

REVELATIONS

Shedding light on all the activities of our congregation,
So that we can work together as a family in Christ.

July 2010



Newsletter of St. Paul Lutheran Church
Where the Spirit is alive and Christ's love is shared



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every month the church sets aside days to commemorate the lives and contributions of certain individuals. July is filled with people who I'd like you to meet, either again or for the first time. Their commemoration days are noted in parenthesis.

Catherine Winkworth & John Mason Neale (7/1) - both hymn translators, whose works are foundational for the creation of nearly all English-speaking hymnals. Thomas (7/3), one of the twelve, worked as a missionary in India (as tradition tells us). Jan Hus (7/6), martyred in 1415, was considered by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. Benedict of Nursia (7/11), is renowned as the father of the Western monastic movement and wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used worldwide even to today. Nathan Soderblom (7/12) won the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, called for the revival of early church worship principles and helped lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Bartolome de Las Casas (7/17), a Spaniard landowner in the Caribbean, freed all indigenous slaves on his plantations when he became a priest and worked to improve the lives of the natives peoples. Mary Magdalene (7/22), the apostle to the apostles, proclaimed the risen Lord to the rest of the disciples. Birgitta of Sweden (7/23), widowed at 38, gave all that she owned to the poor and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman that continues today as the Society of St. Birgitta. James (7/26) was the first of the twelve disciples to be killed for his faith. J.S. Bach, H. Schutz, & G.F. Handel (7/28), all German-born musicians, forever changed the sound of worship in the life of the church and the sound of music in the world. Bach is often referred to as "the fifth evangelist" and Handel's *Messiah* is seen as the most significant musical text based on scripture. Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany - friends of Jesus - & Olaf, King of Norway - patron saint of Norway - (7/29): Mary, Martha and Lazarus are lifted up for their friendship with Jesus and their hospitality. Olaf, converted from a life of piracy to Christianity, significantly revised the laws of his country and tried to fairly administer them.

There they are. Spanning over 1500 years, the men and women of faith who followed their Lord Jesus into mission and ministry in the world that we commemorate in July. Do you know what's so significant about them for me? In their particular time in history, in their particular place on the planet, they were "somebody else" to other people. God grabbed them from piracy, peasantry, widowhood, the gentry. God called the elite, the educated, the poor, the uneducated and the cast off for God's work in the world. They risked the adventure of following God in their own individual and extraordinary voices. God called, and instead of waiting for the "somebody else" to take up the call, they acted. And we in the church are profoundly better for it.

We are all "somebody else" to another person. What does it mean to be an *acting* congregation? What if everyone that sat beside us in church was a pirate, priest, monk, widow, landowner, scholar, translator, peasant, cast off, king, queen, apostle? What if our health and strength comes from

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God's knitting us together and calling us to act, rather than our own independent assessment of our skills, time, talent or treasures?

It is a logical loop, I know. We are all "somebody else" to another person. To God, you are somebody. All God asks, when God reaches down to grab us in our baptisms, is that we act like it.

Embracing my inner pirate,

Pr. Katrina

Stephen Ministry – Why Lay Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just for a chosen few. God has given us all gifts for ministry and called us to put those gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a place where people with special gifts for caring ministry can use those gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pr. Katrina as soon as possible. We would like to begin training in the fall, and need to spend the summer making appropriate training plans and gathering resources.

News from the Primary Department

The children are continuing to collect money to send ducks to families in need. Each duck provides hundreds of large, protein-rich eggs per year. We have collected enough money to donate six ducks. God's Global Barnyard is part of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thanks to Sandra Spence-McCanner and Jane Smith for their generous donations to this project. We will continue to collect money through the summer. During the summer we will have lessons based on the Gospel of Luke: Peace to this House, The Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, and The Lord's Prayer. One way we can serve is to prepare snack bags for children who come to the Food Bank. We decorate brown paper bags and then stuff them with fruit snacks, crackers, balloons, stencils, plain paper and pencils. All children are invited to join us.

Claudia Harrington

Mar-Lu-Ridge

ATTENTION 14-16 year olds: Mar-Lu-Ridge is looking for a few adventurous campers for our Rockclimbing program. If you are interested in challenging yourself and seeing things from a new perspective, we've got just the camp for you! July 25-31 - come climb with certified instructors and learn new skills, plus all the fun of camp at MLR.

