



2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are about to begin a summer sermon series on the Epistle to the Ephesians based on the second lessons chosen by our lectionary for July 15 through September 2. The author of Ephesians is believed to be “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus” (1:1) and he indicates is a “prisoner” (3:1; 4:1) and an “ambassador in chains” (6:20). Why is this? Paul went to Jerusalem after returning from his third missionary journey. While there the orthodox Jews attacked Paul as they believed he had brought Gentiles into the temple. He was rescued from the Jewish mob by Roman soldiers. After entering the Roman legal system he was held in prison in Caesarea by a corrupt Roman governor who wished to be paid a bribe, until Paul appealed his case to the high court in Rome. On Paul’s journey he was shipwrecked (ask our VBS students for more details), but eventually he made it to Rome where he was held under house arrest while awaiting trial. He was able to carry on his ministry, though he was limited; and four of his “captivity letters” are included in the New Testament: Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians.

Though there is some debate, it is believed that Paul sent a letter to the city of Ephesus (located in modern day Turkey) while in prison around the year A.D. 61. Paul had visited Ephesus twice. On his first visit, he left Aquila and Priscilla there and promised to return “if it is God’s will” (Acts 18:21). Apparently it was God’s will, as Paul was able to spend three years in Ephesus (his longest stay in any city) on what is known as Paul’s “third missionary journey.” Paul’s activities with and farewell to the Ephesians are recorded in Acts 19-20.

Learning of a heresy afflicting the church in Colosse, Paul sends his friend Tychicus with a letter for the Colossians, as well as a letter for Philemon, the master of his friend Onesimus, and another for his beloved Ephesians. Paul’s letter to Ephesus can be split into two sections.

The first three chapters deal with the gracious plan of salvation that God conceived already in eternity, which has been implemented through his Son’s work, has been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and will reach its completion on judgment day. On that day, God will take his believers to himself for an eternity of bliss in heaven. All of this comes by grace, that is, as a free gift from God (see 2:8-10).

The last three chapters lay out what the Christian’s response to God’s grace will look like: a life of love and service to God and neighbor. The table of duties for husbands and wives, children and parents, and slaves and masters is met with some controversy in our modern times. Of note in this section is the thought that Christian marriage is a reflection of the love Christ has for his bride, the church.

To kick off the sermon series on Ephesians, we will watch the recent movie *Paul the Apostle of Christ* on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m. which recounts Paul’s life from his persecution of the church to his own death as a martyr of the church. Following the movie, we will have a brief time of discussion. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Please join us!

In Christian love,  
Pr. Tricia Mattson

**St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Church Council Meeting, June 13, 2018, 7:30pm**

Present: Jordan Pidde, Russell Rogotzke, Jill Vogel, Ed Meidl, Shawna Jacobs, Dawn Marz, Craig Valentin, Pastor Tricia, David Bittler

Also Present: Anita Jensen, Financial Secretary

Absent: Katie Mueller, Parish Coordinator, Dan Longsdorf, Matt Sargent, Kathy Pederson, Jan Kratz

Call to order at 7:35pm by Jordan Pidde

Devotion – Pastor Tricia from Philippians 1

M/S/P -Secretary's Report

M/S/P-to borrow up to \$3,000 from Memorial fund, pending conversation with the Financial Advisor on funds available from the Endowment fund.

M/S/P-Financial Report

Building and Grounds – Ed

Church downspouts-they are fixed and the bill will be paid.

Parking Lot Cracks-requesting further details from both bids to have accurate comparison. Also need to locate tiling map.

Ramp-bid from Salonek, Inc. recommend replacing the ramp completely. Waiting for additional bids, need before next meeting.

Parish Education Report

Talked about serving food for VBS and asking for donations for Thursday program.

Crissy Rogotzke is resigning from Parish Ed board.

