



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
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The Glad Spirit

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August-September 2016

9-11

MEMORIAL SERVICE



Where were you that September morning? The singer, Alan Jackson asked that question in a famous song shortly after the events of September 11, 2001. Most of us have vivid memories of that day. Our nation was viciously attacked and 3,000 people lost their lives.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of this attack and it falls on a Sunday. Such an anniversary brings back

those memories. That anniversary also allows us to see how it is that The Lord's hand guided and lead us through those troubling days. We find we have much to be thankful for in terms of His watchfulness and protection.

In our worship that day, we will give special attention to remembering the events of 9/11. We will once again thank and praise Almighty God, but also we will pray for his continued protection of our nation, our culture, our society, and each of us in our daily living. This provides a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join us in worshipping our faithful God.

Plan on coming to church at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 11, 2016, and bring your friends.



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

When is the last time you were to church? Was it this past Sunday? Was it longer? Wasn't so long ago that you cannot remember?

The Lord's plan for each of us is that we join with fellow believers to worship and praise His holy

name. Yes, this ought to occur on a regular, weekly basis. Sadly, we find many reasons not to attend church. It becomes a habit. We stay away too long; far too long.

The Lord gives us many reasons to attend church regularly. The worship service is where He gives His gifts of forgiveness, mercy, peace, joy, and many others. He does this through simple things like, Word, water, bread, and wine. He does this through simple actions like hearing, washing, eating, and drinking. It is amazing what The Lord can do.

We are declaring Sunday, September 18 as "Back to Church Sunday." It would be great to see everyone who is a part of our congregation attend the Sunday morning worship service. It would be great that day if many folks determined in their minds that they would devote themselves to regularly, weekly attendance.

Reflect on what The Lord offers you each and every Sunday. Come, join the rest of us. Come to "Back to Church" Sunday.



A TIME TO DIE - ECCLESIASTES 3:2



King Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for everything under the sun. He tells us that there was a time to be born and a time to die. We frequently focus on the burnt part of life. Each year we celebrate our birthdays. We rejoice in the birth of a newborn child.

We give less attention however to the death part of life. In fact we often avoid thinking about it. Yet dying is a vital part of our human existence.

Beginning Sunday, September 11, The Sunday morning Bible class will undertake a study on death and dying entitled "A Time to Die." This Bible class will look at death and dying from a biblical perspective, along with different "end of life" issues, funeral planning, burial, cremation, and grief and mourning.

The Bible class needs something mornings at 8:30 a.m. In the church conference room. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.



Dear Friends in Christ:

We have just been through the month of July. Many of you may have watched some parts of the two televised political conventions as I have. Maybe some of you are political "junkies" and watched "gavel to gavel" coverage of both. Thankfully, both conventions took place without major violence or disruptions.

Comparing the two conventions, we see many stark differences. Beyond the differences in style and format, lie the differences in opinions, plans, goals, objectives, and the very direction politicians wish to take the future of our country. These differences reveal themselves in many issues: abortion, jobs, health insurance, gun control, taxes, racial tension, justice, supreme court nominations, environment, terrorism, military, trade, and international affairs, to name a few. The list could go on and on. Each of us could name others to add to the list.

Some people are delighted in the choice of political candidates for the highest offices in the land. Others wish there could have been better choices made. It is really frustrating. Regardless, of how you may feel about the candidates, they are the choices placed before us. We may begin to wonder, "Who would God want in office?" We need to remember something important God has revealed in Holy Scripture.

Romans 13:1 puts it all this way: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Yes, there are times in which we have good leaders and there are times we have horrible leaders. The pattern for this goes all the way back to Old Testament days. There were good leaders and there were terrible leaders. Through it all, God accomplished His will for life in this world. Take comfort in that. Vote for whomever you think is best, but definitely vote. God will

work through your vote to put into office those individuals He wants to lead us in this life and in this world. After all, He is Lord of all things!

In Jesus name,
Pastor Wahl

Jesus said "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

WITNESSING:

First, He sent His Son. Then He sent His Spirit. Now, He is sending His Church.
Being a Witness right where God has placed you. Wherever we are, we are the Church!

What Does a Witness Do?

