

# St. Paul's Epistles

A Publication of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Summer Worship Schedule

10:10 am Worship Service

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday Evening

7:00 pm Worship Service



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Youth:                    Alex Giocondo                    alex@stpaulsarver.com



All Games begin at 6:30.  
Come on out and cheer us on!!

**July 8**

St. Paul's vs. St. Mary's  
@ the Cabot Field

**July 15**

St. Paul's vs. Cabot  
*Double Header*  
@ Sarver Field

**July 20**

St. Paul's vs. Sarver  
@ the Sarver Field

2010 St. Paul's Directories  
are now available.

If you haven't picked one  
up yet please call the  
church office.

## Assisting in Worship in July & August

### July Lay Assistant

Betsy Slater

### July Lay Reader

Luke Mariotti

### July Communion Assistants

Ron Mariotti, Bob Ciani

### July Communion Family

Mariotti Family

### July Ushers

Mack Godfrey & Terry Maire  
Ron Johnson

### July/August Acolytes

OPEN

### August Ushers

John & Bev Miller  
Rob & Michele Ciani

### July/August Tellers

Ethel Silliman  
John & Bev Miller  
Hobie & Melissa Kenton  
Nancy Hill

### August Lay Assistant

OPEN

### August Lay Reader

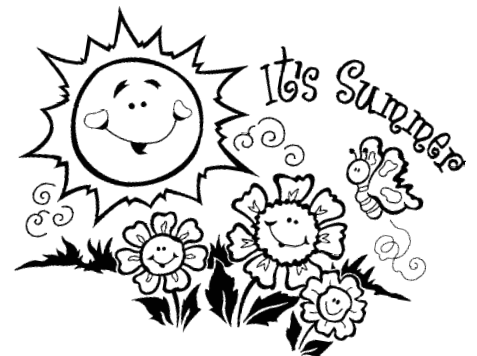
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### August Communion Assistant

OPEN

### August Communion Family

Contestabile Family



	<u>July</u>				
7/1	Vivian Schmidt Emily Haugh	7/22	Bryan Hindman	8/11	Beverly Tollison
7/2	Claire Shephard	7/24	Lauren BATTERY	8/12	Charity Montgomery
7/3	Connie Swaiko	7/25	Victoria Dunbar	8/15	Jim Gundlach
7/4	Dennis Sample	7/26	Kathy Casey Gabriella Szanto	8/16	Cathy Boyd
7/5	Marlene Lacanic Colton Clark	7/27	Jennifer Koedel	8/17	Matt Sample
7/8	Betty Penvose Christine Clark Linde Heyward	7/28	Cole Hesperheide		Breanna McGregor
7/12	Kayla Sample	7/30	Larry Szebalskie	8/18	Dian Toborkey
7/13	Mike Douglas Brenda Beechey Mabyn Lynn	7/31	Josh Ward	8/20	Debbie Wichrowski
7/14	Deborah Bing		<u>August</u>	8/21	Joseph Penvose
7/15	Adam Roenigk Shane Hill	8/1	Sherry Ventura	8/22	Rick Toy Rob Ciani
7/16	Dan Smith	8/2	Bill Boyer Rochelle Hesperheide	8/24	Grace Wiegand
7/18	Jenna Shelton	8/3	Howie Ferrenberg	8/25	Bob Ciani Karen Heilman Adre Atherton
7/19	Jacob Sample		Nicole Hess	8/26	Melvin Harvey
7/20	Les Harvey	8/4	Michele Ciani	8/28	Eunice Kenton Doris Doerr
7/21	John Miller	8/5	Kimberly Graham Jessica Huss	8/30	Terry Gonzales
		8/8	Walt Henkel Terry Carns Adam Stobert		
		8/9	Sallie Balog		





Wanted: Anyone interested in helping with the Audio & Video during Worship Services on Saturday and/or Sunday. If you are looking for a way to serve God at St. Paul's this may be for you. Be a part of the Audio & Video team and help spread God's Word through creative ways with electronics. Please see, call or email Hobie Kenton or Alex Giocondo for more info.

