



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.

May 7, 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25
Gospel Lesson: John 10:1-10

May 14, 2017

First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-14

May 21, 2017

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31
Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21

May 28, 2017

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

LWML MITES

LWML collects donations the first Sunday of each month for various district and world-wide mission needs supported by LWML Mites. In April \$133.00 was collected for this project.



CONFIRMATION DAY!

Confirmation Day is on May 14th (Mother's Day).

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Class continues each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7 .pm. until May 31st.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

SUNDAY – JUNE 11, 2017

A Congregational Voters' meeting will be held after church on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

New Officers and Board Chairs will be elected at this meeting, please prayerfully consider submitting your name or the name of a potential candidate to our nominating committee: the current church council members and Pastor Hardin

The following offices are up for election this year:

- President
- Secretary
- Board of Parish Education & School
- Elder
- Elder
- Board of Lay Ministry (1 yr. fill term)

CURB APPEAL

I am sure most of you have heard the term “Curb Appeal”. It refers to people sprucing up their property to make it more appealing to home buyers. Have you noticed the curb appeal at St. Paul’s lately? If not, take a good look. Now don’t panic; we are not getting ready to sell our Church! The decorative rock really sets off the roses and other flowers which are in full bloom now and make a statement to the beauty in God’s creation.

This work has been going on for a good year now and it is not something that the Elders or the Church Council ordered done. There is a dedicated group of people in our congregation that were encouraged by the ideas of each other and who put in hours of labor, and often their own money, to enhance our curb appeal. I believe it also makes St. Paul’s a more inviting place to come and worship our Lord



PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

What a wonderful month April was. The celebration of our Lord’s resurrection and sharing this story with our children was a highlight. For 2 weeks prior to Palm Sunday we met as a group for Bible Time as Miss Ruthie taught the children using the flannel graph and acting out characters. She taught why Jesus washed the disciples feet, why he gave them communion, the meaning of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children practiced their songs daily for our singing on Palm Sunday and it was fun to hear them singing the songs throughout the day on their own. One interesting incident happened on the play ground one afternoon after learning the story of Judas. One of children stood in the middle of the play ground and yelled “Who loves money more than Jesus?” No one answered. The child yelled it again “Who loves money more than Jesus?” Finally the child walked over to a group of children and myself and said it one more time, “Who loves money more than Jesus?” The children looked at the child and said “I do”. Now, I chuckled to myself at the honesty. But as I thought about it, don’t I have trouble at times loving Jesus more than money? I love the honesty children share, even if it hurts a little at times.

Of course the singing on Palm Sunday was beautiful and the children loved the Easter Egg Hunt. We also celebrated a Preschool Easter Lunch on Wednesday, April 12 with the parents providing a wonderful meal. We are blessed with such supportive families.

We look forward to May as we enjoy the warmer weather. We will also be celebrating our Pre-K class graduation on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Our final day of preschool will be Thursday, June 8 and will begin our Summer program on Monday, June 12.

Serving Him,
Laurie Stephens,
Administrator-Teacher