

## **CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING**

The next congregational voters' meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2017, following the church service in the fellowship room.

### Discussion Items:

New Mission Statement  
Savings and Loan strategy  
Vacant land usage  
Church activities for 2018

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## **PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

Our summer program ended with an ocean theme and swim day. The walk to the park and swim days were definitely a highlight for the children this summer. But, now our fall preschool is in full swing, the classes began Monday, August 21. The first week curriculum included topics: Who Am I/Family and Primary Colors. Our Bible time was "God Knows Us By Name" and "We are His Creation".

Our BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT on Wednesday, August 23 was well attended by our families. We served a light dinner of pizza and salad and cookies for dessert. Jill opened our program by introducing the staff and Pastor Hardin shared information about our church. The families then headed to their child's classroom to hear from the teachers of their plans and goals for the school year.

We currently have 24 students in our program. Our Pre-K class is full and we have begun a waiting list for the class. God has certainly blessed us this year with wonderful families and children.

Blessings!  
Laurie Doane-Stephens  
Teacher/Administrator

## **SUNDAY USHERS NEEDED**

### **VOLUNTEER TODAY**

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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### **October Newsletter Deadline**

News item for the October newsletter are due in the church office by 10 a.m. September 20<sup>th</sup>.



## ***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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### ***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

## ***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

Children’s Sunday School for age 3 thru grade 5 starts September 10<sup>th</sup> and will take place during the service the first three (3) Sundays of the month. Children will sit with their families until the Children’s Talk, after which they will be excused for Sunday School. For more information talk to Jill Hardin or call the church office.

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### ***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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### ***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>.

## ***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.

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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 August a total of \$62.26 was collected for these projects.

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### ***THANK YOU***

Dear Pastor Hardin and brothers and sisters of St. Paul’s Church,

I would like to thank all of you for your concern, love, and many prayers given to our gracious Lord for my recovery.

Praise the Lord I have made a big improvement and am getting stronger every day.

May the Lord richly bless all of you.

Love, Beatrice Bartz  
(Donelda’s sister)



## ***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.

### **September 3, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Epistle: Romans 12:9-21  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28

### **September 10, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Epistle: Romans 13:1-10  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:1-20

### **September 17, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21  
Epistle: Romans 14:1-12  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

### **September 24, 2017**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9  
Epistle: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16