

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

ST. PAUL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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 MAY:

The Council will meet May 7th at 6:30 pm.

The Spring Tea Party date is TBD due to the power outage following the storms.

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.



Miss April and some of our kiddos during the children's sermon

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

Let's Talk Liturgics

Two pastors were talking one day. The Lutheran pastor asked the Baptist pastor, "If you weren't a Baptist, what would you be?" The Baptist pastor replied, "I've never really thought about it, but I think I would like to be a Presbyterian." "Oh, I see," said the Lutheran pastor. The Baptist pastor then asked the Lutheran pastor, "If you weren't a Lutheran, what would you be?" To which the Lutheran pastor quickly replied, "I would be ashamed."

Every Church, regardless of denomination, follows some form of liturgy. The word liturgy literally means "the work of the people" and was used in ancient times to refer to acts of public service. Today, within the context of the Church, we understand liturgy to be a form or rhythm of worship. Some Churches follow a very high, complex liturgy. For example, high mass at a Roman Catholic Church. While other Churches, such as Southern Baptist, follow a very low liturgy constituting a simplified form of worship. Liturgics is a word that simply means "the study of liturgies." This month I will begin a series of articles posted in the newsletter discussing some of the different liturgical practices and observances within the historic Christian Church and how they enrich and enhance our worship.

The Church has often employed the use of various symbols, images, objects, etc. to help the saints' awareness of the power and presence of God throughout worship. For example, lit candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world; the cross or crucifix is a visible reminder of Christ's atoning sacrifice for sin; images and statues often depict the life and ministry of Christ. When we gather for worship, we worship not only with our minds but also with our eyes and our ears, with our whole being.

For centuries, the Church has incorporated water in various parts of her worship. Water that is blessed, also called holy water, has been used for Holy Baptism and the reception of new members into the Church. Some Churches use holy water as a sign of spiritual purification and cleansing. It was not the Church who randomly chose to use water in worship. Rather, it was Jesus who chose to be baptized in the Jordan River by John, thereby sanctifying the waters of Baptism for all who, by faith, would follow in His steps. You will notice that before worship this Pentecost Sunday we will have a brief ceremony for the blessing of water in the beautiful baptismal font at St. Paul's. This blessed water will be present and available for everyone, especially those who come forward to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to use this blessed water by dipping your finger and touching your forehead or making the sign of the cross as a reminder of your Holy Baptism and the new life you have in Christ.

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you..."

Ezekiel 36:25-26

Prayers and Blessings,
Pastor Paul

MAY NEWS

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

May 5 - Easter 6 | Reader: Julie Jenson

May 12 - Easter 7 | Reader: Harriette Andersen

May 19 - Pentecost Day | Reader: Chris Segrell

May 26 - Trinity Sunday | Reader: Bruce Bracker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HARPER PRUETT - 5/12

BRINLEY JENSON - 5/12

WILL WOHLERS - 5/15

ANNA MURPHY - 5/25

LYLA MURPHY - 5/26



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CALEB AND RASHELLE - 5/14



Dear Lord,

Thank You for the opportunity to serve and honor You through farming. Please bless this year's crops and let them flourish. Let the weather be favorable. Give me the strength, Oh Lord, to persevere through all farming challenges and teach me to seek You in all things. Keep me safe and mentally strong.

Watch over my family. Thank You in advance for all of the blessings and for a bountiful harvest. Remind me that I can do all things with You by my side. Great are You, Lord! May I praise You each day for You are the Holy One. Amen.



WANTED!

Are you someone who feels a calling to share your time or special talent with our church? We want to know! Please join us for a Sunday service and fill out the Time and Talents survey.



We always enjoy hosting the 316 Youth group!

