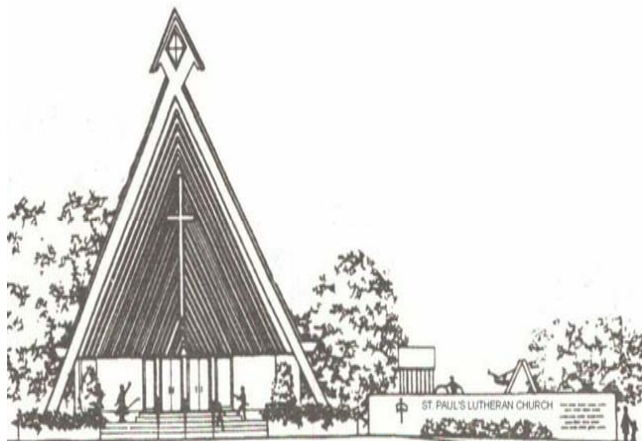


ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

JUNE~JULY 2012



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Office Phone: 703/573-0295 Pastor's Direct Line: 703/573-6008

Sunday services are held at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Worship in Mandarin is held at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and adult classes are held at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor — The Rev. Mark Shaltanis

Assistant/Chinese Pastor — The Rev. Xinhong (Chris) Yang

Pastoral Assistant — The Rev. Wayne Lehrer

Director of Music — Laurel Benson Brown

Preschool Director — LuAnn Carrig

Director of Youth — Stacy Blake

Director of Education and Family Life — Melissa Hecht

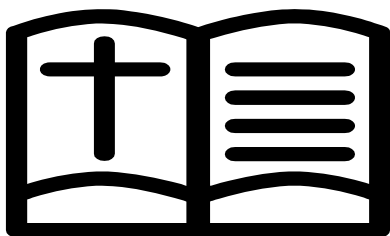
Secretary — Susan Irwin

Business Manager — Bill Gratz

Newsletter Editors — Marcia Baumgartner,

Linda Orvedahl, Kim Williams

Church is located at the intersection of
Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) and Idylwood Road.



Pastor's Corner

Fan into Flame

A big part of our life as a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod is to work together on mission projects. Ten years ago our church body launched a mission and evangelism effort called “Ablaze.” The funding aspect of this effort was called “Fan into Flame.” St. Paul’s participated through our district in an effort we called “St. Paul’s and Ablaze for God’s Mission.” I recently saw a report about our national effort, and thought I’d share some of it with you.

More than 13,000 total gifts were pledged from individuals and congregations. The total received was \$67 million. The three districts giving the largest amounts – each over \$6 million – were the Texas district, the Michigan district, and our own Southeastern District.

The model for disbursement of the “Fan into Flame” funds was based on Acts 1:8: “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Accordingly, money was disbursed to local congregations (“Jerusalem”), districts (“Judea”), and the Synod (“Samaria”), as well as for international (“ends of the earth”) work. The largest percentage was given for international work.

Funds given for international work include these projects:

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- \$1.45 million to help 29 new career missionaries begin efforts throughout the world
- \$1.22 million to start a Lutheran School in Hanoi, Vietnam, based on a successful model already being used in Shanghai and Hong Kong
- \$1.04 million to renovate historic St. Michael's Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Russia
- \$0.5 million to construct a Lutheran seminary building in Ghana

National funds have been used for such work as the establishment of 38 new congregations, distribution of 24,000 audio New Testaments to teenagers, and 700 Talking Book Bibles for blind people.

Local funds have been used in many different ways, including ethnic-specific outreach efforts, campus ministry efforts, special programs, and so forth. The campaign has been the source of many grants and has allowed congregations to reach out in new and creative ways.

"Fan into Flame" concluded its active phase in October of 2011. During the same five-year time frame as the campaign, over \$90 million was given in regular, nonappeal gifts to the Synod for designated mission work. That represents over \$150 million for mission work at home and abroad. We gave thanks and praise to God for this marvelous spirit of generosity by those wishing to share the saving message of Christ!

— Pastor Mark Shaltanis

Our Confirmands for 2012

Holly Hecht

Jonathan Hecht

Yisha Hu

James Ma

Russell McCants

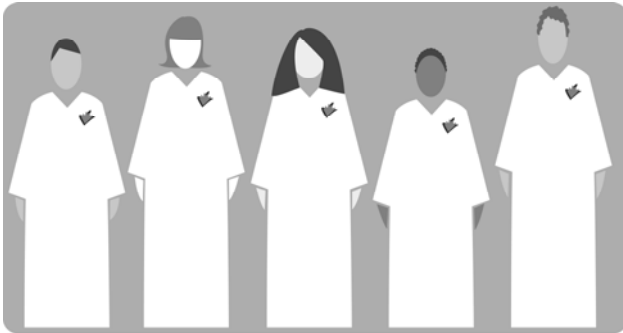
Henrique Schneider

David Shaltanis

Jessica Tang

Michael Tang

Alexander Yuan



Kudos to Our Confirmands

Helping Others

by Nona Schipull, SELC District Human Care chairman

This is a story about four people named everybody, somebody, anybody, and nobody. There was an important job to be done, and everybody was sure that somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was everybody's job. Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have.

There are many jobs to be done for the church, for the kingdom of God, and for others. When giving us chores, my mother often quoted what Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Our attitude in serving, no matter how we or others view the importance of the task, is our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. As Paul says in Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him."

May the Lord give us eyes to see the jobs he has for us, the hands to do them, and the sacrificial attitude to accept each task.



Drivers and Other Volunteers Urgently Needed

The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church continues to receive an unusually large number of requests for transportation to and from medical appointments from area seniors.

In two months, the client base has risen from 143 to 177 and is growing every day. In addition, the center is in the process of a major expansion that will provide a larger variety of services to seniors, and more volunteers will be needed to assist with those programs.

