

You Otto Know

*We are a family of believers living, sharing and celebrating the love of Jesus
in our community and throughout the world.*

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A New Thing

The prophet Isaiah wrote in the 43rd chapter of his book; Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? This chapter speaks of a new thing that the Lord will do concerning the forgiveness of sins. It speaks of original sin by our first father and how even the mediators that the Lord had put in place also sinned against the Lord. It also speaks of a Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. We who live after the incarnation of the Lord know this Redeemer to be the very Son of God. Jesus the Christ who came as man to live in our place, to die in our stead, and to arise victoriously as the first among many who will triumph over sin, death and the devil.

Triumph! That one word describes our Easter joy. Jesus was triumphant over sin, over death, and over the devil. And through the waters of Holy Baptism His triumph is also our triumph. Christ is Risen! – He is Risen Indeed! Halleluia! Those words bring joy to my heart and tears to my eyes for I know what lies in my future, eternal life. For as St. Paul wrote in Romans chapter 8; nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not power, not height or depth, not anything in creation can take away God's love for us. Halleluia indeed!

Behold, we are doing a new thing, well actually things. Starting on Saturday April 11th we will have an evening service at 5:00 p.m. This service will similar to the Sunday service for that weekend and will include Holy Communion except when the Saturday precedes a fifth Sunday. We pray that God will bless that worship day and time with many who can't for various reasons make it to worship on Sunday morning. Also on the second page of this newsletter you will find a document titled "Procedures for Visitations." The necessity of these procedures came out of the

Congregational Workshop that was held in January and the document was a collaboration between the Elders and me . It simply puts in writing what you the members of St. Paul's can expect if you are having a medical procedure or are hospitalized or if you are unable to make it to worship because of illness or injury. If you have questions or comments concerning this document please feel free to talk to me or one of the Elders. New things can be exciting and I look forward to the new things coming soon.

They include window clings for our cars to spread the word about our congregation, new signs that we can put up in our neighborhoods inviting others to worship with us, new opportunities to share the love of Jesus with our community, and a new ministry plan for 2016 and beyond that will guide us in our outreach, in our serving and in our worship. May God bless us all as He continues to lead us to new things in our congregation and community.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Schultz



Visitation Procedures for Pastor and Elders

Homebound and Nursing Home Visits

Contact will be made monthly by phone or card. It is our desire to visit monthly with the member but only with their approval. If a member desires to be visited more frequently then he/she must contact the Pastor or an Elder to share with them their desire. This information must be shared at the next Elders' meeting so that all will know their desire.

Hospital Visits – Non Life Threatening

It is our desire to visit the member on a weekly basis. The member may request to be visited more frequently by sharing that desire with the Pastor or the Elder who is making the visit. The Pastor or Elder will contact the others when they are notified of a member being in the hospital.

Hospital Visits – Life Threatening or ICU

It is our desire to visit the member A.S.A.P. when notified. Visitation will continue on an every other day basis at the minimum based on the condition of the member or request of the family. The Pastor or Elder will immediately contact the others when they are notified of a critical situation.

Surgical Procedures

For those entering the hospital for surgical procedures, their desire for visitation before or after the surgery or both must be communicated to the Pastor or an Elder. If desired, they can also request to have the Pastor or an Elder visit with their family during the time of surgery. The Pastor or Elder will contact the others when they are informed of a member's surgical procedure.

Yearly Visits

It is our desire to have contact with every member family throughout the year.

Creepers! The Youth Group presents Dinner Theatre 2015: A Circus Mystery!

Most audience members at this year's dinner theatre performance by the St. Paul's Youth Group and Young Adults will be quite fond of the theme. Mystery and circus is woven together with ***Scooby-Doo Mystery, Inc. in The Phantom of The Circus***. Zoinks! The Scooby gang is solving their latest mystery and rewarded with circus tickets where a phantom is causing havoc to all the acts. Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy, and Scooby-Doo investigate Madam Olga's Circus to find out why and who is the phantom.

