

The Masthead

St Paul Lutheran Church and School

JUNE, 2011

The Stories You Never Hear and The Stories You Love to Hear!

By Pastor Schultz



This summer we are running a 12-week sermon and Bible study series on the stories you never hear and the stories you love to hear. Our worship themes will be built around these twelve famous stories that you never get to hear, but should know. While in the sanctuary during the Bible class hour, you will hear from a variety of instructors twelve of the best loved Bible stories of all time! This should make for an exciting faith adventure! Check out the series below.

The Stories You Never Hear Summer <i>Sermon</i> Series			The Stories You Love to Hear Summer <i>Bible Study</i> Series		
June 19-20	"The Killer Sermon"	Acts 20:7-12	June 19	"Cain and Abel"	Genesis 4:1-16
June 26-27	"The Talking Donkey"	Numbers 22-25	June 26	"Noah's Ark"	Genesis 6-9
July 3	"Stuck in the Mud "	Judges 4-5	July 3	"The Tower of Babel"	Genesis 11:1-9
July 10-11	"Seeing is Believing"	2 Kings 6:8-23	July 10	"The Sacrifice of Isaac"	Genesis 22:1-19
July 17-18	"An Indecent Proposal"	Book of Hosea	July 17	"Jacob and Esau"	Genesis 27
July 24-25	"300"	Judges 7	July 24	"Joseph in Egypt"	Genesis 37, 39-46
July 31-Aug. 1	"Let Them Eat Meat"	Numbers 11	July 31	"Jonah and the Big Fish"	Book of Jonah
August 7-8	"Giants and Grasshoppers"	Numbers 13-14	August 7	"Jesus Walks on Water"	Matt. 14:22-33
August 14-15	"Never, Never, Never, Never Give In"	Acts 14:8-23	August 14	"The Good Samaritan"	Luke 10:25-37
August 21-22	"Witchy Woman"	1 Kings 21:1-16	August 21	"Mary and Martha"	Luke 10:38-42
August 28-29	"A Hairy Situation"	2 Samuel 15-18	August 28	"The Resurrection"	Four Gospels
September 4	"Jerusalem 2.0"	Book of Nehemiah	September 4	"Conversion of Saul"	Acts 9:1-22

"A Blessing in Disguise"

by Vicar Trevor Sutton



It is finally summer time! If you ask me, the best part about summer time is being able to spend all day outside. And it seems that my favorite outdoor summertime activities always involve some sort of grown-up toy: a fishing rod, a mountain bike, or running shoes.

We recently had a 'Blessing of the Bikes' in conjunction with Royal Oak's Memorial Day parade. As I went about telling people about this event, I frequently received puzzled look. Some people even snickered at the idea of blessing bikes. Most people simply wondered, 'why on earth are you blessing kid's bikes?'

This is a good question and one that I think deserves an answer. In order to answer the question of why we blessed kid's bikes, we must take a look at 1 Peter 2:9-10. There we hear, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

If we take seriously the idea that Christ has made us into a royal priesthood and a holy nation, then we must also take seriously what that transformation does to our stuff. It would not seem strange to bless communion ware before using it; nor would it seem odd to bless a pastor's stole prior to him wearing it. In the

same manner, if we have been made a royal priesthood and a holy nation then our stuff is being used in our holy ministry. Believe it or not, that fishing rod can help you be a fisher of men. Those running shoes can put you out in the community, meeting people who do not know Christ and sharing with them the Good News that He is risen. That mountain bike can be vehicle to assist you in sharing the love of Christ.

Christ has made part of the priesthood of all believers. Everything that you use then is holy and set apart. Since Christ has made you holy and special and set apart, everything that you have is now holy and special and set apart. That means golf clubs, mountain bikes, and fishing rods. This is most certainly true.

"The Masthead"

can be found on our website www.worshipdowntown.org under the NEWS section.

Fellowship Ministry



St. Paul Lutheran Camping Trip

Still Time! Join the fun at our 6th annual camping trip. Fish, swim, hike!

