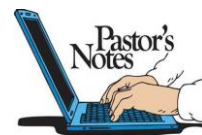


July/ August 2018

The Disciple's Connection

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)—Painesville, OH 44077

Our Mission Statement: To witness to our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, education, building relationships and caring for others.



Where has 2018 gone? It can't possibly be July already, can it? The end of June/beginning of July is the division between the halves of our calendar year. July brings with it an important holiday for Americans. Independence Day is one of the most treasured national holidays we have in America. It has always been celebrated as the birthday of this wonderful country we live in. From the founding of the United States, the importance of Christianity has always been recognized. The debate today is whether or not America is still a Christian nation. I was fairly optimistic about 3 – 5 yrs ago it still was; today, I'm not so sure

Take out a coin from your pocket or a dollar bill from your wallet. On all our money is one concrete reminder of the foundation of our nation, the motto "In God We Trust". How many of you know the history of how that motto came to be on our money? Let me share the highlights with you this month. From the days of the colonies until Civil War times, coins were the only form of money. It was during the Civil War that any interest in a religious inscription on coins came to light. Many citizens and ministers wrote the Treasury expressing the opinion that by not having an inscription on coins we were disowning God and our religious heritage. Secretary of the Treasury Solomon Chase instructed the Director of the Philadelphia mint to come up with a motto for all coins used at the time, which were one-, two-, and three-cent coins. Director James Pollack came up with the 4 simple words "In God We Trust". With a March 3, 1865 act of Congress, In God We Trust was first put on the two-cent coin. With only small interruptions, that motto has appeared on all minted US coins ever since. It has appeared on all coins uninterrupted since 1916. It wasn't until a bill passed by Congress and signed by Pres. Eisenhower on July 30, 1956 that In God We Trust has appeared on all paper money printed by the Treasury.

But today, there is a movement among a small amount of people to remove this motto from our money and other places. In a cursory search online, I discovered multiple petitions to the US Treasury to remove from all future currency printed and minted the statement In God We Trust. Each of these online petitions have varying number of signatures. These signers believe that it is unconstitutional for one to force their thoughts about God or a god upon another American.

What does it mean for this country and its' people to have the words In God We Trust on all our money? I believe it means that not only are people in America free to express their religion in an appropriate way, but they are also free from the tyranny or oppression of others who believe differently. Not every American will be a Christian. Not every American will believe in a religion at all. As Christians, let us thank God that as Americans we are free to proclaim with our lips and lives that we trust in God. Thank God that His Word is not bound but has free course still in America. Thank God for the opportunities He gives us to share that Word. As we celebrate the birthday of this great nation, let us not forget the religious freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States. Let us boldly proclaim with words and actions In God We Trust. Serving our Lord Together, Pastor Sundbom

WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am,

Adult Bible study, 8:30am

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*But I trust in you, O
Lord; I say, "You
are my God."
Psalm 31:14*

Portals of Prayer (which contain a daily Bible devotion and prayer) for July-Sept. are out and can be found in the piano in the narthex of the church and in the literature rack on the wall outside the church office door.

Summer Family Fun

Sunday, July 29:

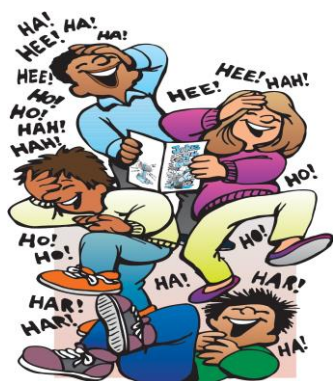
A night at the Lake County Captains

WHERE: Captains Stadium in Eastlake

WHEN: Buffet begins at 5:45, First Pitch is 7:00

COST: \$20/person. That includes game ticket and all-you-can-eat- buffet before the game.

Sign up on the poster posted on the bulletin Board across from the church kitchen.



A Bit of Golf Humor . . .

Why do people who play golf wear
2 pair of socks?

In case they get a hole in one!!!



Sunday, August 26

WHERE: Townline Park, North Perry

WHEN: Noon-4:00pm

COST: Nothing!! Just bring your family and a side dish or dessert to share



Cornhole boards will be available for use. Playground and swimming fun for children

Greeters/counters wanted.....

