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This newsletter is a monthly publication of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Articles and information pertinent to the life and mission of the congregation may be submitted to the church office or by email. Space limitations may require editing of material.

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Rev. Mike Metzler

Organists

Sue Hickle
Connie Odendahl

Church Secretary

Jennifer Kubesh

Church Newsletter

Jennifer Kubesh
Cydelle Klande

Church Council

Meets 2nd
Monday of each
month

Randy Hickle,
Chairman

(Open), *Vice
Chairman*

Cydelle Klande,
Treasurer

Tonette Peterson,
Secretary

Tracy Peterson,
*Financial
Secretary*

Elders

Robbie Robinson
Toby Hickle
Aaron Peterson
(Open)

Trustees

Rick Williams
Carol Robinson
Tony Nelson

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The 4th of July is near, unless you're reading this after the 4th, in which case, you will have had some extra days to remember our nation's independence and how our nation's first immigrated residents and founding fathers banded together (by God's grace) and became free from the tyranny of the rule of England. The fireworks we watch on the evening of the 4th are to remind of us of the battles that took place to gain our independence as a free nation. Battles have casualties, so we remember all those who helped make *and* keep our country free.

Those thunderous booms and bright flashes make quite an impression on us and we say "ooh" and "aww" as we watch, but those flashes and booms were not present at the beginning of our real freedom.

The only bright anything on the night we began to be free was a very bright, but silent star. The star over Bethlehem signaled the arrival of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. The One who would free us from ourselves, death, and the power of the devil. NO fanfare. NO booms. NO flashes. The only thing as bright as that star were some angels heralding this special day.

Our spiritual '4th of July' came about 33 years later and it did have booms, flashes and unmistakable signs. When Jesus died on the cross, darkness was over the land, the earth shook, rocks split, and the curtain in the Temple was ripped in half from top to bottom!

Three days later, Jesus was again walking among His people as our resurrected, quiet Savior.

The good news is that God has already delivered us from eternal life apart from Him by the resurrection of His Son! **WE ARE FREE FROM THE TYRANNY OF THE DEVIL, THE WORLD, AND DAMNATION!**

This 4th of July celebrate our nation's independence, *and* celebrate our independence from eternal death won for us by Jesus. In fact, celebrate our freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil every day!
Have a safe and joyous Independence Day!

God's richest blessings to you!

*Your fellow servant in His name,
Pastor Mike Metzler*

Church News



Ushers Schedule:

July: Greg Odendahl and Greg Kroschel

Please note: If you cannot usher, please ask a sub.

Acolyte Schedule:

July 7th: Everett July 14th: Chase July 21st: Carlie July 28th: Ethan

Outdoor Worship Services:

These will be on the first and third Sunday's in July and August, weather permitting.

New Council:

New council starts July 1st

Chairman: Randy Hickle

Vice Chair: (open)

Treasurer: (pending)

Elders: Robbie Robinson, Toby Hickle, Aaron Peterson, (open)

Trustees: Carol Robinson, Tony Nelson, Rick Williams

Shut-Ins:

Mona Klar
Lorraine Robbins
Bob and Lois Kendall
Janice Ladd
Pat Kunze
Kristi Graber
Vivian Kelm



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- 1st: Jacey Wickstrom
- 2nd: Caleb Swenson
- 3rd: Dave Hopkins
- 4th: Greg and Connie Odendahl
- 6th: Dave and Abby Kreft
- 7th: Julie Maser
- 8th: Pat Kunze
- 10th: Dave and Judy Hopkins
- 12th: Brian Grewe
- 13th: Greg Kroschel
Ashton Gorsegner
- 16th: Carolyn Olander
- 17th: Shelby Maser
Carol Robinson
- 19th: Margie Pike
- 20th: Greg and Wendy Kroschel
- 22nd: Margaret Busse
- 25th: Larry Marotz
- 28th: Duane Klar
- 29th: Trey Schroeder

If we are missing anyone, please let Jennifer or Cydelle know! Thank you.

Flower Chart:

July 7th: Ray and Gerry Graber
July 14th: Kim Hopkins
.....Happy Anniversary, Mom & Dad
July 21st: Chuck Borchard
.....in loving memory of mom
July 28th: (open)

Please submit articles for the newsletter to Cydelle Klande
cydelleklande@gmail.com

The deadline for information for the August newsletter is July 19th, 2019.

Youth Group

We had a great day on June 19 for the Everybody Picnic. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the picnic and to all who donated items for the event.

National Youth Gathering is coming soon! Thank you to everyone for your generosity in helping the youth group prepare for the National Gathering. The support we have received in just nine months is nothing short of amazing! Now we would like to invite all of you to help in our spiritual preparation and growth as well. The theme for the National Gathering this year is Real.Present.God. and it focuses on the Psalms. We are learning how the Psalms were written by people many generations ago, yet the messages within the Psalms still apply to all of us right here and now, in our time, and in each of our lives. If you would be willing, we would love to hear what your favorite Psalms are. There are cards in the narthex on the table by our photos asking people to share their favorite Psalm, why it's important to you, and any other thoughts, comments or prayers for our group. Once completed please return to the basket on the table or to a member of our group by July 7. We will bring these cards on our trip to use in our small group sessions.

Finally, please keep our group (Rebecca, Christeva, Jacob, Hannah, Dylan, Doug, Annika, Tess, Everett, Karissa, Eddie, Carol, and Pastor) in your prayers as we finish our preparations and attend the Gathering July 11 - 15.

Youth Circuit Worker

Hello and blessings to you!

We did not have an event in June because of difficulties in scheduling and we will not have one in July since I will be gone for seminary intensive classes, but I am working on a summer event for August so please keep your eye out for announcements on that. For these couple of months, I have also been working on a schedule of Circuit Youth Events for the coming school year and working on the Confirmation Retreat in September. Confirmation students and parents please be expecting announcements on this towards the end of July.