Check out our brochure and even register on-line at www.mar-lu-ridge.org or call the office at (800)238-9974 See you on The Ridge! 10% discount for this camp applies.

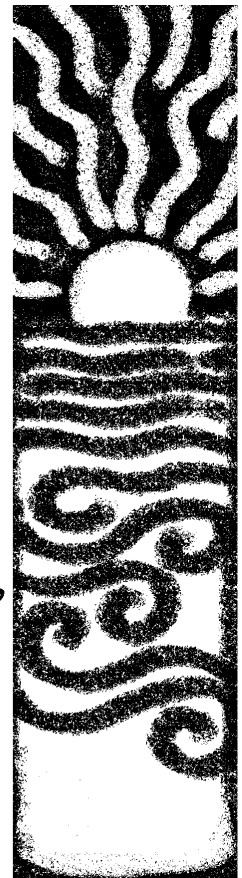
THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL CAMPERS FOR ALL PROGRAMS - Mar-Lu-Ridge is blessed with many campers this summer but there is a space for YOU!

Give us a call today (800)238-9974

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“Very truly,
I tell you,
whoever
keeps my
WORD will
never see
DEATH.”

John 8:51, NRSV



Valley Quilters Quilt Guild

Valley Quilters, TLC quilt guild will be meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 3864 Jefferson Pike in Jefferson, MD on July 7, 2010 beginning at 7:00 PM. The guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month. This month's program will be "Cool Tips and Tools for Some Hot Summertime Quilting." So bring any tools, tips or techniques that help in quilting. For more information call Pam at 301-473-8308 or send an email to valleyquilters@hotmail.com.



**“BE EXALTED,
O LORD,
— in your —
STRENGTH!
WE WILL SING
& PRAISE
— your —
POWER.”**

PSALM 21:13, NRSV

June Council Highlights

Termites again were a topic of discussion. Not only were they on the church property but on the Parrish house property as well. Significant damage has occurred. Additional money was needed to treat the Parrish house and extend the service provided by Terminex.

Chris Perry led the council in an exercise to help members reflect on the direction of the church. The results of the exercise will be used by a small group, Chris Perry, Karen Jeffery and Pastor Katrina, as guidance for ideas and concepts from the council for the upcoming ministry retreat.

All member visits are to be completed by Sept 7th. If you have not yet been contacted do not hesitate to notify anyone from church council.

Long range planning has copies of the church owned property available. They are looking for guidance on how to proceed. What is our long range plan? We need to continue our all member visits to talk about the future of our church.

Books that Are Sea-Worthy

There are two classic, short books about the sea that are worth your time and reflection. One is *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway and the other is *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Hemingway's old man is a Cuban fisherman who has gone eighty-four days without catching a fish. Santiago, hoping that his luck will change, is determined to fish in the Gulf Stream again. The book is also a story of friendship between Santiago and Manolin, the boy Santiago taught to fish. At just 127 pages this is a book for an afternoon on the beach, by the pool, or your backyard. Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book of wisdom is about the realization that "woman must come of age by herself-she must find her true center alone." Some of the gifts the sea has to teach are Patience, Faith, and Openness. The original book is 127 pages, but a copy of the book, re-examined by the author after twenty years, is 138 pages. Both books are available at libraries and Wonder Book and Video.

Claudia Harrington

“If you limit your actions in life to things that nobody can possibly find fault with, you will not do much.”

—Lewis Carroll

Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA met on Monday, June 14th in the Pathway Room with eight women participating. Diane Julian led the program, "Wise in What is Good." This program was part of the Bible study in the May issue of Lutheran Woman Today magazine. The theme verse was Romans 16:19, "I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil." Diane explained that guileless means sincere, honest, or frank. Diane opened with prayer and participants had an opportunity to name women who have served the church in the past. In chapter 16 of Romans, Paul is remembering all those who have shared in ministry. The people named were part of Paul's network. Paul was used to meeting people face to face, and this letter was a way to network with fellow Christians. He reminds the Romans that they are not the whole church, but part of the body of Christ. We examined Romans 16:1-16 and noted that both women and men, slave and free were addressed. The list is long and Paul needed many to recommend and raise funds for the work of the church. Diane closed with prayer.