Pastor's Report

Visitation

- o Visited homebound, assisted care, nursing home, and hospitalized members.
- o Delivered bulletins on 5/10.
- o Worship
- o Led worship at SJLH, the Maples, and Downtown Estates.
- o Presided at the funeral of Mavis Gluth.
- o Leading worship on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
- o Parish Education
- o Continuing to lead weekly bible study Mondays at the Maples and Tuesdays at church.
- o Continuing to conduct premarital counseling.
- o Attended the Parish Ed meeting on 6/4.
- o Taught a baptism class.
- o Community
- o Issued three SAFE vouchers.
- o Attended a Springfield Tigers HS baseball game.
- o Attended the Ministerial Meeting at Tommy's on 6/7.
- o Attended the Prairie Fire Theatre production of *Robin Hood*.
- o Attended a grad party.
- o Submitted the article "Come Home" to the Advanced Press on 6/13.
- o Covered Julie Smith's emergency pastoral care visitation while she was out of the country.
- o Continuing Education Update
- o Meeting with local pastors for weekly text study.

Attended final Monday evening online DMIN class until the fall on 6/4.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Active/Voting Member List – Executive Committee-ongoing  
Property Sale – Miesen’s payment-this should be resolved by the end of the month  
Cemetery Policy & Wedding Policy updated in new Policy Book-has been distributed  
ALICE Training– Planning for Fall 2018-on going  
Mission Sponsorship Committee Recommendations-to meet  
2018 LCMC Annual Gathering, October 7-10, Des Moines, IA-Shawna needs a replacement.  
LCMC Resolutions for Annual Gathering-Jordan and Pastor are going to meet to discuss, this needs to be further discussed closer to the Annual meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa Prechel vacation, August 6-10<sup>th</sup>  
Russell is requesting to look for new chairs for the video recording volunteers. Dawn will look into options.  
Russell to contact sound company to trouble shoot issues with battery connection on Pastor’s microphone.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:34pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Shawna Jacobs  
Church council secretary

<b><u>2018 Church Council</u></b>		
Jordan Pidde - Chair	Kathy Pederson	Jan Kratz
Ed Meidl - Vice Chair	Dawn Marz	Russell Rogotzke
Shawna Jacobs - Secretary	Jill Vogel	Dan Longsdorf
Craig Valentin - Treasurer	Matt Sargent	Dave Bittler

***Please pray for...*** Mary Holles Sternberg, Alice Trebesch, Bittler Family, Family of Mavis Gluth, Clyde Schmidt, Merlyn Peterson; Jeremy Burns (US Navy, Shawna Jacobs’ brother), Amanda Havemeier, Tabor Gluth and all those serving in the military, at home and abroad.

**Prayer Chain** – If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please call Jan Severson (723-6358) or the church office (723-5880). Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer Chain and/or (2) included in Sunday morning prayers which will be included for **two** Sundays unless otherwise specified or request is renewed.

**Deadlines: Sunday Bulletin:** Wednesday by 10 am. **Epistle:** 20th of each month. Please call or email Katie at the church office with additions or changes for the bulletins or Epistle.

We have a You Tube Channel were you can watch our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service on your device, desktop, or laptop! Search for “St. Paul Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN” in YouTube! You can also subscribe to our channel to be notified when new services have been uploaded!



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: Notice: Please update your phone numbers and/or email address with the church office!  
: Several of the numbers we have are disconnected and we need to know how to get a hold  
: of you! You can leave a note in the box outside of Katie’s office, use one of the yellow in-  
: formation cards in the church pews, call or email the church office at 507-723-5880 or  
: stpaul\_lutheran@hotmail.com. We appreciate you keeping us updated!  
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Memorials Given From 05/23/18 to 6/22/18

<b>In Memory:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>	<b>Designated for:</b>
Mavis Gluth	Rod & Rhonda Larson Jim & Elsie Groebner Maurice & Shirley Weber Dalores Stern Audrey Rieck John & Katie Mueller Steve & Sue Hendrickson	Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund St. Paul Lutheran Church St. Paul Lutheran Church St. Paul Lutheran Church St. Paul Lutheran Church Baptismal Faith Chests
Tonie Bittler	Gertie Rosenau	Baptismal Faith Chests

**Budget Recap & Attendance Year-To-Date (01/01/18 to 06/22/18)**

Given to Budget	\$69,250.70	Operating Income	\$75,250.70
Memorial Loan	\$6,000.00	Operating Exp.	\$78,289.51
Tot. Operating Funds	\$75,250.70	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$3,038.81)</b>
Budget	\$88,167.751		
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$12,917.05)</b>		

