 delegates who attended the convention voted on the 2010-2012 proposed mission goal of \$125,000 and the priority of payments to the fourteen approved mission grants. Orphan Grain Train's grant of \$5,000 was elected the first grant to be paid as the mite contributions come in.

The national LWML convention, which is held in odd-numbered years, will be in Peoria, IL, June 23 through 26, 2011. Out of every district mite dollar, 25 cents goes to the national mission grants. The national 2009-2011 biennium mission goal is \$1,825,000. For more information about this amazing organization and the mission grants, visit the LWML website at www.lwml.org.

If you would like to have a mite box to put in a prominent place in your home to collect loose change, whether or not you attend the LWML meetings, please pick one up at the LWML table in Luther Hall, or ask Ellen Phipps, our treasurer, to give you one. Mite donations are collected at the LWML meetings or you may bring them anytime to the church. The next scheduled meeting is Sunday, November 21st at 6 PM. All St. Paul's women are invited to attend.

The national LWML is made up of 40 districts. The Chesapeake district is made up of ten zones primarily in MD, VA and DE. St. Paul is in the Baltimore zone.



*~JoAnn Loprete, Co-Chair
Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

Orphan Grain Train Ships to Cameroon

So far this year, the Orphan Grain Train has shipped 4 forty-foot containers, one to Nicaragua, one to Kyrgyzstan, and two to Haiti. Sometime in November, we are going to ship for the first time to Cameroon in West Africa. We are particularly excited because a large part of the shipment will support a sewing school in the capital city of Yaounde, where our Lutheran Hour Ministries office is located. LHM is purchasing the container, which will be converted and used as the sewing school. Headed by Pastor Sam Frouisou, the school will serve to teach women who have sustained great tragedy in their lives to learn a marketable skill and hear the Gospel. Included in the shipment will be several sewing machines, desks, rolls of fabric, sewing notions and thread, chalk boards, a pattern cutting board and ironing boards. Also this initial shipment to Cameroon will include supplies for the Protestant hospital and will provide the opportunity for Pastor Sam to bring the Gospel to patients and hospital personnel. These supplies include a baby warmer, hospital

beds, surgical masks, doctor gowns, and syringes. Rounding out the shipment will be clothing, linens, toys, walkers, wheelchairs and many other items.

We want to thank the Lutheran Women's Mission Society for awarding a \$5,000 grant and the Lutheran Laymen's League for the amount of \$1,100 to fund this shipment. We are pleased that this activity will demonstrate the love of Jesus to the folks in Cameroon as they receive these gifts of compassion from their brothers and sisters in the United States. If you want to become part of this mission, please contact Elfie Eberle or Ron Phipps.

Ron Phipps

Chairman, Board for Evangelism

Orphan Grain Train – Maryland Division

<http://www.ogt.org/index.php/regionaldivisions/region/category/maryland/>

Thrivent Builds Homes – The Clay Street Project

On August 28, several volunteers from St. Paul worked on this year's Thrivent Builds Homes project. The volunteers included Joanne Tetlow, William Eberle, Glen Hodges, Jim Wapshott, Nancy Wapshott, and Dave Schultz. Also, Pastor Hatcher opened the day's activities with a devotion and prayer.

This year's project involves construction of a house on Clay Street in Annapolis. However, because of delays in obtaining City's building permits, the activities on August 28 occurred at Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake's storage facility in Crownsville. The volunteers worked on framing walls for the house and getting them ready to move to the construction site on Clay Street. The photographs below show the volunteers at work.

In October and November, volunteers from St. Paul will be working again on the Clay Street project. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Piersol or Dave Schultz.



A Special Thank You to our Summer Altar Guild Teams: Team Zindorf (August), Team Faith (September), and Team Barracato (October). Great job! If you are interested in joining our Altar Guild, come talk to me on Sunday morning or shoot me an email. Thanks! ~ Leslie Merrell

Lutheran Malaria Initiative – Thank You To All Who Participated in Our Wii Bowling Tournament!



A special thank you to all of you who have helped us raise nearly \$2000 for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative!

For more information, visit LutheranMalaria.org

~ Melissa Hatcher
Lutheran Malaria Initiative

Don't Forget To Vote... At Our Fall Voters' Assembly

Our Fall Voters' Assembly meeting will be in Luther Hall on Sunday, November 14th from 9:05 - 10:15 (During Bible Study Hour). The two agenda items for this meeting are (1) The slate of congregational officers for 2011 and (2) The 2011 Budget. Here's the slate of officers that are up for approval:

President:	Susan Barracato	Elders:	Ron Phipps
Treasurer:	Nancy Wapshott		Patrick Loprete
Worship Board:	Darla Webb		George Robinette
Christian Resources:	Gail Kolos		Herm Schmidt
Outreach Board:	Elfie Eberle		

Our council members who will remain this year:

Vice President:	Jim Wapshott	Elders:	Dick Smith
Stewardship:	Dave Schultz		Bill Eberle
Christian Education:	Herm Schmidt		
Secretary:	Ellen Bickel		

Please keep our leadership team in your prayers.

~ Susan Barracato
Congregational President

From the Board of Education

The following two upcoming events will provide many wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship with fellow Lutherans:

1. Dr. Paul Maier-led tour of parts of Italy and a Western Mediterranean Cruise. The tour will be 15 days – May 15 – 29, 2011. Some areas to be visited will be Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii, Florence, Pisa and Genoa. Stops while cruising the Western Mediterranean will include Marseilles, France; Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Almeria, Spain; Tangier, Morocco and Ibiza and Barcelona, Spain.