Location: Sleeper State Park in Caseville, MI the week of June 17-24. To make reservations for our annual St. Paul camping trip call Kristin Sharp at 248-583-9058. Also, please let her know if you want to order T-Shirts for the family.

EVANGELISM COLLECTION

This month we will be collecting items for the **Operation Layette** program that is held here at St. Paul.

What is Operation Layette? This is a group of volunteers who provide basic baby supplies to organizations who serve women who are pregnant or have recently given birth and who have very limited means to provide for themselves and their babies.

Operation Layette is sponsored by the Council of Lutheran Women of approximately 1,000 members from various churches throughout southeastern Michigan. And we at St. Paul Lutheran administer this program to help collect supplies needed for layette packages and we

meet together a few times a year to put these packages together for distribution. Items donated by you can be dropped off any in the coat-room near pastors office. Items needed to make up a layette is 1 crib blanket, 2 receiving blankets 6 cloth diapers, 2 diaper pins, 2 pair waterproof pants, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 undershirts or onesies, 3 bottles, 2 washcloths, 1 sweater set and 2 pair socks. Additional items may include: pacifier, extra clothing, bib, rattle, teething ring, toy. For those who enjoy knitting or crocheting, patterns for sweater sets are available from our Layette chairperson, Pam Staskos, 248-544-8390. Thank you.

Family/Youth/School Ministry

Vacation Bible School

is a premier summer ministry. Incredibly fun music from "Captive Free", inspiring teaching and energetic playtime, your child will want to bring his or her friends!

All children from preschool to 8th grade are welcome. Volunteers are needed for teaching, snacks, crafts, and administrative help. Our VBS program is coming July 18–22. Many hands are need to

make this program a success. Teachers, aides, art leaders, designer's and home provider's for our Captive Free group. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful outreach program, please contact the church office or Michelle Schultz at 248-629-4521.



GRADUATION

Join us as we are celebrating on Sunday, June 5 the **Pre-School Graduation** during the 10:45 am service. On Monday, June 6 we will celebrate the **8th Grade Graduation** during the 6:30 pm evening service. And, on Sunday, June 12 we will recognize all **High School and College Graduates** at the 8:15 am service.

School Enrollment we are now accepting enrollment for the school year 2011-2012. Pk through 8th grade. Please contact the school office 248-

546-6555 for further information or visit us at www.worshipdowntown.org.

Sunday School Survey

In an attempt to get feedback on our Sunday School ministry, all parents of children age 0-13 are encouraged to visit this website and take the following survey. By God's grace, we are building a family of followers.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DJV3QMQ>

Ministry News

Stewardship Ministry

Be Part of Project Servanthood!

On Saturday, June 18, you can put God's love in action at St. Paul's first Project Servanthood. On that day, everyone from teens to adults will be able to choose from a "menu" places to serve in our community. Depending on your interests and abilities, you may decide to assemble meal kits at Forgotten Harvest, get your hands dirty in the Earthworks garden for Capuchin Soup Kitchen or minister to the elderly at American House. Prayerfully consider participating that day, and watch the Weekly Masthead for more information!

Stewardship

Since God has poured out His grace so richly upon us in Christ Jesus, we ought to "grace" others through our stewardship. In "The Stewardship Life," Karl Kretschmar writes that the ends (ultimate goals) of stewardship are the glorification of God, the extension of the Kingdom and the relief of

human ills. With that in mind, prayerfully consider how you can participate in the Project Servanthood event on June 18.

Mission for June

Once again this summer, St. Paul will be hosting a Captive Free team, who will help minister to children through the Vacation Bible School (VBS). Through music, puppet shows and teaching, the members of Captive Free share the love of Jesus with the children of St. Paul and the community. Your generous gifts during the month of June can support their ministry at St. Paul by helping to pay the \$1,600 cost of bringing them here.

