

PROCLAIMING A TIMELESS CHRIST IN A CHANGING WORLD

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We are a Because/Therefore People.
Say, What?

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You have to admire Saint Matthew's discretion. *"When they saw him [Jesus], they worshipped Him; but some doubted."* St. Matthew tells us this in his gospel writings. He does not name names or even tell us exactly how many doubted when they met the resurrected Jesus on the mountain in Galilee. Did the doubters worship half-heartedly or did they loiter around the fringes, stroking their chins? St. Matthew doesn't tell us. Why does he even include those three words anyway, *"but some doubted?"*

Jesus does not seem to be at all perturbed or upset by the misgivings of some of his disciples. He doesn't rebuke them for their unbelief.

Instead, he says with clarity, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me,"* Any questions?

Then he gives all eleven disciples the same marching orders: go, make disciples, baptize, teach, preach and remember. As Christ's Church today, we take that Great Commission to be our mission in the world. To be witnesses for Him. Some days it is easier than others. And for most of us we know this all too well.

Some days we worship, but we have many doubts. Some days our worship is filled with great passion, other times, not so much. At other times we are stunned by our own lack of fervor and wonder what is wrong with us. We stumble into the doldrums unprepared. We don't want to "go," we want to sit around and watch T.V. or even more to watch the world go by and around us.

On those days, it helps to remember that we are "Therefore" people of faith. Our faith is not an "if/then" faith. We do not believe that if we are good enough, then God will bless us with overabundance of blessings, perhaps as those of other faith traditions do. We are "because/therefore" people of faith. Because all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus, therefore we are inspired to go, make disciples, baptize, teach, and preach.

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Both Jesus and St. Matthew knew that we would all experience times of doubt and discouragement. In those times we have the reassurance that all we need to do is remember. "Remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Take courage dear children of God, "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Have faith and believe, that you are His and that's all you need!

In His Service, Fr. Ryan +

prayer

Quiet Time with God

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 1:35

"One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God." Luke 6:12

Following the example of Jesus, it is important to spend time in God's presence and present our prayer needs to Him, which is often difficult in the busy lives we lead. The Saint Paul Prayer Team offers their prayer support and commits to praying each day for the needs presented to them by way of a prayer letter, received by the team each week. These prayer needs may or may not be ones that we hear on Sunday morning. Please let the office know if the prayer request for Sunday worship can be shared with the Prayer Team. Please contact me directly if you wish daily prayers by our team.

By message to 240-727-1798;

or email to mutmab43@gmail.com.

Confidentiality of all prayer requests is assured.

Names are helpful but not necessary.

Kathleen Ball
Prayer Team Coordinator

From the president.....

As we grow and expand our mission as Christians here at St. Paul's, we continue to focus on the needs of our community.

Our Bountiful Blessings program is just one of many of our programs that has provided much needed assistance to our local neighbors and friends. Our Faith Formation committee is also working hard on what I am sure will be an exciting and educational Vacation Bible School this June for the youth in our area. I am truly amazed every day at the lives that are touched by the acts of kindness of all of those who donate and volunteer.

Many thanks to the committee members and church staff.

The council will not meet again until August 8th but will still be in communication via email.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer.

Blessings

Sue Umstott, Council President



Cumberland Area Joint Vacation Bible School

Dates? June 12 -June 15

Time? 5:30-7:30pm

Location? St. Paul Lutheran Church

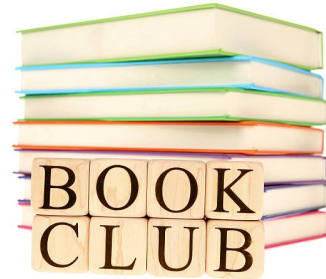
Ages? 5 through finishing the 5th grade

It's not too late to register! Registration forms for ages 5 through finishing fifth grade are available on our website. Go to the outreach tab and scroll down to Vacation Bible School. Click on that link to find the form.