Scooby-Doo has been around since 1969, so everyone is familiar with the detective work the teens go through to find their villain, says Murel Warren, Jr., writer and director of this year's production. The Scooby gang has survived 45 years as a favorite cartoon with all the well-known phrases. Even their van, the Mystery Machine, is back in this retro night of family fun, involved at, where else, but a circus! Like, wow! Five high school seniors are featured this year in starring roles, along with everyone else starring in circus acts on stage to entertain and amaze! There's acrobats, muscle-man, magician, snake-charmer, and of course, many clowns in this music-filled play.

For a night of fun and mystery, make plans for the dinner theatre on Saturday, April 18th, with dinner starting at 6:30 pm in the St. Paul's auditorium. Hotdogs and hamburgers, will be provided this year to keep with the circus theme. This circus mystery is free and family friendly, although a free-will donation is accepted to cover costs with any additional proceeds going towards funding youth group activities throughout the year. Please let any one of the youth group members know if you are attending and how many guests are coming along, so there'll be enough seating and food.

Jinkies! See you there! Scooby-dooby-doo!



An update on the Jan. 18 congregational workshop

Last month's article on the Jan. 18 congregational workshop was not printed in full. Two additional topics were discussed: etiquette in the sanctuary and punctuality. Below is the summary on these two topics.

Etiquette in the sanctuary – Let's remember that the sanctuary is God's House. This means we should be respectful and reverent while we worship. Please keep any electronic devices silent or on vibrate while in the sanctuary. When using devices for Bible reference, notes, or occupying a small child, please avoid distracting other members.

Also, food and drink should not be brought into the sanctuary unless needed for small children or health reasons.

Parents, please make sure your children have used the restroom prior to the start of service. Remind your children to walk, not run, while in the sanctuary.

Punctuality – Over the years, Pastor, the Board of Elders or Sunday School teachers have taken some grief about not starting on time. Often, we wait to start worship or Sunday School in the hopes that another one or two people might arrive. This, however, has created an expectation that service or Sunday School will start late so people continue to arrive late. We need to stop this cycle by arriving on time. Thank you.

Stewardship News

Electronic Giving (E-Giving) is up and going. There is an icon on the church website and information on set-up has been put in your mailbox. Thank you to everyone for your interest in e-giving. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Stewardship Board.

Are you getting read to start on a spring home improvement project? Purchase a Home Depot, Lowe's or Menard's gift card. For more information on the cards that are on hand to purchase see the FYI or contact Melanie. The next scrip order will be placed on April 5 at noon. Thank you for your support of the Script Program.

We will be working on the audit of the 2014 Treasurer's books in April.

If you have any questions for the Stewardship Board, please contact Bryan Go-forth, Kathleen Kassel or Melanie Weibrecht.

Mission Board Report

Hello from the mission board! We want to thank all who came out to our March blood drive. It went well and we had 22 successful donations! We currently have some ongoing collections for expired coupons for Troops, stamps, box tops, and can tabs. There are collection boxes for each in the narthex. Also, we are continuing the Malaria Initiative. Please take a pill bottle from the narthex, fill it with quarters and return. It helps pay for a mosquito net and a doctor's appointment that can help save lives. Lastly, we are helping sponsor a bake sale during the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. All funds raised will go to helping students who qualify free/reduced lunches in local schools have food available to them during summers/non-school periods. Come buy some yummy desserts for a good cause! Thanks for all of your help and support!

Just a reminder! The Ladies Aid will be meeting on Sunday, May 3, after the late service. We will be collecting mites at this meeting to help with LWML mission grants. Looking forward to seeing you!

Board of Education Report

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m. So bring your friends, family, and neighbors along to hunt some Easter Eggs.

Mark the Date —

Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 27. This year we will be trying a one-day VBS for children in Preschool-8th grades. The theme is Thailand Trek. Join us as we learn about God's love for us and a little bit about the culture of Thailand.

For more information about the Easter Egg Hunt or Vacation Bible School, please contact Amy Held, Sandy Overberg or Sherri Schaub.

FROM THE SECRETARY
February, 2105 Statistics

JUST A FEW MORE STATISTICS
(I hope you're not bored, yet!)