Giving Ministry

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving. Our church offers this program which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. It is convenient and provides donation consistency for your church. To set up, pick up a form in the lobby and fill it out and drop it off in the church office. For questions, contact LeeAnne Millinger, 348-584-3128.

Adult Information Membership Classes

These classes are designed to teach newcomers about the basics of the Christian faith from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. This 10 week course will cover such topics as, "The Bible", "The Ten Commandments", "Holy Baptism" and more. While many will take this class toward membership, the most important thing is developing a life-long love and pattern of worshipping Christ. Friends who are already members of another LCMS congregation are to contact their home church and request a "Letter of Transfer" to St. Paul. They are then encouraged (but not required) to take Pastor's Adult Information Class for refreshment through the Word and relationship building. Plan for these Fall classes. Please call the church office, 248-541-0613 for the next scheduled dates of classes or any questions. Next class begins: September 11.

Ascension Worship Come and join us on Thursday, June 2nd for the worship service of the Ascension of our Lord. There will be two service times, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with holy communion. Following the evening service is an Ice Cream Social in the church lounge.

VOTER'S MEETING
June 27 at 7:30 pm, lounge

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Graduation Season

By Art Steiber, Jr., Congregation President

June is graduation month. I'm guessing almost all of us know someone graduating this month. It could be someone graduating from college, high school or from St. Paul School or even Preschool.

To every graduate this is an important event. It means they have accomplished something. They have completed the requirements of whatever level of school they were in. But it also means more than that. It means they are transitioning to a new stage of life. That could mean more schooling but at a higher (and more difficult) level. It could mean their formal education is complete and they will now be looking for a new career or more responsibility in their current job. Some people call these transitions the seasons of life. I guess in more ways than one June is the start of a new season.

The book of Ecclesiastes has some great verses that talk about seasons. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us:

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to

plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

As we go through the seasons of life, these words help us remember that even though things in our life will change they change with purpose. God has a plan for all of us as we go through the seasons. So whether you are graduating from school or transitioning to another season of your life, remember God made spring, summer, winter and fall so he is in control.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

More Ministry News

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Thank you to everyone who purchased a St. Paul shirt to help our service men. We had such a great response! Some of you may have missed our last deadline or you may want to order another shirt. We are going to do another order. Order forms can be found at the welcome center and dropped off at the office. All orders must be placed by June 12th and will be delivered June 19th.

Help Needed in the Church

Nursery! To volunteer, please sign up on the calendar in the nursery. We are also

looking for 7th and 8th grade students who would like to assist the volunteers. They can also sign up in the nursery. For more information, contact Anne Sagan at annesagan@yahoo.com or 248.546.5228.

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Wills Awareness Program—Please make note that this scheduled event for June 15 has been CANCELLED!

Thank You for all the prayers for myself and my brother, John. I am fully recovered from the testing complication, but have received the news that I won't be able to donate my liver to him. He remains on the transplant list and continues to need your prayers while he waits. Chris Schultz

Gift's to Our Lord...Memorials & Gifts-

St. Paul Lutheran Church

In memory of Lucille Lacey by Miriam Melvin, M/M Will Russ, Gerry Breyfogle, Lloyd Lacey, Suzanne Larkin, Pat Gillespie, M/M Chester Limbaugh, Jean Frincke, M/M Dave Hamlin, Carol Messer, Jane Gurnack

Garden Club

In memory of Dan Sendek's mother by Clara Lichtenberg

In memory of Donald Runde by Art Peludat & family

In memory of Lucille Lacey by Cliff VanNest, Clara Lichtenberg

In memory of Herbert Huff by Dorothy Huff

Women's Guild

In honor of Lucille Lacey by Cheryl and George Loomis
In memory of Lucille Lacey by Mary Ann Braun