Puppet Team for VBS: Those interested in learning puppet ministry skills and helping with VBS openings and closings are invited to join us for practices on June 5 and June 6 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.



For all ages! There will be a fun, family kick-off for VBS event at Moon Glo Skating Rink on Saturday, June 10 between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Snacks, skate rental, and activities will be provided at no cost to participants.



Joy Book Club

The club has announced selections and discussion dates for the summer.

For Tuesday, June 27, at 6 p.m.
(location TBA):

I Have Some Questions for You
by Rebecca Makkai.

For Tuesday, August 29, at 6 p.m.
(location TBA):

Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts.

LOFT

(Living Our Faith Together)



LOFT, a Christian education and faith formation opportunity for both youth and adults each Sunday following worship is on summer break.

**We begin again in September.
Stay tuned for dates!**



The Garden Club of Cumberland will host a garden tour on Saturday, June 17th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m, rain or shine.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will be featured on the tour. Pastor Ryan and Ed and Nancy Ayers will greet visitors touring the front gardens. The interior of the church will also be open for those wishing to view the windows or visit the craft sale in fellowship hall.



*Mama Kay's Survivors
July 30, 2023*

Immediately following worship you are invited into Fellowship Hall for lunch provided by Mama Kay (Cochrane) and her team.

Kay is a grateful survivor of breast cancer, but always on her mind are those friends and neighbors who did not survive, and the need for continuing research and development of the causes and possible cures of all cancers. Many will remember our Relay for Life team under the leadership of Christine Miller, and the fun, in addition to good food, that we enjoyed.

There will be no cost; donations are appreciated.

Please check the announcements each week in the Sunday bulletin, as well as the St. Paul website and Facebook page for updates.

Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Scholastic Tuition Fund

On April 15th St. Paul's Lutheran Church started accepting applications for the Mortimer C. and Elizabeth Ann Schaidt Scholastic Tuition Fund for the 2023-2024 academic year. Instructions and the application form can be found by visiting www.stpaulcumberland.org or by requesting the information from the church office. The scholarship is competitive and available only to members of St. Paul's. The award can be used for the payment of tuition only at an accredited institution offering a 2 or 4 year degree, graduate degree, technical or vocational training. In order to establish the applicant as a member, the applicant must have communed **and** contributed – in their own name - at least once in the past year. Additional questions should be directed to stpaulsscholarship2015@gmail.com.

Applications are due by June 15, 2023.

Bowersox and Frick Scholarship Information

Separate letter of application must be submitted for each scholarship.

Address all applications to the Scholarship Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON JUNE 23rd.**

The **GLADYS FRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is available for young adults who are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church or whose parents are members. To qualify as an applicant you must be a current high school graduate accepted at a four-year college, two-year junior college, community college, nursing school or accredited trade school.

This award shall be made to the applicant who has the highest level of scholastic achievement during his/her senior year in high school.

Please include the following information:

- a) name and telephone number
- b) home address and college address (if known)
- c) senior year transcript
- d) any comment you, the applicant, wish to make (list school at which you have been accepted.)

The **BOWERSOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is available for all members of St. Paul's or for young adults whose parents are members. To qualify as an applicant, you must be a high school graduate, accepted by either a graduate school, a four-year college, a two-year college, a community college, nursing school or an accredited trade school either as a part-time or as a full-time student.

This award shall be made on the basis of need and the expressed determination of the student to gain this educational experience.

Please include the following information:

- a) name and telephone number
- b) home address and college address (if known)
- c) major course of study
- d) the degree for which you, the applicant, are a candidate and the date it is expected to be awarded
- e) last semester's grade transcripts
- f) list school at which you have been accepted
- g) expected cost for the year
- h) the amount you, the applicant, expect to earn
- i) any loan which you, the applicant, or your parents have previously obtained for the purpose of defraying schooling costs
- j) a statement concerning the need for assistance
- k) any comment you, the applicant, wish to make.