**Attendance Worship Services**

Sunday, June 3 - 9am - 148	Wednesday, June 6 - 7pm - 9	Sunday, June 10 - 9am - 59
Wednesday, June 13 - 7pm - 11	Sunday, June 17 - 9am - 64	Wednesday, June 20 - 7pm - 10
Sunday, June 24 - 9am - 54		

**Out of Office**

Katie will be out of the office from July 13-22. Any announcements that you would like in the bulletin for July 15 & 22 need to be brought to the office by July 11th before noon. Please understand that your calls or emails may not be returned until July

Notice: All artificial flowers and wreaths need to be removed from the cemetery by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make VBS a huge success! I think we all had a great time! Your willingness to participate and help is certainly appreciated!

Jeff Krueger

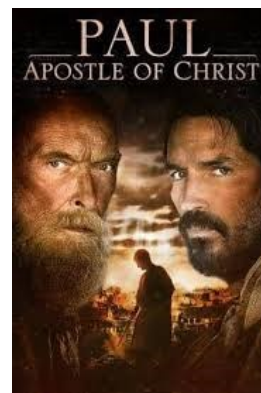
The Board of Parish Education is seeking new board members. Please talk to Jeff Krueger or Crissy Rogotzke if you are able to fill one of these positions. Thank you.

**MOVIE NIGHT: Paul, the Apostle of Christ**

Please join us on Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m. to watch the movie *Paul, the Apostle of Christ*, and then for a brief time of discussion. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

*Paul, the Apostle of Christ* depicts for us the man chosen by God who went from a persecutor of the church to one who died himself a martyr of the church. In the movie Paul is imprisoned in Rome and Luke meets with him to write the *Acts of the Apostles*, the fifth book of the New Testament.

This movie will kick-off our summer preaching series based on the *Epistle to the Ephesians*. It is strongly believed that Paul wrote his letter to the church in Ephesus while he was imprisoned in Rome. Please see Pastor's article in the July *St Paul Epistle* for more information. Hope to see you there!



# July 2018

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

1 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast	2 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples 7:00 Parish Ed Mtg.	3 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast  Pastor Tricia on Vacation	4 Office Closed No W.o.W. Service Happy 4th of July!	5 11:00 Staff Meeting	6 Office Closed	7
8 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast	9 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples	10 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast 7:00 Movie "Paul the Apostle"	11 7:00 p.m. Worship on Wednesday (WoW) 7:30 Council Meeting	12 11:00 Staff Meeting	13 Office Closed	14
15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Talk 10:35 Ch. 8 Broadcast  Katie on Vacation	16 3:16 Bible Study @ The Maples	17 10:00 SJLH Worship 3:30 The Maples HC 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ch. 8 Broadcast	18 7:00 p.m. Worship on Wednesday (WoW)	19 11:00 Staff Meeting	20 Office Closed	21
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## 9:00 am Worship Service

Date	Sound & Video	Reader	Acolyte	Greeters	Usher
7/1	Shane Clemon	Kristin Rogotzke	Brendon Buerkle Jonathan Longsdorf	Jim & Elsie Groebner	Team 2
7/8	Bud Wendt		Kyle Quesenberry MaCoy Krick	Bill & Mel Vogel	Team 3
7/15	Tim Vogel	Daniel Kettner	Dalton Langseth Jace Rosenau	Richard & Lois Zihlke	Team 4
7/22	Bob Kratz	Jo Muske	Jordyn Plaster Shane Clemon	Don & Sherry Bloemke	Team 1
7/29	Shane Clemon	Mel Vogel	Kyler Zihlke Zach Timm	Dustin & Tiffany Trapp	Team 2

Sharon Rogotzke has been asked to call Greeters, Readers and Acolytes reminding them of their Sunday. **In order to avoid confusion, please call Sharon at 723-5117 if you will be gone and have found a substitute.**

### Worship On Wednesday (W.O.W)



Every Wednesday  
now thru August 15th  
at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Chapel.

**\*\*No W.o.W. on July 4th!\*\***



### July Altar Guild

Colleen Meidl, Stacia Rosenau  
If you are unable to help, please find a substitute or switch months with someone.