Diane presided at the business meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved as presented. The proceeds for serving the Jefferson Ruritan in May were \$571.60. The total for serving in both March and May was \$1,169.95. The organization voted to give \$600 to SPY in their fundraising efforts for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Ideas were shared about how we could involve more women. Diane announced the Women of the ELCA Retreat at Sandy Cove, North East, MD on September 17th-19th. The theme is Love the Center and Heart of Christian Faith. We will hold our annual picnic on the second Monday in July at the home of Jane and Charles Smith. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. Hot dogs, hot beef, rolls, beverages, and place settings will be provided. Please join us for food and fellowship.

Claudia Harrington

"Virtue is the doing good to mankind in obedience to the will of God, and for the sake of everlasting happiness."

—William Paley

Special Day of Music

Mark your calendars for a special day of music at our 10:45 service on July 4th. Members of the Citizens Brass Band will be bringing special patriotic music before and during this service. The prelude will be starting at 10:30, along with other songs during the service. Since the 4th of July is on this day, we feel you'll appreciate their music even more!!!! It's certainly our joy to be having this special band.



Bring your family and friends and join us in worship.

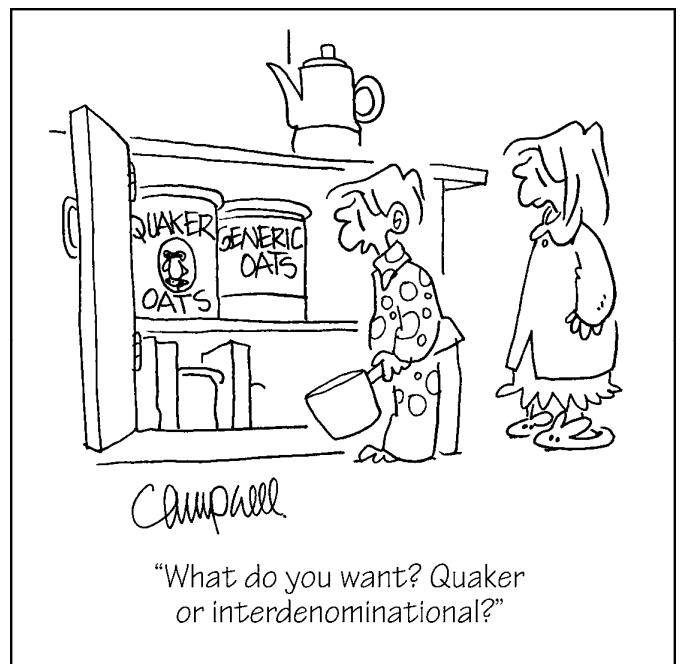
A Prayer for Summer

A rippling sea of green and gold
Is shimmering before us
As wind stirs the tall corn,
Wave after green wave rises high,
Reaching for the summer sun.

Lord God,
When you summon seeds
From these furrowed fields,
How readily they obey!

Like the myriad crops,
Help us grow steadily:
Help us stretch, ripen
Round out, unfold.

In the warm rays of your strength,
Help us yield goodness!



CHURCH OFFICE

We want to hear from you

Please take a moment

to notify the church office:

- † when you (or a family member) would like a visit from the pastor.
- † when there is a death or serious illness in your family.
- † when you are admitted to the hospital. If you cannot call, perhaps a family member or friend can call for you, so that visits can be arranged.
- † when you wish to add someone to the prayer list.
- † when you move to a new address or your phone number has changed.
- † when your committee or group plans a meeting or an activity, or when you would like to use the Pathway Room for a private event. Dates must be cleared and the parish calendar noted.
- † when you wish to borrow something from the church.
- † when you want to sponsor altar flowers for Sunday's worship.
- † when you need information about scheduling a baptism or wedding, submitting an article for the newsletter, or participating in programs or events.
- † when you would like to have offering envelopes.
- † when you want to volunteer for one of the congregation's ministries
- † when you think the church can assist you in any way.