Pay-A-Bill

In honor of Lucille Lacey for Mother's Day by Alan Lacey

In memory of Lucille Lacey by M/M Jerry Supnick

In memory of Dan Sendek's Mother by M/M Jerry Supnick

CEF Debt Reduction

In memory of Lucille Lacey by M/M Don Storck, M/M Richard Baker

Ronald Koch Fund

In memory of Lucille Lacey by M/M Larry Ainsworth

You may donate to the church through memorial/honorarium cards located on the shelf in the lobby. This is a two part card, one to go with the gift donated to the church and the other to be mailed to let the family know of your donation to our church. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Attention Current & Prospective St. Paul School Students! Tuition grant funds are available from St. Paul Lutheran Day School – assisting families on a financial needs basis. Applications are available in the school office. When filled out they are sent to a private company used by the school along with a \$30 filing fee. Their reports are then reviewed by the Scholarship Selection committee for grant consideration. Deadline: July 15, 2011. Any questions please contact Brian Hermann, 248-855-1703 or email, brihermann@comcast.net.

Attention College Students! Tuition Loan Funds are available from the Lydia Goff Fund, and for those pursuing a career in full time church work, from the Lydia Wiebusch Scholarship Fund. Applications for both are available in the church office. Deadline is July 15, 2011. Any questions please contact Brian Hermann, 248-855-1703 or email, brihermann@comcast.net.

Prayer's

Prayer's of Thanksgiving for Ben and Meghan Vogel on his ordination and installation as pastor to Shepherd of the Lakes, Brighton, MI. And for Todd & Kelly Liefer as he is ordained on June 12 at his home church, St. John Lutheran in Red Bud, IL. He will be installed as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Wentzville, MO on June 26.

Prayer's

Military

Earle Arnold
Joshua Armon
Eric Banker
Kris Berceci
Paul Bowdich
Gene Bunton
Kevin Burch
Robert Clark
Ben Eberly
Sam Eskew

Tirzah Eskew
Jeff Follett
Pam Harrington
Ryan Hart
Thomas Herzberg
John Hunter
Brandon Newton
Kristine Pate
Jeremy Rudd
Scott Rutledge
Heidi Selby
Rockey Sparks
Aaron Zeile

*Therefore I tell you,
Whatever you ask in prayer
Believe that you have received it, and
it will be yours. Mark 11:24*



Prayer's

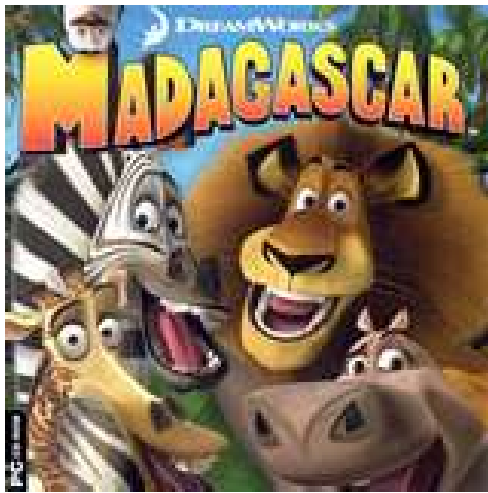
Family and Friends

Barb Biels
Eula Boggess
Amy Champ
Barbara Fecteau
Richard Firchau
Christine Geyer
Josette Grant
Grant Haley
Trevor Harris
Shelby Hawke
David Herkowitz
Patrice Kolbe
Arden Licht
Holly McKitrick

Bill Miller
Charles Muse, Jr.
Vimla Newton
Jim & Joan Noffert
Karl Payk
Matt & Kerri Penchuck
Elizabeth Phillips
Ed Poszwa
Paul Poszwa
Samantha Pittock
Celeste Prudhomme
Kathleen Pullman
Karen Raime
Gloria Rice
Mike Ridge
Linda Scalzi
Rev. Schneider

Lloyd Schultz
Ebony Sharpley
Robert Stephens
Bob Straub
Mike Tom
Brad Swegles
Vanessa Ultzen
Jean Watterson
John Wallace
Daniel Weber
Judy Weller
Leslie Wharton

*Please call or email the
church office to
add/remove a prayer.*



Family Movie Night

DreamWorks Entertainment &
St. Paul Lutheran
Present

"MADAGASCAR"

Friday, June 10, 2011

Arrive around 8:30 P.M. (dusk)

Main Street Parking Lot

Four residents of the Central Park Zoo in New York City who are also best friends: a lion a zebra, a giraffe and a hippo. When one of them goes missing, the other three break out of the zoo and go looking for him. Lots of fun and adventure for the whole family.