Keep in touch with your youth leaders and pastors and watch your church newsletters and bulletins for continued updates!

Thank you,
LeAnn Gregoire
Circuit Youth Worker

VBS

We are excited for our week of Miraculous Mission themed

VBS July 15-19.

Class will run from 9 am-12 pm, with a closing program and picnic lunch at the Church on Friday. Our days will be filled with music, Bible Challenges, Bible stories, crafts, snacks & games, and fellowship.

We are always in need of youth helpers. Our younger kids really look up to the older kids, and love being able to spend time with them.

Any questions, please ask Tonette or Jennifer.

Preschoolers (3 years) to completed 6th grade are welcome to come. Bring a friend or two!! You can come the entire week or any of the days. Registrations forms will be out on the table in the Narthex, or you can register the first day.

We hope to see you soon!!



2019 SUMMER GOSPEL NIGHTS SCHEDULE

Concerts are on Sunday evenings throughout the summer at 6:30pm at the church. Free will offering. Come listen to some wonderful music!

June 30 - THE OSTROM FAMILY, Brook Park, MN

July 7 - THE PAUL FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND, Trout Creek, MI

July 14 - MIKE, MARY, & REBECCA, Hinckley, MN

July 21 - THE SLEWFOOT FAMILY BAND, Grey Eagle, MN

July 28 - THE MAHLSTEDT FAMILY, Cokato, MN

August 4 - THE BENSON FAMILY, Faribault MN

August 11 - The MYSTERY MOUNTAIN BOYS, East Central MN

August 18 - THE KLASSEN FAMILY, Worthington, MN

August 25 - KENNY KRONA, Cambridge, MN



St Paul Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voter's Meeting (unapproved)
06-10-19

Present: Pastor Mike, Tonette Peterson, Matt Maser, John Frank, Tracy Peterson, Jennifer Kubesh, Vern Volk, Aaron Peterson, Toby Hickle, Guest Laura Swanson

Meeting was called to order by John at 7:01pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted as read upon motion by Aaron and second by Vern

Treasurer's report accepted as read upon motion by Tracy and second by Vern
Income: \$46,390.44 Checking \$14,599.62 Expense \$57,683.20 Savings \$63,403.17
Net Income \$ - 11,292.76

Pastor's report: office visits, home visits, hospital visit, Bible Studies, attended various meetings, Little Lambs lessons, CASE, elders meeting, confirmation class and service of Confirmation, concerts, newspaper articles, chaplaincy call, website consultant meeting, HS graduation, circuit pastors breakfast meeting

Old Business

* Roof is still leaking, waiting on consults

New Business:

* Jennifer requested some shelving in the office

* Vern will put new road signs up

*Shutters for the east side of the church will cost \$2400 for the stained-glass windows, \$4000 for all 4 east windows. This will be brought to the quarterly.

*Motion by Aaron and second by Tracy to appoint Tony Nelson as Trustee and Maria Bernhardt as Treasurer.

*Spraying of weeds was discussed.

*Matt is working on the exterior lighting.

*A fishing trip will take place July 20. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet.

*Motion by Aaron and second by Tracy that Aaron will pay the initial set up fee and domain fee of \$320, and St. Paul Lutheran will continue to pay the \$50 monthly maintenance fee (up to 4 hours per month) for our church website pending another bid. This will be a one-year trial.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm upon motion by Tracy and second by Toby closing with the Lord's Prayer.

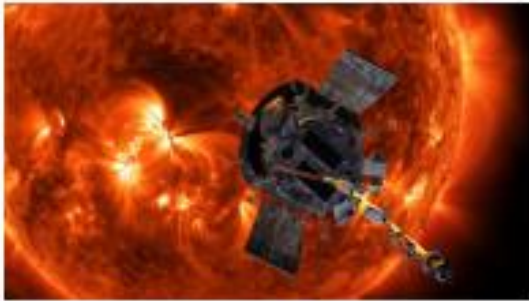
Respectfully Submitted by Tonette Peterson

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

The Golden Apples of the Sun



And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. (Genesis 1:16)

In 1953, Ray Bradbury published a science fiction story entitled "The Golden Apples of the Sun", about an ill-fated

mission to scoop material from the Sun's outer atmosphere.

Sometimes, sci-fi stories appear to come true. NASA is now planning an unmanned mission to the Sun's outer atmosphere. The spacecraft, called the Parker Solar Probe, will orbit the Sun at a distance of about 10 million miles. This might sound a long way, but Earth's orbit is 93 million miles from the Sun, and that of Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun, is at 43 million miles.

The heat at the surface of the Sun is clearly the most important factor. Therefore, the design of the spacecraft is a wonderful example of human creativity and problem solving. One can imagine the tests carried out with different materials. The craft will have an 8-foot "umbrella" to deflect heat, made of an alloy of molybdenum, titanium and zirconium. Printed circuit boards are etched with acid onto tungsten – the metallic element with the highest melting point. Cables are obviously not covered with plastic, but with specially grown heat-proof crystals. The temperature of the shield will reach a few thousand degrees, yet its inside will be just 85°F!

God, who made the Sun on the fourth day of Creation Week, has given human engineers such wonderful talents, reminding us that we are made in His image.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Concerts	7pm Council Mtg				Corn & Clover Carnival	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Concerts				9am-12pm Vacation Bible School!!		
	Youth Group National Gathering					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 10am Fellowship 10am Quarterly Voter's Meeting 6:30pm Concerts						
28	29	30	31			
9am Worship w/ Communion 10am Fellowship 6:30pm Concerts						

COME JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING FAMILY

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Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am

Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am

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For God so Loved the World



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