### Delivering bulletins in July

5 - Jill Vogel  
12 - Pastor Tricia  
19 - Ruthie Potter  
26 - Xandar & Carter Asmus

### July Birthdays!

1 - Peter Heitzman	16 - Kevin Schwartz
1 - Bob Rogotzke	17 - Sherry Fenger
1 - Scott Vogel	18 - Randy Wendt
3 - Jody Wendinger	18 - Britany Wersal
3 - Dennis Sehr	21 - Timothy Vogel
5 - Emily Meyers	22 - Arlene Krebs
6 - Lenore Krueger	22 - Barbara Vanderwerf
6 - Emily Wendt	23 - Nathan Johnson
7 - Carol Carlson	24 - Josh Timm
7 - Jordan Pidde	26 - Nicole Shaw
8 - Andrew Beckman	27 - Otto Krueger
9 - Sue Hendrickson	28 - Carol Meidl
11 - Jeff Gluth	28 - Harmon Quesenberry
11 - Molly Jacobs	28 - Noah Solmonson
12 - Malorie Kral	29 - Noah Mueller
13 - Marge Wellner	30 - Dana Jacobs
14 - Kurt Krebs	30 - John Marz
14 - Peggy Larson	30 - Kathryn Pederson
15 - Michael Gluth	30 - Jenny Timm
15 - Michael Marz	31 - Abigail Jensen
16 - Cody Groebner	31 - Lydia Jeske
16 - Shawn Plaster	

### July Anniversaries!

5 - Jamie & Chris Stark  
11 - Don & Sheryl Bloemke  
11 - Daniel & Jena Veenstra  
14 - Kurt & Janice Kratz  
16 - Derek & Nicole Shaw  
30 - Jeff & Pat Gluth

### **\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**\*\*Graduating Seniors and College Students, don't forget to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship. Applications must be received by July 15th. For a copy of the Eligibility Rules and Application go to [www.splc.springfield.org/](http://www.splc.springfield.org/) Scholarships Or email Katie in the office at [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com)**



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL AUCTION

Wednesday, August 22, 2018



4:30: Rummage & Produce Sale  
and Silent Auction

New This Year

4:30-6:00: Build Your Burger Dinner

Burgers with all the fixings, baked beans, chips,  
cookie and beverage \$7.50/plate.

5:30: Live Auction

**Some of the items for Auction:** Many NEW items from local businesses, Gift Certificates, Springfield Bucks and tickets for, Renaissance Festival, Nickelodeon Universe, MOA Bowling, Mini Golf, SeaLife Aquarium; homemade craft items, pies, bars, cookies, cupcakes, breads, buns, doughnuts, or cakes, jams, jellies, canned items such as peaches or pears or sauerkraut, garden produce, other goods and services.



**MN Vikings tickets for the preseason game  
on August 24<sup>th</sup> at U.S. Bank Stadium!  
MN Vikings take on the Seattle Seahawks.**



Our Silent Auction **THEME BASKETS** are a huge hit! Some of the past themes for the baskets have included: Wine, Car Clean- up Supplies, Coffee, Movie night, Viking items, sports equipment, beach basket, spa and beauty items, kids items and school supplies, and much more!

If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, talk to Kathy Pederson, Craig or Loribess Valentin, or Katie in the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!





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**Office Hours**

Pastor: Tricia Mattson  
Monday 9-noon  
Wednesday 1-4  
Thursday 10-11; 1-3  
Or by appointment  
[pastortriciamattson@gmail.com](mailto:pastortriciamattson@gmail.com)

Parish Coordinator: Katie Mueller  
Summer Hours  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-noon  
Email: [stpaul\\_lutheran@hotmail.com](mailto:stpaul_lutheran@hotmail.com)

Housekeeper: Lisa Prechel

Maintenance: Ed Meidl

Financial Secretary: Anita Jensen

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Articles may be submitted for publication subject to content.

**Worship:**

**SUNDAY**

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Talk at 10:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Springfield Area Food Shelf hours**  
**Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**Thursday 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**804 East Rock Street - Springfield, MN 56087**  
**507-723-4120**