Lutheran Night at Camden Yards

**Come to Camden Yards on Friday,
August 4th at 7:05 p.m.**

**The Orioles are playing the New York
Mets; fireworks will follow the game.**

**Tickets are \$30. Contact Margie DeLong
at 410-292-9089 to reserve tickets
by July 26th.**



Worship and our Annual Church Picnic will take place at the Lakewood Beach Pavilion on Sunday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up for the picnic on the bulletin board.

Games are planned during the picnic.

We are asking for donations for bingo prizes. The social committee will need help setting up and cleaning up. Please give prize donations to Debbie Szymanski and let her know if you're able to assist the committee with the picnic.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS



HAPPY EVERYTHING!!!

- 2 – Pastor Ryan
- 6 – Pastor Ryan’s ordination anniversary, 2009
- 15 – Morgan Green
- 14 – Jay & Kay Cochrane, married in 2018
- 17 – Joyce Eror
- 19 – Rick Metheny
- 18 - Glenn Kline
- 20 – Nancy & Ed Ayers, married in 2020
- 28 – Travis Medcalf



JULY CELEBRATIONS

- 19 – Cindy Read
- 23 – Nancy Lohr Ayers



The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:35-38

Bountiful Blessings, our outreach mission, fits this quote from Matthew. The recipients who come to us are the harvest. We share God’s love to those who come from all walks of life: the poor, the disabled, those who are retired. Some come apologetically, saying “I’ve never had to do this before.” Some recipients have been with us for a while, some only a few times, and at almost every session we welcome new people. We encourage them in their faith walk by having a Bible study/discussion each session. We invite them to worship with us if they do not have a church home. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Help is particularly needed before 4:00 and after 6:00 to set up and fold up tables and bring out and return supplies to the storeroom. Please consider volunteering for God’s work as we show His love in our community by offering assistance. Each and every person says thank you and asks God to bless us as they leave. You are invited to come and visit during a session to see where there might be a place for you.

Coloring page for kids of all ages!



JUNE

JULY

Sunday
10:00 AM
Monday
4:30-6:30
6:30-8:30
Wednesday
4:30-6:30
Thursday
4:00-6:00
Saturday
10:00 AM
11:30-1:30
Sunday
11:00 AM
Monday
5:30-7:30
Tuesday
5:30-7:30
Wednesday
5:30-7:30
Thursday
5:30-7:30
Saturday
9:00-2:00
Sunday
10:00 AM
Monday
Start of Beginnings Summer Programs
Thursday
4:00-6:00
Saturday
10:00 AM
Sunday
10:00 AM
Tuesday
6:00 PM

June 4
Worship-Holy Trinity
June 5
Puppet rehearsal
Let's Beautify
Cumberland meeting
June 6
Puppet rehearsal
June 8
Bountiful Blessings
June 10
Dementia support group
VBS kick-off skating party
at MoonGlo rink
June 11
Worship and picnic at
Lakewood Beach Pavilion
June 12
Vacation Bible School
June 13
Vacation Bible School
June 14
Vacation Bible School
June 15
Vacation Bible School
June 17
Cumberland Garden Tour
June 18
Worship
June 19
June 22
Bountiful Blessings
June 24
Dementia support group
June 25
Worship
June 27
Joy Book Club

Sunday
10:00 AM
Wednesday
6:00-8:00
Saturday
10:00 AM
Sunday
10:00
Wednesday
6:00-8:00
Thursday
4:00-6:00
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Saturday
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Sunday
10:00 AM
Wednesday
6:00-8:00
Thursday
4:00-6:00
Sunday
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

July 2
Worship
July 5
Art class-gym
July 8
Dementia support group
July 9
Worship
July 12
Art class-gym
July 13
Bountiful Blessings
July 16
Worship
July 19
Art class-gym
July 22
Dementia support group
July 23
Worship
July 26
Art class-gym
July 27
Bountiful Blessings
July 30
Worship
Mama Kay's Luncheon