We try to make this more complicated than it needs to be, it is simple "You are a first-hand witness to God's grace...Speak what you know to be true." Sounds simple right, how would you tell someone about a really **good** restaurant, the food and service were **fantastic**, you would **highly** recommend the restaurant to **everyone** you knew, right? Well, has God done **amazing** things in your life (family, friends, career, talents), wouldn't you **highly** recommend having a relationship with God? Jesus paid the **ultimate** sacrifice for us, (saved us from ourselves, death, and offers forgiveness to all those who **ask**) how **fantastic** is that? The Holy Spirit **comforts**, **encourages**, and **guides everyone** who **seeks** Him. Witnessing **flows** from the **love** of Christ. **Love** the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and **love** your neighbor as you love yourself

Newsletter delivery, this is a **wonderful** way to **reach out** and touch someone and to take a **step** outside your comfort zone and **say** Hi.

Monday Morning Free Coffee 7:00am-8:30 am, stop in for a cup, **tell** someone about the Coffee, **bring** a cup to a friend, **assist** one Monday morning. **Sharing** the Gospel one cup of coffee at a time.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: Assisting in the preparation for 2 New **wonderful** Church Services in September.

September 11 Memorial Service 9:45 am - Where were you that September Morning? This is a wonderful opportunity to **reach out** to the community and **invite** everyone in Thornton to attend the 15 year anniversary of this tragic day.

There are many things that we can do to **bring** this special service to the community and to **prepare** our beautiful church building for company. Please read over the list of items/tasks and **prayerfully** consider how you can **use** your talents, gifts and or treasures **to serve**. We are planning on serving Cake, coffee, and punch at this service. All suggestions and **ideas** are gratefully **appreciated**. (9/11 Church Service list) Thank You

September 18 at 9:45am - Back to Church Sunday - This is a **fantastic** opportunity to **encourage** everyone in our congregation to **attend** the Sunday Morning worship service. Again there are many things to be done **to prepare** of this day. After this service a pot luck luncheon will be **served** so we can **enjoy** food, fellowship and **fun!!** There will also be a list of **tasks/items**, something for everyone to do, Team work. *We are family, I got all my sisters (brothers) with me, We are family get up everybody and sing.* Yes this song is now stuck in my head so I thought I would share with you.



Sunday School Corner

Summer is almost over, and as we say good-bye to the beach days and BBQ's we are gearing up for school. With the start of school means the start of Sunday School!!! We will continue with the traditional start of Sunday School on the Sunday following Labor Day, which is Sept. 11th. We are happy to welcome back all of teachers, Mrs. Brandy, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Allan, Mr. Bloom, and Mrs. Gribbin. Not only are we all very excited to see everyone we encourage all of our kids to bring friends. We are hoping to have another great year of fun! If you have any questions, concerns, or great ideas to share, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kathy Dejnowski (Sunday School Superintendent) or Dana Krieger (Assistant). Enjoy those last few weeks, see you soon!



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The take a card and bring the item next Sunday is a success! A special thank you to those who made it happen. To help restock the food pantry cards are located on the pantry door in the southwest corner of the parish hall. Food baskets are always getting delivered so please keep taking the cards. A meal only lasts for a few hours then you are hungry again. That is why the pantry is always running low. Gift cards and cash donations are welcome and are used to purchase perishable items. Those who are in need are always very grateful. This is done on your behalf and in the name of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ!



Adult Instruction - Are you interested in knowing more about the Christian faith as we hold to it as Lutherans? Do you know of someone who might be? A new class of Adult Instruction will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. This class will cover the basics of the Christian faith as taught in Luther's Small Catechism, Upon completion members of the class will be ready for Adult Confirmation, it is their personal desire. If you are interested, please notify Pastor Wahl in advance.



Youth Confirmation Class - Youth Confirmation Class begins August 24, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This class is designed for children in the 7th and 8th grade who desire to be confirmed into the Christian faith. The class covers the

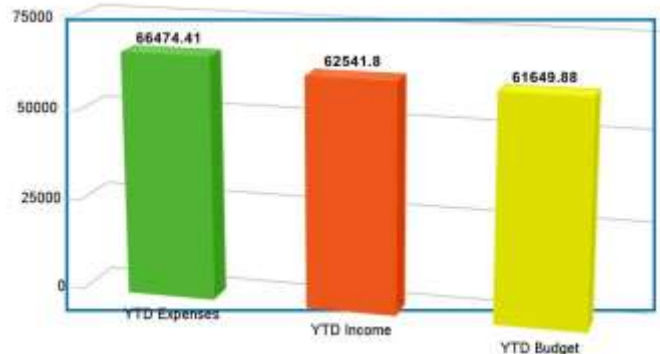
basics of the faith as taught in Luther's Small Catechism. We do allow children in the sixth grade to enter the class if parents feel the child is advanced in the ability to study. Please contact Pastor Wahl if you have a child ready for the class.