The Ladies Guild is still collecting the following items:

- ◆ Used Eyeglasses for people who could not otherwise obtain glasses.
- ◆ Pop Tabs
- ◆ Greeting Cards
- ◆ Campbell Soup Labels
- ◆ Box Tops for Education
- ◆ Cabot Food Pantry Items

Please place your donations in the marked boxes under the table near the entrance of the church.



All Ladies Guild members and their guests are invited!

Giant Eagle Cards are still available for purchase from the Youth Group. Please see Alex or Debi Giocondo to make a purchase to help fund the Youth Group's upcoming ministries and activities.



### A Prayer For Our Church

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will somehow give us ears to hear, hearts to love and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known not for our glory but for thine alone—a congregation of people who know you; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding.

Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, August 29, 2010**

**During the Worship Service @10:10 a.m.**

Please list your hymn requests on the spaces below. The Worship & Music Committee will include everyone's requests in a special order of worship. Please give your completed form to Doris Scott, Melissa Kenton, or place in the offering plate.

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*Following the worship service everyone is invited next door for homemade ice cream!!*



**Ice Cream Social**



*Congratulations to the following couples who were united in marriage :*

*Kristen Bachowski & John Resick  
June 5, 2010*

*Katie Miller & Caleb Rettig  
June 26, 2010*

*May God bless you on your new lives together in Christ.*

Dear Pastor & Church,

I just wanted to thank you for all the support throughout the years. I truly appreciate all that the church has done for me! Thanks again.

Love,  
Michelle Slater



St .Paul's has the best people in the world. I can't thank Pastor enough for being there for John and I over the last couple weeks.

I also want the prayer chain to know, I felt the concern and love and the answering of prayers as I started to heal. I completely owe my recovery so far to you wonderful people. Even when I wanted to quit your prayers pulled me out of the dark. I will be with you in spirit until I can get there in person.

In Christian Love,  
Debbie Wichrowski



*Mail completed registration form to:*  
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 PO Box 128  
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 Direct questions to the church office:  
 724-353-2424 or  
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Bring a plain white t-shirt for  
 your child(ren) the first day of  
 VBS

For children ages 3-completion of 6th grade.

# Sunday, July 18-Thursday, July 22

6:15pm-8:30 pm

## 2010 Vacation Bible School Registration Form ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade Last Completed</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Person's Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Does any child have insect, food or craft item allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our VBS program? \_\_\_\_\_

VBS Volunteer (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Area desiring to serve:    Crafts            Games            Music            Kitchen            Guide Children

## Research & Recommendations Committee Report

Speakers from three Lutheran bodies have visited St. Paul's during the month of June. Pastor Paull Spring represented the NALC (North American Lutheran Church), Pastor Chris Wicher and Pastor Art Litke represented the LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod), and Pastor Bruce Gamache and Pastor Garry Seefeldt represented the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.)

Each speaker shared what made each body unique from the others and how they differed from the ELCA. The speakers touched on structure of the organization, beliefs and confessions, missions being supported, how and where ministers would be educated, how St. Paul's would be able to move into the organization, constitutions, publishers of education material and many other topics.

The Research & Recommendation Committee has collected much material and information from each of these Lutheran bodies and is meeting with Church Council in July to begin discussing what has been learned. Throughout the next few months the committee will meet and invite all who have attended any of the meetings with the other Lutheran bodies. The dates and times will be in the bulletin or can be obtained by calling the church office or Hobie Kenton.

If you were unable to attend the meetings the following websites have a lot of detailed information about each of the groups that met with us:

[www.lutherncore.org](http://www.lutherncore.org) this site has information on the NALC which is just being formed.

[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) this site is the LCMS which gives an in depth look at the Missouri Synod.

[www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net) this is the site for the LCMC which is the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Please pray for God's guidance and that His will for St. Paul's will be made clear throughout this process as we continue to spread His word to His people.