Please be willing to volunteer by calling the Shepherd's Center at 703/506-2199.



August-September Newsletter
Deadline:

July 20

Send submissions to
m.baumgartner@cox.net
stringer.orvedahl@verizon.net
kimberwilliams@aim.com



Thoughts from Our Founding Fathers

George Washington, first U.S. president:

While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.

— *The Writings of Washington*, pp. 342–43

John Adams, second U.S. president and signer of the Declaration of Independence:

The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.

— *Adams, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson dated June 28, 1813*

Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence and ratifier of the U.S. Constitution:

The gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life.

— *The Autobiography of Benjamin Rush*, pp. 165–66

Source: about.com





Carol Juenger

Robert Knott

Harvey Mackey

Joe Mills

Pat Newberry

Dee Sitnik

Trudy Booth

Carolyn Cowherd

Maureen Forcier

Ed & Gladys Hane

Jim Hickey

Paul Noring

Peter Frenze

Hal Skean

Jack Hartman

Dave & Millie Sullivan

Photos from the Easter Egg Hunt



We wore our best clothes!



When we saw one, we ran for it!



Yum!

Did You Know ... ?

Three U.S. presidents have died on July 4th. Both **Thomas Jefferson** and **John Adams** died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Five years later, **James Monroe** died on July 4, 1831.

John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 55 signers did not sign it until August 2 or later.

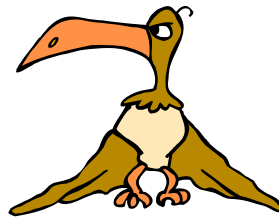
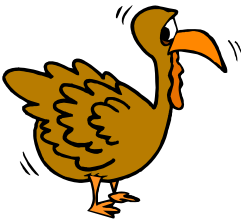
Benjamin Franklin wanted the **turkey** to be the emblem of the United States but was outvoted when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson chose the **bald eagle**.

The first 4th of July party held at the White House was in **1801**.

The 4th of July was not declared a national holiday until **1941**.

When the United States became a country in 1776 there were approximately **2.5 million** people living in the colonies. Today the population is around **312 million**.

Sources: examiner.com, usnews.com.



Thanksgiving dinner or national bird?



June

- 1 Hudson Du
- 3 Linda Berg
- 5 Dorothy Gerding
Zachary Mackey
Jing Zheng
- 9 Alex Cvrk
- 10 Theron Kelso
- 11 Kari Berg
Johannes Buuck
- 12 Lois Jacobsen
Gordon Thompson
- 13 Adam Piceno
- 16 Christine Bell
Stan Stringer
- 18 Ruth Diehl
- 19 Jim Hecht
- 21 Ben Bothen
- 22 Stacy Blake
- 23 Amanda Schneider
- 24 Anna Phillips
- 25 Kristen Hartman
Mary Pfeil
- 26 Allison Franke
- 28 Will Hecht
- 29 Priscilla Altmann
Lee Miller

29 David Shaltanis

30 Mark Shaltanis

July

- 1 Andreas Buuck
Jim Easterly
Gloria Kruse
- 7 Danielle Shrewsbury
Kayla Shrewsbury
- 8 Bill Gage
- 9 Trudy Walker
- 12 Stephanie Berg
Megan Kruse
Phoebe Wang
- 16 Victoria Behrens
Carol Weitz
- 17 Miriam Buuck
- 18 Ellie O'Neill
- 19 Sara Starck
- 20 Elaine Bennett
- 21 Ryder Stark
Guo Yao Xu
- 23 Linda Metz
- 25 Dot Woodbury
- 26 Mark Mackey
Dave O'Neill



Rainbow Connection Music Camp for Children

The Rainbow Connection is Bethany Lutheran Church's 2012 Summer Music Camp. The camp will be held July 30–August 3, 6:00–8:00 p.m. This program is open to rising kindergartners and children in grades 1–6. The cost is \$20 per child or \$30 maximum per family (includes T-shirt).

The clinicians are Linda Hemphill (director of music at Bethany), who will teach singing, and Lindsay Hemphill, who will teach handbells and choir chimes. The last evening will be celebrated with a rousing performance of the musical *100% Chance of Rain*.

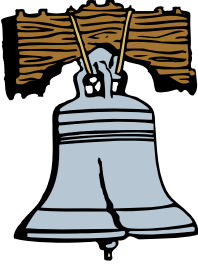
A registration form must be completed for each child and submitted by July 10. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.bethany-lcms.org>. Questions? Please call 703/765-8255. Bethany is located at 2501 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria, VA 22306.



Fourth of July Fun

Q: Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?

A: Yeah, it cracked me up.



Q: What did one flag say to the other flag?

A: Nothing, it just waved.



Q: What protest by a group of dogs happened in 1773?

A: The Boston Flea Party.



Q: What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?

A: The Americans licked the British.



Q: Why did the duck say bang?
A: Because he was a firequacker.



"Sweet" CARD

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.



What you need:

- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

Play this game with a group of friends to remind you to follow Jesus.

What you need:

- Large space for running
- 3 jump ropes or 9 traffic cones

What you do:

1. Using jump ropes or traffic cones, form lines at both ends of the playing area. Also make a dividing line in the middle. Designate one side as "The Way" and the other as "The Truth." The center line is "The Life."
2. Choose one person to stand in the middle of the center line. He or she is the caller, yelling, "The way!" or "The truth!" or "The life!" The rest of the players also start on the middle line.
3. When a location is called, players run as fast as possible to the designated area. The last person to arrive switches places with the caller.
4. When "The Life" is called, players run to the center line and raise both hands. No one gets out.



★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

“ ...
 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2
 6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3
 5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1
 4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3
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EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: “ ... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”