Eileen Baumgart (former member, recently living in Wisconsin) entered eternity July 7, 2016 (age 96). She received Christian burial from St. Paul's altar on July 12 in a service conducted by Pastor John Holyer of Trinity Lutheran, Lansing, IL in Pastor Wahl's absence. We extend deepest sympathy to her children Judy and Ed and to many other relatives and friends. "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26) (ESV).



JUNE 2016 TREASURE'S REPORT



Come join our annual Church



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Brats and Roasted Corn Provided
Bring your favorite Salad or Desert
Located at Church this year
Fellowship, Games and an evening fire with S'mores

We're little earlier this year so mark your calendars
Saturday, August 20th 5 Pm till ??
Bring a chair and spend the evening



Any questions contact Henry Sella 708-877-6231

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

September - May

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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Church Office Hours
9 to Noon Monday thru Friday.

Bulletin Deadline
Thursday by 10 a.m.

Contact the church office to submit
personal testimonials about what God
has done for you. Or original art that is
inspirational or humorous to the artist.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman Bill Sommer
Vice Chairman David Bloom
Recording Sec. Tracy Middleton
Financial Sec. Robert Brandy
Treasurer Chris Carr
Elder Ed Hoeksema
Steven Michels
Henry Sella
Jack Swan
Brian Wiltjer
Jerry Wiltjer
Trustee Dean Bloom
Earl Bloom
Jerry Smith

Stewardship

Evangelism Debi Brandy
Social Ministry Norma Allen
Sandy Budde

S. S. Super. Kathy Dejonowski

Asnt. Super. Dana Krieger

Adult Director

Youth Director

August

3 Jennifer Shadley	17 Michael Shadley
4 Kaitlin Dejonowski	Jerry Smith
Chester Orendorff	18 Scott Pfeifer
Marvin Zander	Joy Wilmington
5 Sharon Brazil	19 Penny Kukulski
Helen JaBaay	20 Darren Krencjarz
Marge Pearson	21 Chris Carr
7 Kristin Geiger	22 Kurt Diekelman
9 Michelle Michels	23 Arianna Porter
Dirk Wimmer	Gloria Wiltjer
10 Joan Behrens	25 Christopher Wimmer
11 Ed Hoeksema	29 Riley Chiattello
14 David Sinise	Steven Michels
16 Jane Krencjarz	30 Edward Hoeksema Jr.
17 Tara Schassburger	31 Danial Hoover



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

September

1 Lois Struven	19 Catherine Gercken
3 Karen Baker	20 Antonio Ramirez
James Mooney	22 Frank Bodza Jr.
4 Ermida Sella	David Capodagli
5 Jessica Odah	23 Violet Andersen
7 Sarah Baumgart	Scott Bruce
Austin Brandy	Jon Gleim
Bob Schassburger	Blake Ovalle
13 Ray Zander	25 Dana Krieger
15 Mary Sella	Adeline Ovalle
16 Tracy Gribbin	Louis Sella
17 Dominic Ramirez	26 Colton Tatgenhorst
18 Sherrie Bruce	26 Alec Schassburger
Mikayla Plecas	27 Pam Michael

A long life assured

Do you ever feel like the person who exclaimed, "God put me on Earth to accomplish a certain number of things, and right now I'm so far behind, I'll live forever!"?

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:30pm Elders Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 9:45am Worship Service	8	9	10	11 7:00pm Book Club	12	13 9:00am Trustee Work Day
14 9:45am Worship Service	15 7:00pm Council Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 5:00pm Church Picnic
21	22	23	24 6:00pm Confirmation Class	25	26	27
28 9:45am Sun. Sch. Teacher Installation 9:45am Worship Service	29	30	31 6:00pm Confirmation Class			

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:45am Worship Service	5	6 7:30pm Elders Meeting	7 6:00pm Confirmation Class	8 7:00pm Book Club	9	10 9:00am Trustee Work Day
11 8:30am Bible Class 8:30am Sunday School 9:45 am 9/11 Remembrance Worship Service	12 7:00pm Council Meeting	13 1:00pm LWML Meeting	14 6:00pm Confirmation Class	15	16	17 12:00pm Wedding
18 8:30am Bible Class 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Back to Church Sunday Worship Service	19	20	21 6:00pm Confirmation Class	22	23	24
25 8:30am Bible Class 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service	26	27	28 6:00pm Confirmation Class	29	30	