We are in need of greeters for the Saturday and Sunday services. Please check the schedule in the back of the Sactuary to see available openings. We are also looking for new faces to join the counters after service on Sundays; again please check the schedule in the back of the Sactuary to see what is available.



Hats off
to Jesus!!

Hats off to Jesus is the theme of the one-day retreat to be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018. All ladies are invited to join us at the YMCA Outdoor Family Center in Perry for this LWML Northeast Zone event. Information packets and registration forms can be found on the Friendship Circle table. Cost is \$25 and registration deadline is September 4. Questions? Contact Billie Lelle at 440-867-2747 or blelle@roadrunner.com

Save the Date: August 5th

Pastor James May and his family will be making a visit to St. Pauls! He will be preaching at the 9:30 (only) Sunday service and will give a presentation at the end of the service.

If you are not familiar with Pastor May and his family, take a minute to look at the Mission bulletin board in the church hallway, across from the kitchen.

From
the
Church
Office

Current Membership Changes:

Transfers In:

The Cardina Family: Tom, Erin, Owen & Ellie

The Javins Family: Scott, Stephanie & children, Riley & Mathew

Tranfers Out:

Kristin, Nate & Madelyn Miller have transferred to Zion, Painesville.

Membership correction (The Disciple's Connection, June, 2018): Scott, Kim & Nicholas Marella transferred their membership to St. Johns, MN. Sons, Joseph & Brandon remain members here at St. Pauls.

Do you have a New Address? New phone number? New email address? A birth? Please let the church office know of any changes in your information. This will help to keep the Directory and the church database as current as possible.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Our Shepherd Lutheran School Gala date has been set. Mark your calendar for Friday, November 9th from 6pm-11pm. It will be held at LaMalfa on Heisley road again. Please consider donating a basket or an item to be auctioned at the Gala. Gift cards/certificates, unique items, and vacation destinations are always a hit. We encourage you to consider creating a basket assembled by your congregation or a group within the congregation. Contact the school office (440-357-7776) with questions or to drop off donations.



ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL

St. Paul's Preschool is accepting registration for the 2018-19 school year. Openings are still available in most of the classes. *If you know of anyone who wants a quality, faith based preschool education for their child, please recommend us.* If you have questions, please contact Amy Marizek, Preschool Director at 440-354-3000.

Preschool Website

www.stpaulspainesville.com

July 2018—July 2019 Church Council

President: Eric Drake

Vice President: Roy Greig

Secretary: Jenn Drake

Treasurer: Russ Walton

Member-at-Larger: Joe
Graziadei

Board of Elders,
Chairperson: John Doeing

Education: Laura Sears

Stewardship: Starshine (Star)
Graziadei

Outreach: Aaron Lindrose

Contributions Secretary: Jack Lelle
Preschool Board,
Chairperson: Marian Sweetapple

Financial Secretary:
Terry Wakelee, Ken Chaffee,
Peggy McDonnell

Mite giving always declines during the summer months, but the needs for which the funds are used, do not. Please remember to feed your mite boxes regularly throughout June, July and August. Remember, if it is easier, you can always make a check payable to the Friendship Circle (memo line: mites), put in in an envelope and deposit in the big mite box. 75% of all mites stay in the Ohio District to support the work of the LWML here in Ohio and 25% goes to national LWML to support the mission work of the LWML throughout the world. Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of the LWML.



JULY/AUG. 2018 QUOTES FROM LUTHERAN'S FOR LIFE

July 1 “No man, great or small, is a self-made individual. And no nation can make itself great. Nations and individuals depend on both the grace of God and His mysterious purposes in history. If any nation wishes to become great, it must bend to protect the least of its irreplaceable citizens, starting in the womb.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

July 8 “When people consider euthanasia for those experiencing illness or decline with aging, God’s Word is clear again through King David in Psalm 139:16b (NIV): ‘[A]ll the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities*

July 15 “We need to embrace the God Who is found in suffering. He is the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He’s the Lord who was impaled on a cross. We’d rather Jesus be mild-mannered and mild-tempered, and we’d rather listen to Him preach about lilies in a field of flowers. We don’t want to go down that hard path of Calvary. But once we do, I think then we can gain compassion. Because compassion means ‘with suffering.’ Christian compassion means suffering with the sufferings of Christ.” *Joni Eareckson Tada*

