



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
 508 North Chicago Road
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The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

August - September 2017



Greetings: Thank you!! The beautiful display of American flags at the church on Memorial Day was wonderful! Excellent reminder of what America is and all those who fought and died for our freedom. Our family was so happy to see the great display. Brought tears to many eyes and pride to many hearts! Thank-you again!

We also noticed that the local Shopper newspaper included a photograph of our display with the following caption:

“St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thornton has festooned its front lawn with hundreds of American Flags and said “GOD BLESS THOSE WHO SERVED FOR OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, What a wonderful sentiment the true reason for the season.”

We are being noticed – In May we took on a special project of displaying 500 American Flags on our front lawn. We did it in tribute to Memorial Day honoring those who have served in the military, especially those who have paid the sacrifice of their lives for our freedom. We figured this gesture would be noticed by the public. We know of three instances in which folks have given attention to our flag display.

A lady in Thornton was kind enough to write us a personal note:

Churches throughout the Northern Illinois District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod receive a newsletter from the Lutheran Altar Guild Federation. The federation’s last quarterly newsletter included a photograph of our flag display, with the following article

**St. Paul, Thornton salutes
Memorial Day – May 28, 2017**

Although Ascension was the main thesis of the day, the commitment of our service men and women was recognized and we are grateful for the opportunity to live in a country that was founded on and maintains, "Religious freedom." Without the dedication of our military veterans and current service people the things we take for granted would not exist. What was really awesome was driving up and seeing all the flags set out in the lawn around the church, measured out and exactly placed. Good job St. Paul, Thornton.

The efforts of Jerry Smith, Bill Sommer, Jerry Wiltjer, Diana Carr, Shirley Wahl, and Dave and Debbie Bloom who put up the display and also Bob Schassburger who carefully mowed the grass before had produced a beautiful display and great reactions. Thank you all again.



500 year Reformation Celebration

As we all know this year will mark the 500 year of the Reformation.

Each Sunday in the month of October we will celebrate a time in the life of Martin Luther, and how events in his life lead to the 95 thesis and the need for reform. We also have many of the same events in our life so as we celebrate Martin let's also celebrate each other and our journey. How 500 years later the needs of people are still basically the same even though the world is changing. The best way to do this is through pictures. So I am asking everyone to find pictures. Pictures of what you say? Well baby pictures or baptism pictures, school picture, wedding pictures, family pictures, Anniversary pictures, and celebrations. We are going to journey through the life of Martin Luther and the things he encountered, endured and focused on in his life each Sunday. The 1500's was time when the world was changing quickly and many advances were coming into being such as the

printing press that was instrumental in the Reformation. History has a way of repeating itself and our world today is changing rapidly and information is shared instantaneously through the internet. How are we going to carry on the message so in 500 years from now the world will still be celebrating the 1000 year anniversary of the Reformation? How are others going to know Jesus is our Salvation? How are we going to carry our God's command to Go and Make Disciples of all Nations?

So be ready with pictures, we can have some fun with this, especially baby/baptism pictures. Be prepared for something after church each Sunday, a pancake breakfast is in the works as well as a soup, salad and sandwich social, and of course the Reformation lunch. The plans are still in the planning stages more details to follow in upcoming bulletins and the next newsletter.



We are making some changes this year, and first is our traditionally Sunday School Corner will now be Youth News. We want all the happenings for ALL youth connected in some way to our congregation and those young at heart to participate in activities and events. We hope to see your children, grandchildren, and friends this year. We will have an announcement with calendar of events after church on August 20th.

Our first fun activity will begin SATURDAY Sept. 9th for the Church picnic and campfire. Then SUNDAY Sept. 10th we will continue the fun for the opening of Sunday School/Youth Group for the year. Sunday School/Youth Group will look different this year and start at a new time, 9am instead of 8:30! We are looking forward to a year of great fun and growing in God's Word! Stay tuned for more information and feel free to ask questions or give feedback to Dana Krieger, Tracy Gribbin, Kathy Dejnowski, Kristi Hudson, Norma Allen, or Dave Bloom.



Silver Anniversary - We are entering upon a very special year - the year of the 25th anniversary of the construction of our church building. With any building project, there are many steps and phases to go through. A building simply does not rise up on it's own. The first stage of any building project is groundbreaking. August 30, 1992 is the date on which ground was broken and construction began. On Sunday, August 27, 2017, at our 9:45 a.m. worship, we will have a special service emphasizing that initial step in the construction process, to thank and praise our gracious Lord for what He has done for us as a congregation in giving us our worship facility. Plan on coming that Sunday. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

Youth Confirmation Instruction - We are in the process of planning and organizing a new class of Confirmation Instruction for youth born in the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008, or before. Perhaps, you have a youth in this age bracket in your family or know of a youth who might be interested in becoming a part of the congregation through the rite of Youth Confirmation. If so, kindly contact Pastor Wahl, so that they may be included in the planning process.

Special Milestone - A former member of our congregation achieved the honor of being able to celebrate her 100th birthday on May 10 of this year. Yolanda Diekelmann is remembered by many for the years she belonged to St. Paul and was involved with many activities. She is the widow of Bill Diekelmann, former mayor of the village of Thornton. She is also the mother of Pastor Bill Diekelmann, a son of our congregation who achieved great honor as having served as First Vice President of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (2001 -2010). Janet Sanders and Madelaine Zander honored Yolanda on her birthday by presenting her with a letter of congratulation and blessing from the people of St. Paul.

Released from Membership - The following people have been granted a release at their request from membership in our congregation: Jessica Johnsen, Sarah Nixon and Karen Young.

Removed from Membership - The following people have been removed from membership in our congregation: Adam Swetlik, Gabrielle Swetlik, Kymberly Krass, and Shawn Young.



Christopher Farris (age 22) a baptized member of our congregation entered eternity on Saturday, July 8. We extend deepest sympathy to his family and friends. We also rejoice with them in the blessed assurance of resurrection in Christ. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he love." (John 11:25)



"IT'S THE SOLOIST'S HIGH NOTE."

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, & FUN



AT St. Paul's



Come dressed in your Hawaiian clothes and bring your family and friends to our annual church picnic

This year is a Luau party theme

Where: St. Paul Church

When: September 9, 2017 4pm – 10pm

What to bring: Family, Friends, and a Summer/Hawaiian themed side dish
(We're supplying the drinks, main meat dishes, & desserts)

Activities: Best dressed Hawaiian, Limbo, Pineapple toss, Watermelon eating contest, Coconut Bowling, Luau bingo, Tiki Bar, Luau Style photo booth, and much more!



WE END THE NIGHT WITH A BONFIRE!!

Have questions or want to help? Contact Tracy Gribbin at 708-417-3742



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

(Pre-80's Only)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

1:00-5:00 PM (JUDGING AT 4:30)

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\$10.00 ENTRY FEE FOR PARTICIPATING CARS

(Includes One Free Lunch per Car)

TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN FOR:

PASTOR'S CHOICE

PARTICIPANTS CHOICE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

50/50 SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

FOOD FOR PURCHASE

Popcorn, Snow cones, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, Water & Pop

**** Rain date will be the following Sunday, August 13, 2017 ****

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 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

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



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

September

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

The look of love

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

—St. Augustine

AUGUST 2017

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45am Worship Service	4	5 7:30pm Elders Meeting	6	7	8	9 9:00am Trustee Work Day 4:00pm Luau Party
10 8:30am Bible Class 9:00am Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service	11 7:00pm Council Meeting	12	13	14 7:00pm Book Club	15	16
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