Attendance

Worship

Feb. 1	91	
Feb. 8	94	
Feb. 15	73	
Feb. 22	85	
Monthly Average:	86	Yearly Average: 83

Sunday School & Bible Class

Feb. 1	15	14
Feb. 8	17	11
Feb. 16	24	9
Feb. 22	24	16

Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Eva Aiello, Joey Frank, Nicholas Frank, Robert Frank,
 Avery Goforth, Benjamin Warren

Wednesday Bible Class/Worship

	Morning	Evening
Feb. 4	11	
Feb. 11	13	
Feb. 18	6	29
Feb.	8	14

Offerings

Sunday Offerings	\$9,688.30
E-Giving	<u>750.00</u>
Total for January	10,439.30
Budget needs	<u>11,594.84</u>
Behind for February	- 1,156.50
Year to Date	-4,868.76

Each year every Missouri Synod Lutheran Church has a statistical report to send in to the district office. After completing the report, I thought that I would share some of it with you.

As of December 31, 2014:

Total Baptized Membership 243
Baptisms in 2014 6

Total Confirmed Membership 187
Adults Confirmed in 2014 2
Profession of Faith in 2014 1

Deaths in 2014 2
Transfers to other Lutheran Churches 4

Vacation Bible School - Members 21
Non Members 6

Total Budget Income \$139,000
Non Budget Income \$15,495
At Home Expenses \$132,708
District/Synod Contributions \$7,000

Pre-Confirmation Enrollment 4
Confirmation Enrollment 3

Sunday School Enrollment
Ages 3-14 21
High School 12
Adults 30

Wednesday
Average age of Confirmed Member 46
Average age of Total Membership 37
Percent of Members ages

Under 15	23%
15-18	4%
19-34	18%
35-49	16%
50-64	16%
65+	23%



GUIDE OTHERS TO BE WISE WITH MONEY

Explore a Thrivent Financial Representative career

Thrivent is a membership organization of nearly 2.4 million Christians that offers a unique blend of faith, finances and generosity to help strengthen families and communities.

We're looking for men and women who have a passion for building long-term relationships and helping others make the most of their time, talent and treasures, knowing their financial strategies are solid and on track.

As a Thrivent Financial Representative, they would become part of an organization where money is viewed as a tool to help others achieve their goals, rather than a goal itself.

We're looking for men and women who are:

- Self-motivated and independent
- Caring, approachable and trustworthy
- Driven to succeed and motivated to help others
- Able to use good judgment to provide solid financial guidance

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our financial representative opportunities, please contact:

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Easter Word Search

F	T	V	K	N	X	A	Z	O	B	N	F	V	Q	R	F	V	D
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V	S	P	T	G	D	A	B	P	U	W	F	D	R	O	A	C	L
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Word List

BONNET
RABBIT
EGG
BASKET
BUNNY
LILY
LAMB
CROSS
PALM
BUTTERFLY

Worship Assistance Teams

Worship Assistance Teams have been assigned to each week of the month. Simply check to see which team you are on and that is the week you will serving.

Team 1 - Week 1 (March 1)

Ushers - Sonya & Bill Jeffries, Jason Schaub, Nancy Brooks
Greeters - Cap & Vi Miller, Jerry & Better Vogelsang, Arlie Ehlmann
Acolyte - Zach Jeffries, Robert Frank, Lexi Schaub
Sound Board - Jason Nahlik

Team 2 - Week 2 (March 8)

Ushers - Virgil Benson & Diane Benson, Becky Vogel,
Murel Warren
Greeters - Jessica Vogel, Colleen Schultz, Diane Benson,
Becca Benson
Acolyte - Ben Warren, Adrian Cantu, Ashley Cantu
Sound Board - Jacob Vogel

Team 3 - Week 3 (March 15)

Ushers - Charlie Friedman, Jerry Kassel, Nathan Aiello, Alec Aiello
Greeters - Jeff & Mary Nahlik, Faith Nahlik, Nancy Brooks,
Ginny Todd
Acolytes - Lexi Mueller, Matt Kassel
Sound Board - Jason Nahlik

Team 4 - Week 4 (March 22)

Ushers - Bill Weeke, Jerry Burchett, Lloyd & Christine Linhorst
Greeters - Bill & Carol Weeke, Rachel Frank, Kim Hogan,
Roselyn Burchett
Acolytes - Nick Frank, Derek Hogan
Sound Board - Joey Frank

To Be Determined - Week 5 (March 29)

Office Hours —

Janet Schaefer (secretary)

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.