Bring the whole family!

Bring blankets! Bring chairs!

Refreshments available!

Contact John Kyle, 248-930-1070 or jkyle@wowway.com

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

If we've missed listing your birthday, please call the church office.

Birthdate: 6/1

Ohngren, Gabriel
Schultz, Rev. Jeremy
Schultz, Lydia
Sidick, Stephanie

Birthdate: 6/4

Garfield, Dick
Maloney, Gary
Messer, Carol

Birthdate: 6/5

Cahill, Alexander
Lentz, Suzanne
Lienard, Quintin
Pratt, Brooklyn
Ulrich, Martin

Birthdate: 6/6

Beyerlein, John
Maloney, Rebecca
Ross, Tim

Birthdate: 6/7

Hoeft, Karen
Ketelhut, Jennifer

Birthdate: 6/9

Hasselbach, Dawn
Hemming, Hazel
Robbins, Carolynne

Birthdate: 6/10

Conger, Andy
Leasia, David
Profeta, Chris

Birthdate: 6/11

Laga, Michael

Birthdate: 6/12

Charnawskas, Karen
Tamm, Sandra

Birthdate: 6/13

Hooks, Joshua
Muse, Charles

Birthdate: 6/14

Gostiaux, Jason
Guettler, Marilyn

Birthdate: 6/17

Keller, Joy

Birthdate: 6/18

Dirkse, Susan
Sommerfeld, Cathy
Stecker, Thomas
Thiem, Chasity

Birthdate: 6/19

Jackson, Mila
Paul, Max

Birthdate: 6/20

Dwyer, Hugh
Treuter, Kurt

Birthdate: 6/21

Fick, Rachel
Hoch, Cathy
Jones, Michael
Matthews, Garrett
Pratt, Benjamin
Zeile, Laura

Birthdate: 6/22

Harris, Rachel
Hooks, Janet
Kyle, Jan
Moulis, Connie

Birthdate: 6/23

Cloud, Chloe
Rodway, Kimberly

Birthdate: 6/24

Bachleda, Paul
Postiff, Cathy

Birthdate: 6/25

Dodson, Henry
Lepola, Clayton
Owens, Jim
Parks, Olivia
Paul, Lily

Birthdate: 6/26

Dirkse, Dan
Duncan, Paul

Birthdate: 6/27

Johnson, Marion
Keller, Tom
Lichtenberg, William
Smyth, Julie

Birthdate: 6/29

Gersch, Emily
Leasia, Matthew
Lowe, Kenneth
Perks, Matthew
Pittman, Eric

Birthdate: 6/30

Mahler, Rich



MEMBER Spotlight...

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE'S

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL



Emily Adams
Liam Beary
Lea Clark
Vincent Dreher
Mike Geletka
Grace Jarman
Issy Johnson
Owen Louwers
Hailey Luedtke
Hannah Luedtke
Rico Malaco
Ethan Mau
Calen Miller
Delaney O'Shea
Emma Smith
Sante Valdez
Logan Vinluan
Simon Waltman
Elora Watson



ST. PAUL EIGHTH GRADE

Jaella Boines
Elaina Ciccone
Anna Klein
Larissa Kratt
Noah McNeal
Tianna Mills
Carleen Neff
Jane Schultz
Winnifred Walsh
Anna Zeile

HIGH SCHOOL

Anna Calhoun
Matthew Canfield
Sarah Klein
Megan Schultz
Sam Steiber