Having followed St. Paul's footsteps in the Holy Land, Greece, and Turkey the past two years, Dr. Maier will be giving closure by giving a brief seminar on the later life of St. Paul and what happened to him after the Book of Acts closes.

2. Arizona Lutherhostel: The Arizona Lutherhostel will be held March 7-11 at the Redemptorist Conference Center near Tucson, Arizona. Some of the planned activities include Dr. Loren Bleise who will lead daily Bible studies. Dr. Bleise has spent 40 years planting churches in Ethiopia. Daily devotions will be lead by Rev. David Susan, who has spent 17 years teaching worship and hymnology in Seoul, Korea. Additionally, a speaker will present on the life of John Fremont, the first governor of Arizona. There will also be a presentation entitled "Life Among the Navajos," and a concert by an African choir. This desert venue in the foothills of the Tucson Mountains will be a most memorable experience.

For more information on either of these events, please talk with Herm Schmidt.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov. 14th – Fall Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly will meet at 9:15am on Sunday, November 14th (Bible Study Hour). We'll have just a few items on the agenda including next years' annual budget and slate of officers. All are welcome to attend.

Nov. 14th at 4:00pm - Greek Fest for Orphan Grain Train

Be on the lookout for more details about our upcoming Greek Fest! Here's what I've got so far: Greek Food! Greek Dancing! Macaroni & Cheese for the kids! More Greek Food! More Greek Dancing! Mark your calendars for the 14th, all proceeds will benefit Orphan Grain Train.

Nov. 21st – Consecrated Stewards (Pledge Sunday)

Be on the lookout in the coming week for a congregational letter about this year's Consecrated Stewards initiative. Pledge Sunday this year is November 21st.

Nov. 21st 9:05 - Stewardship Celebration Breakfast

In thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings to us, we'll have a Stewardship Celebration Breakfast on Pledge Sunday during our Bible Study hour. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex beginning this Sunday.

Nov. 23rd 7:00pm – Christian Authors' Book Club

Home to be determined. Please see the St. Paul Weekly for updates.

Nov. 25th at 10:30 – Thanksgiving Worship Join us as we give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings to us on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, at 10:30 am.

Dec. 1st 6:00 & 7:00pm – Advent Supper & Worship

December 1st marks the beginning of our mid-week worship schedule as we observe the season of Advent. Join us for Soup Supper at 6:00pm and Worship (Vespers) at 7:00pm.

December 9th – Live Nativity!

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Live Nativity. If you're able to help, please speak with Gail Kolos.

Dec. 24th & 25th – Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship

Join us at 7:00pm & 11:00pm for Christmas Eve worship w/. Holy Communion, and on Christmas Day as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at 10:30am.

Consecrated Stewards - Pledge Sunday November 21st

Our 2010 Stewardship Pledge Drive will be held on Sunday, November 21st. In early November, Pastor and Dave Schultz (Stewardship Board Chair) will send out a congregational letter laying out the pledge process and going over our goals for 2011. As a bit of a teaser – our goal for 2011 centers around the development of an active small group ministry here at St. Paul to encourage fellowship and community as our congregation continues to grow. Here's a quick look at the pledge form:

"Witness, Mercy, & Life Together"

Consecration Sunday, November 21, 2010

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God Loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always giving enough of everything, you may share abundantly." Corinthians 9: 7-8

- I will join with my fellow members in worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ.
- I will strengthen my faith through Bible Study.
- In response to God's blessings, I will give of my Time & Talents through leadership and/or service.
The area I am most interested in serving is _____.
- As the Lord has blessed me I will weekly give back to the Lord \$ _____.
- I will seek Christian fellowship & encouragement through one of St. Paul's Small Group Ministries in 2011.
- I am interested in hosting a Small Group fellowship event.

Signed: _____

Please print your name(s): _____

There will also be a Stewardship Celebration Breakfast on November 21st from 9:05 – 10:15 in Luther Hall. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Advent Worship at St. Paul: "Magnificat"



Join us as we await the coming of the Lord this Advent!

Midweek Soup Supper
& Vespers Service

Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day Worship

Soup Supper

6:00pm

Christmas Eve

7:00pm & 11:00pm

Worship (Vespers)

7:00pm

Christmas Day

10:30am

Join Us For One of Our Fall Bible Studies & Small Groups

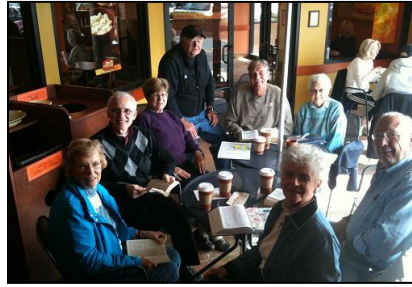


The Physician's Gospel

A Study of Luke

Sunday at 9:15

Held in Luther Hall



Our Weekly Bread

A Conversational Bible Study

Wednesday from 10:00am – 11:30

Panera Bread Co. (Riva Rd. at Forest Dr.)



St. Paul Book Club

Contemporary Christian Authors

3rd Tuesday Each Month at 7:00pm

Held at the Schmidt's House

in Admiral Heights



"Headlines"

A Scriptural Study of World Events

Sundays (Monthly) at 7:00pm

Hosted by our Members



The Wired Word

Hosted by Area Lutheran Churches

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Atlanta Bread Co. in Waugh Chapel



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