### "America the Beautiful"

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that god had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, "America the Beautiful."

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful

for heroes "who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life." She wanted all Americans to realize how god had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good "with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



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Offering Breakdown for Month of June				
Category	June Total Received		YTD Received	Annual Budget
General	8,562.00		55,666.56	
Loose	594.40		5,166.66	
Sunday School	25.00		408.57	
Flowers	40.00		170.00	
Memorials	-		20.00	
Communion	55.00		239.00	
Weight Watchers	-		527.00	
Thrivent	26.63		149.78	
Initial	-		271.00	
Heidi Hall	-		908.00	
Advent	-		-	
Lenten	-		403.00	
Ash Wednesday	-		456.00	
Christmas Eve.	-		-	
Lutherlyn	-		-	
Youth	-		-	
Maundy Thur.	-		246.00	
Good Friday	-		343.00	
Easter Breakfast	-		222.00	
VBS	-		-	
Quilt Guild	-		-	
Other	1,547.50		19,357.15	
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>10,850.53</b>		<b>84,553.72</b>	<b>161,120.10</b>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>1,231.75</b>		<b>7,240.25</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>12,082.28</b>		<b>91,793.97</b>	<b>177,120.10</b>
<b>RRR</b>	<b>2,726.50</b>		<b>12,800.27</b>	

The total for "Other" includes: Giant Eagle Cards, bible study, phone reimbursement, and anonymous gifts

Expense Summary for the Month of May			
Department	Monthly Expenses	Year-To-Date Expenses	2010 Annual Budget
OUTREACH MINISTRIES	1,035.74	6,562.69	16,000.00
WORSHIP	370.25	1,301.50	3,720.00
LEARNING	0.00	814.51	3,550.00
WITNESS	0.00	505.36	1,325.00
SERVICE	0.00	248.63	800.00
SUPPORT	5,271.70	26,616.35	60,848.10
BENEFITS	2,316.91	11,637.02	37,160.00
UTILITIES	962.92	7,274.94	16,500.00
TRAVEL @\$0.50	366.00	1,240.00	4,500.00
ADMINISTRATION	537.54	2,479.92	4,575.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	0.00	3,677.72	14,710.00
TAXES & INSURANCE	864.61	5,059.69	14,000.00
MISC EXPENSES	2,262.03	17,274.93	1,050.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>13,987.70</b>	<b>84,693.26</b>	<b>178,738.10</b>

## **What Does the Bible Have to Do with Finances?**

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The Bible is very clear about how we should handle our finances. God wants to abundantly bless those who obey His Word in this all-important area. Why do you think there are more than twenty-three hundred verses in the Bible about money? Is it a coincidence?

I am convinced that the majority of financial problems facing Americans today are the result of a failure to obey God's provision of guidelines concerning how He wants us to manage the money He entrusts to us. This failure in turn limits His ability to bless us financially.

As a parent, do you reward your children for foolish behavior or do you sometimes allow them to endure pain so they will learn lessons? God uses money to teach us lessons in life. Jesus spent a considerable amount of time addressing finances in His teaching because He knew that how we handle money reveals our values and priorities.

### **Do your values reflect the world's priorities?**

Let me ask you an important question: How do you feel about the moral direction of our country? Are you saddened by any of the items on the following list?

The rising number of abortion clinics and facilities

The increased activity of "pro-abortion" activist groups

The shady, deceptive practices being used by the pornography industry

The number of deaths caused by the tobacco industry

The number of families being torn apart by addictions ranging from alcohol and drugs to gambling

The promotion of homosexuality

If any of these issues deeply sadden you, think of how God must view His creation being destroyed by these issues. It breaks His heart. If Jesus were an investor today, would He place money in any company involved in those areas? Would He choose to start a business of His own that was involved in any of these areas?

