

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

ST. PAUL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Charlie, Maura, & Brinley being confirmed into Christ

OUR MISSION

Share the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations. Therefore with God's help, we will:

- Proclaim Christ in word and deed;
- Invite the unchurched to "Come and See Jesus"
- Commit ourselves to discipleship through bible study, worship, prayer, Christlike servanthood and fellowship;
- Open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's leading, so that whatever we do, we do in Jesus' name

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

- JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM
- BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:15
- MEN'S PRAYER GROUP SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:30
- LIVE STREAMED SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

WHAT'S COMING IN JUNE:

Service of prayer and healing on Sunday, June 2nd at 6pm

The Council will meet June 11th at 6:30 pm

The Ladies' Spring Tea will be held on Saturday, June 8th at 11:00 am

Join Pastor Paul on Wednesday evenings for bible study at 6:30 pm.

The outdoor church service has been scheduled for June 9th at the Jenson farm with a potluck dinner following.



Harriette and Emily singing special music on Mother's Day!

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

Let's Talk Liturgics

A man died and went to heaven. An angel showed him around and informed him that heaven is made up of many rooms in which are the various denominations. The angel took him down a hallway where the man heard beautiful choral singing. "Who's in that room?" the man asked.

"Oh, those are the Episcopalians," the angel replied. The angel took the man a little further down the hallway and, all of a sudden, the man heard clapping and tambourine music. "These are the Pentecostals," the angel explained. After several more rooms, the angel took the man to the last room at the end of the hallway. The angel placed his finger over his mouth and warned the man to be very, very quiet. "Why?" the man asked. The angel answered, "Because this is the room with all the Baptists, and they think they're the only ones up here."

I'd like to say just a brief word about Holy Communion in this article. Each denomination has their own views concerning Communion, the nature and necessity of it. It has been my experience that churches with a low view of Communion, the idea that the bread and wine are only symbols and nothing more, tend to have a nonchalant attitude toward observing or celebrating Communion in worship. They typically only observe Communion a handful of times each year and then, when it is observed, it's usually tacked on to the very end of a worship service with very little, if any, preparation. This is what happens when churches fail to recognize the true nature and purpose of Holy Communion.

When Christ instituted this Sacred Meal, he took the bread and said, "This is my body." He took the cup and said, "This is my blood." Therefore, Jesus gives us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. When Communion is rightly/biblically understood as being much more than bread and wine, this not only changes our view of the nature and necessity of the Lord's Supper, but it also impacts how we approach the Lord's Table and how we receive the Sacrament of the Altar. A high view of Communion leads to high and reverent worship. Why? Because Jesus is truly present, and He gives Himself to us. He meets us at the rail, and He Communes with us there!

"When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body." 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Prayers and Blessings,
Pastor Paul

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS

June 2: Pentecost 2 | Reader: Bill Bracker

June 9: Pentecost 3 | Reader: Monte Bracker

June 16: Pentecost 4 | Reader: Rashelle Wohlers

June 23: Pentecost 5 | Reader: Steve Andersen

June 30: Pentecost 6 | Reader: Terri Anderson

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: *"I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."* This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu or a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL,
YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HUNTER VALDEZ - 6/15

JIM JENSON - 6/16

EMILY PRUETT - 6/17

GERALD JENSEN - 6/17

HARRIETTE ANDERSEN - 6/25

RYLEIGH VALDEZ - 6/25



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ANNA & ALEK MURPHY - 6/1

JIM & KILEY JENSON - 6/4



Congratulations Confirmands!