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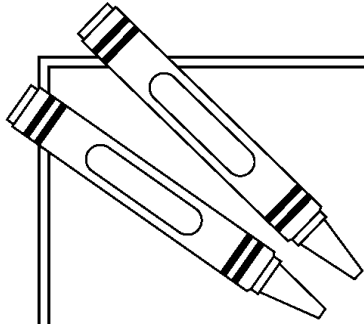
Email Address: info@stpauljeff.org

***Note: Phone and e-mail messages are checked only
during business hours on weekdays.***

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

when you are unable to reach the church office:

You may call **Pastor Katrina Holland, 301-401-4904** (cell phone),
or email her at pastor@stpauljeff.org.



Just for **KIDS**

The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.

START ▶

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apart from me you can do nothing.”

J o h n 1 5 : 5 , N I V

FROSTY FRESH
GRAPE POPS

Jesus is our vine, and we are to be his fruitful branches. Have “bunches” of fun making this refreshing grape snack.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4½ cups seedless grapes (red, green or black)
- Food processor
- Plastic spatula
- Strainer
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Food coloring (red, green or blue; optional)
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Aluminum foil
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Another 2 cups grapes, halved (optional)

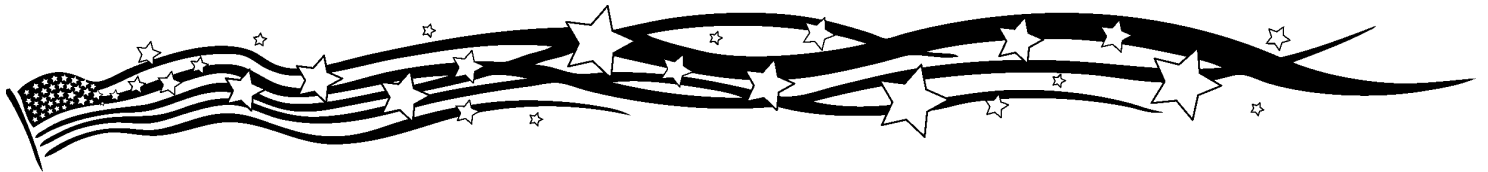


What you do:

1. Blend grapes in a food processor until smooth.
2. With a plastic spatula, press mixture through a strainer into a mixing bowl. Discard skins and skim foam off the top.
3. Whisk sugar into juice until dissolved. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired.
4. Fill cups with juice, spooning most of the foam off the top. (If using additional grapes, put ¼-cup halved grapes into each cup.)
5. Cover each cup with foil and insert a wooden stick into the center of the foil.
6. Place cups in freezer.
7. To remove pops, take off foil and tear away cup. Enjoy!

Variation: To make layered juice pops, make two batches of mix from different-colored grapes. Fill cups half full with one color, cover and then insert the stick and freeze. Then fill with the remaining color and freeze again.

Answer: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.”



July Birthdays

Katelyn Trice 1
 Kaitlyn Denelsbeck 3
 Mason Zimmerman 3
 Gavin Hartman 11
 Mary Rogers 11
 Linda Connelly 12
 Sandy Allen 12
 Kerry Page 13
 Christine Cooper 13
 Katharyn Bolingbroke 14
 Barbara West 16
 Seth Miller 16
 Mitsi Heavner 17
 Kimberlee Zimmerman 17

Sandra Dusing 20
 John Cooper 21
 Tori Chopin 25
 Audrey Stoutamyer 28
 Karen Summers 29
 Diane Floria 30
 Nicole Wachter 30

July Anniversaries

Claudia Harrington & Mykel Hitselberger July 3
 Emily & Jimmy Sklencar July 4
 Barbara & George West July 17
 Brenda & Dick Ingram July 19
 Karen & John Jeffery July 19
 Kathy & Marty Iverson July 21
 Rhonda & Luther Souers July 26



Note: The Birthday and Anniversary lists include the baptized and voting confirmed members.

We would like contributions of news articles from all corners of St. Paul Church family: youth, choir, women's and men's groups, Sunday School, etc. Please submit your material by placing it in the mailbox marked **Newsletter** or emailing to Newsletter@StPaulJeff.org. Please include your name and phone number. If possible, submit your material by email or on a computer diskette, with a hard copy, noting the type of word processing software used to create it. Note: Items submitted after the deadline may be held until the subsequent newsletter.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:15 AM Contemporary Service
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Traditional Service
 Nursery available

Holy Communion celebrated every Sunday
 Food Bank collection the first Sunday of each month

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