The answer to both questions is an emphatic no, but you may be unknowingly profiting from these industries. God has entrusted you with His resources, and it is your duty to be a wise and faithful manager of the assets He has provided you. In order to do this, you will need to follow biblical principles. As a Christian and an investor, it is more important how you make your money than how much money you make.

There is no doubt that sinful activities can be extremely profitable, but if you can invest in a manner that avoids industries that blatantly oppose God's Word and still make a good profit, why would you choose any other way? Do you think God is more concerned about the amount of money you earn or the manner in which you earn it? How we invest money is a true measure of the values we hold dearly. If we stray from God's values should we really be surprised when things fall apart?

### **The World vs. the Word**

You may be confused as to how to manage your money simply because you have taken the world's advice. You may have formed your financial habits from the actions and advice of your parents, friends, school, and the media. How successful has that been for you? For many, the approach is simply not working. Why are so many failing?

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***(What does the Bible have to do with finances? Cont'd)***

When we have an educational system in America that does very little to teach people the basics of financial management, a church that shies away from financial discussions, and an abundance of confusing, contradictory messages from the media and so-called experts, it is no surprise the average Christian is confused about where to turn for advice!

Choosing the world's way of handling finances over God's way is a recipe for disaster. Fear and greed are the motivating advice being sold by much of Wall Street. This advice can lead to financial ruin. Many become so confused that they choose to go it alone and rely on the banks to tell them what they can and cannot afford. They may choose to make financial decisions based on the latest advice in Money magazine, on the radio or TV, or their coworkers' suggestions.

Rather than knowing for themselves where they stand financially, they listen to bad advice. Hosea 4:6 reads, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (NIV). The majority of people have no financial plan or have built their plan on the ways of the world. If what we've been doing so far it isn't working, we need to change direction. Change begins with looking at God's Word.

**BIBLICAL WISDOM ON INVESTING**

On diversifying: "Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth" (Ecclesiastes 11:2 ESV).

On seeking advice: "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed" (Proverbs 15:22 ESV).

On being steady, patient, diligent, and faithful: "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5 ESV); and "A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished" (Proverbs 28:20 ESV).

On screening your investments: "You must not bring the earnings of a female prostitute or of a male prostitute into the house of the LORD your God to pay any vow, because the LORD your God detests them both" (Deuteronomy 23:18 NIV).

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**God's powerful Word**

The bible contains about 800,000 words, depending on the translation. This is about four times as many words as are found in a book of average length.

Although the Bible is so long and deals with the greatest themes that can engage the human mind, its vocabulary is singularly limited. It uses only 6, 000 different words, a very small number compared to the 20,000 words that Shakespeare employed while writing his plays.

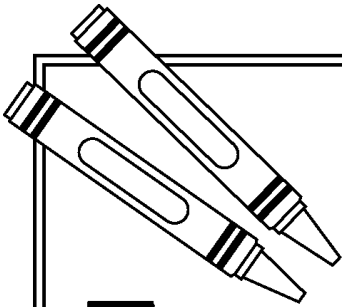
Not only is the bible's vocabulary limited, but the average word in it contains only five letters. However, many of these short words are full of the deepest meanings and are worthy of earnest study. For example, consider these five-letter words: grace, peace, faith, saved, serve, glory and Jesus.

**To Pray**

"To pray is to seek communion with the very spirit of a holy God. To pray is not primarily to ask for things, but reverently to receive a Presence. To pray is to open our innermost self to the royal entry of the eternal Lord. To pray is to expose one's secret being to the purifying fires of God's holy grace and love."

—John Henry Jowett





Just for **KIDS**

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

**JOHN 6:35**

**WORD LIST**

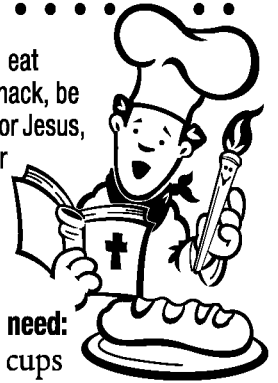
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**BREAD**  
painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.



**What you need:**

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!