



## ***FALL CLASSES BEGIN***

- **“The Word Ahead”** continues on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at Starbucks by Big 5
- **Youth Confirmation Classes** will start on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- **Women’s Bible Class** will start on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School** will start on September 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Adult Bible Class** will continue on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

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### ***– THE WORD AHEAD! – MONDAYS AT 9:30***

Monday is my day to begin sermon preparation for the week that follows. We meet Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at Starbucks near Big 5. We read the Bible text and discuss what the text is saying. I love Mondays when we get together. The questions and the thoughts that are brought up give me greater insight into the text and how you the listeners are reading it. Reading and preparation in my office is great, but sitting over coffee and discussing God’s Word with each other helps me to put together a sermon that is more relatable and clear. I thank those who have joined me, and I encourage you to consider coming over for a cup of coffee and reading the Word together.

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### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

Children’s Sunday School begins again this fall on September 10<sup>th</sup> for children 3 years old and up. We are still looking for additional teachers for this year. If you are interested talk to Jill Hardin.

## ***SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS***

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, our adult class will begin. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in Pastor’s office. All are welcome!

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### ***WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS***

Women’s Bible Class is starting Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. We will continue what we did last year. I will take request for topics or questions and we will answer by turning to scripture. – Pastor Hardin

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### ***CONFIRMATION***

We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for Confirmation class in pastor’s office. Students usually start Confirmation in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and finish in 8<sup>th</sup>. We study the Bible, do service projects, and do activities that help teach students what it means to be part of a Church community. If you have any questions call Pastor! Class begins on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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### ***PRAYER WARRIORS – ADOPT A PRESCHOOL FAMILY!***

We are looking for **YOU** to “adopt” a preschool family and pray for them continually throughout this school year. This is a simple way to “be the church” and have a great impact on the lives of our preschool families. What do you have to do? We will give you the name of a preschool family and you will pray for them this school year. They will have the opportunity to submit prayer requests, or prayers can be general. When the preschool sings during church on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Palm Sunday, you will get the chance to meet them and present them with a faith enriching gift (which we will provide). Sign up in the back of church or in the office. Talk to Jill Hardin for more info.

## ***SCHEDULING USHERS***

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

At the Elder's recent meeting, we again visited ways to simplify ushering procedures as well as what can be done to recruit members into the ushering staff. Our major conclusion was that our members likely want flexibility in the scheduling. We believe having ushers assigned for a month long commitment every three months inhibits interest in ushering. Therefore we would like to change that procedure to a "sign-up" system.

We would encourage all, able bodied members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church to check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for any dates convenient to them. You may sign up as an individual for one or more dates. If you have a group of friends, two or more, you can sign up together as a team for any particular date(s) your team would like. Ideally, we would like three ushers each week. This way you can pick your dates to usher in advance without worrying about being assigned dates that may interfere with your plans.

The duties are simple but if you desire some training, it could be provided either to groups or as OJT. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining this congregation wide ushering staff.

The Board of Elders

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## ***BOXTOP LABELS***

If you would like to save and donate your boxtops to the Preschool it would be appreciated. Just drop them off on Sundays mornings or bring to the church office.



## ***PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS***

Greetings from St. Paul's Preschool

### **FIRST DAY OF FALL PRESCHOOL – Monday August 21!!**

If you know of a 3 or 4 year old who would like to attend our awesome preschool, please have them call the church office.

### **JULY HIGHLIGHTS**

July was a fun month for our students, filled with science experiments, cooking, story time, water play and of course our weekly trip to the park!

Our Bible stories for July were:

David and Goliath  
Elijah  
How God Healed Naaman  
Brave Queen Esther

Our Preschool Weekly Themes were:

Sports  
Birthdays  
Bubbles & Mud (and yes the children were allowed to play in mud!)  
Picnics

As our children continue to enjoy summer fun, our preschool teachers will begin preparing for Fall Preschool and Back to School Night during the month of August. Please continue to pray for our Preschool and the teachers as we prepare for a new year!!

Peace and Joy  
Laurie Doane Stephens  
Teacher/Administrator



## ***SUNDAY TEXTS***

In order to help you better prepare for the reception of the Word on Sunday morning, the Sunday texts are printed for your study.

### **August 6, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5  
Epistle: Romans 9:1-5  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

### **August 13, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Job 38:4-18  
Epistle: Romans 10:5-17  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

### **August 20, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28

### **August 27, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6  
Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

## ***September Newsletter Deadline***

News item for the September newsletter are due in the church office by 10 a.m. August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## ***LWML MITES***

LWML collects donations the first Sunday of each month for various district and world-wide mission needs supported by LWML Mites. In July a total of \$50.00 was collected for these projects.

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## ***A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY***

A unique opportunity has come to you for serving people. An ESL program for teaching English to Sacramentans has begun at Peace Lutheran church. It is moving along and we are planning a third session of eight weeks.

ESL teachers are needed to teach just eight weeks at Peace Lutheran church beginning August 23. You don't need to know any other language than English because that's what we teach.

Classes are held Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM. Books are provided and classes are small. Please consider serving in this small way. Contact Ruth Tesch at 916/281-5301 for more information.