July 22 “Please join us in praying for those who make, administer, and judge our laws that they may reflect the truth, love, and life of our Lord Jesus Christ in their policies and actions until the Savior returns to bring our redemption and resurrection to fulfillment in new creation and everlasting kingdom.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

July 29 “Arguments from some about when life begins, which inexcusably focus on eliminating the rights of the baby in the womb, are a perfect opportunity to speak the truth in love. We need to do this because this is not an abstract issue. It is a matter of life and death.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota*

August 5 “We are not engaged in a battle for lives but souls. We fight for the souls that drift from the faith in their pursuit of abortion, and we battle for souls who do not yet know Christ as their Savior. It is our primary vocation because the evidence is clear. Society as a whole has no trouble ending human life if no longer values. We restore the value to human life when we venerate the place of its Creator.” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

August 12 “When the end of life is near, may we be willing to speak up for those who are the most vulnerable here as well. States across this nation are considering legalizing assisted suicide. We have a voice. We need to use it! Do not let the voice of the evil one be the most vocal. Be voices For Life!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

August 19 “Whom can you encourage today? Think of lonely hearts that need the encouragement of the presence of their Savior. Tell those who are worried about the future that you are praying for them and that God has good plans for them. And don’t forget the simple fact that just listening to others and letting them know you care may be all they need. Listen to your Savior encouraging you in His Word and you will be well prepared to encourage others.” *Rev. Jonathan M. Kruschel, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

August 26 “When we see post-abortive women and men ... vulnerable, helpless, destined perhaps to their own destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the *Christ* thing to do. As Christ, we get down in the ditch with them. We offer healing that can only come from the objective and complete forgiveness in Christ. We lift them up and walk beside them.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Those Who Serve In JULY

ELDERS:

6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
9:30 A	Sunday	Rich Szoradi

LECTORS:

06-30-18	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
07-01-18	9:30A	Sunday	Jack Lelle
07-07-18	6:00 P	Saturday	Frank McVan
07-08-18	9:30A	Sunday	Kathy Pennell
07-14-18	6:00 P	Saturday	Roy Greig
07-15-18	9:30A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
07-21-18	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
07-22-18	9:30 A	Sunday	Craig McConnell
07-28-18	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
07-29-18	9:30 A	Sunday	Sandy Heckler

COUNTERS: Terry Wakelee, Karen Tuttle, Russ Tulttle

GREETERS:

6:00 P	Saturday
9:30A	Sunday

Those Who Serve In August

ELDERS:

6:00 P	Saturday	Roy Greig
9:30 A	Sunday	Eric West

LECTORS:

08-04-17	6:00 P	Saturday	Roy Greig
08-05-17	9:30A	Sunday	Dale Kerver
08-11-17	6:00 P	Saturday	Pastor Sundbom
08-12-17	9:30A	Sunday	Ed Prib
08-18-17	6:00 P	Saturday	Dave Murphy
08-19-17	9:30A	Sunday	Terry Wakelee
08-26-17	9:30 A	Sunday	Dale Kerver


COUNTERS: Ken Chaffe, Sue Snodgrass

GREETERS:

6:00 P	Saturday	John/Kathy Doeing
9:30 A	Sunday	The Debelak Family



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15 YOUTH CAMPING TRIP	16	17	18	19 Midweek Bible Study 10:30- 12N	20	21 Communion
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12 COMMUNION Youth Gr. 6 -9 @ The Shutic's	13	14	15 OSLS first day of classes	16 Midweek Bible Study 10:30- 12N	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Midweek Bible Study 10:30- 12N	24 Deadline for <u>Sept.</u> Newsletter Articles	25 COMMUNION No Church Service
26 COMMUNION Church Picnic: Townline Pk Noon- 4pm	27	28	29	30 Midweek Bible Study 10:30- 12N	31	

A Look ahead:

Labor Day weekend: Last Sunday of Summer Worship schedule. Church office closed Mon., Sept. 3... Labor Day
The weekend of Sept. 8/9 is Rally Weekend. We will also return to 2 Sun. services (8:15A & 10:45A) on Sun., Sept. 9.