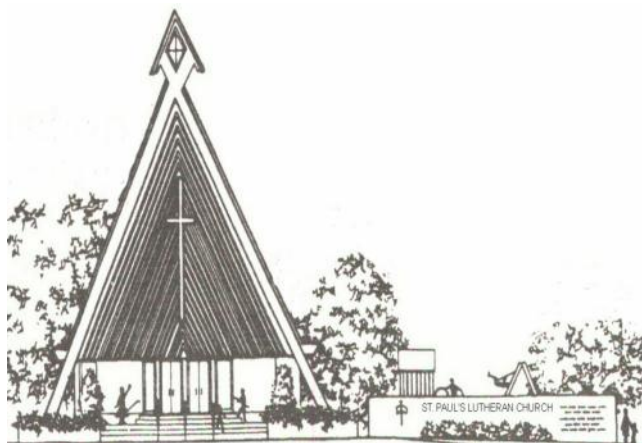


ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

AUGUST~SEPTEMBER 2013



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

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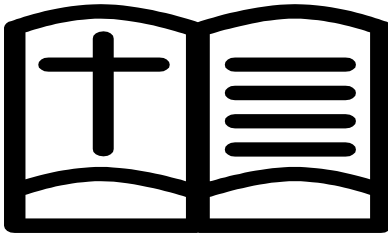
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Church is located at the intersection of
Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) and Idylwood Road.



Pastor's Corner

Under Construction

Under construction! That's the first thought that comes to mind with a trip to St. Paul's these days. Whether you first notice the large earth-movers doing their thing, or the big mound of red Virginia clay in the front yard, or the men working high up on the roof, all point immediately to a building under construction. And "Hooray!" we say. Many of us have been waiting a long time for these changes to take place, and all of us are excited about the new opportunities they will give.

Under construction! Perhaps we should grab that image and wring some more out of it while the work is being done. Is it not "construction" that goes on at the church at all times? Is it not God who builds here — working on individuals and community? St. Paul explained this work to the Church of Ephesus in this way: "*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

It's encouraging to know that God is building up individuals and the church. We love to see progress, we

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look forward to good results and we're excited about the ability to do more. As much as God teaches us to be satisfied and content with the life he has given, he also works to bring improvement. God is the builder, and we're involved in the work too. What joy this brings!

And yet the "under construction" image is helpful in another way too. More than just encouraging us to keep striving, it reminds us also to look gracefully upon others. If we remember that others are still under construction – still growing in maturity and being formed by God – then we will more easily forgive their sins and errors. They, in turn, will do the same with us.

Our building construction will be completed sometime early in 2014 (should all go according to plan...). God's work of building his people is ongoing, at least in this life. But let's not forget the blessed end, too. Again, from St. Paul: *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 1:6 ESV).

The New Heaven and New Earth are coming. Now that will be a sight! Peace to you until that day.

– Pastor Mark Shaltanis



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Update of Leisure Group



On May 16, members of the St. Paul's Leisure Group gathered at the home of Merle and Carol Weitz for a light potluck lunch. They then drove to Meadowlark Botanical Gardens (a short distance) for an enjoyable afternoon seeing the beautiful plantings and garden pavilions. Meadowlark's many displays of trees, flowering plants, lakes, and historical structures are well worth seeing.

The following activities are tentatively scheduled for August through December for the Leisure Group and anyone who would like to join us: a movie and lunch at Angelica of Mosaic in Merrifield on August 8; a meeting and lunch at Trudy Booth's (and possibly games) on September 12 at 11:30; a tour of Mary Washington's home and lunch in Fredericksburg on October 10; Allenberry Theater, PA, in November (date tbd); our annual Christmas luncheon on December 7

(place tbd); and possibly the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see *Noah*.

Watch the Saturday and Sunday inserts for details or look for emails or snail mails. Or call Trudy Booth if you are interested in a specific event (703/256-7151).



Dinner-for-8 Potluck

Join us for the next round of dinner groups! It is a great way to meet other St. Paul's couples and singles, and it is an easy way to entertain. Throughout the course of a year, members of each group host once. The host prepares the main dish, and other group members volunteer to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Please join us for the kick-off potluck dinner on Saturday, August 24, at 6:15 p.m. in the undercroft. Come for the 5:00 p.m. service and stay for dinner! Mark your calendar and be ready to sign up in a couple of weeks.

Join us Just for the Potluck

Not interested in joining the Dinner-for-8 group but would like to participate in a good old-fashioned Lutheran potluck? Join us in the undercroft on Saturday, August 24, at 6:15 p.m. Be ready to sign up in a couple of weeks. The more the merrier!



August

- 1 Olivia Franke
- 2 Denise Taranov
- 5 Al Attermeyer
Stephen Yuan
- 6 Heather Bailey
Natalie Hartmen
- 8 Tricia Janssen
- 10 Mary Johnshoy
- 12 Ellen Heup
Emma Rollins
- 14 Carol Huling
Lois Lehrer
- 15 Alison Harkins
- 16 April Rollins
- 17 Josslyn Godbee
- 19 Nikki Gage
Veronica Muller
Chris Yang
- 21 Yisha Hu
Theresa Shaltanis
- 23 Chang Yan Hu
- 24 Bonnie Burton
Lynn Jacquez
- 26 Caroline Hecht
- 27 Matthew Wang
Shawwna Yashar
- 29 Carrie Dennis
Daxin Wu
- 30 Evan Jacquez
- 31 Brandon Amdahl



September

- 3 Judy Koucky
Rachel Saindon
- 5 Daniel Aspinwall
Marcia Baumgartner
Victor Poore
- 6 Kathryn Janssen
- 7 Adrian Armstrong
- 8 Holly Freedlander
- 13 Bill Hecht
- 15 Dolly Coker
Marge Glass
Paul Provance
- 16 Tracy Lynch
Mary Ann Wollerton
- 18 Danny Hecht
MacMillin Slobodien
- 19 Pat Frank
- 20 Kristina Bennett
David Orvedahl
- 23 William Aspinwall
- 25 Christopher Damato
- 26 Jeremy Miles
Jessica Tang
- 27 Natalia Ainsfield
Reahgann Harrell
Mary McCants
- 28 David Shrewsbury

Want to Hear More about Where the Economy Is Headed?

Economic and Investment Outlook Update is a free financial education event that can help you make more informed investment decisions. During the event, you'll gain a better understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. You'll also receive an overview of how the changing economy can affect investment markets, how emotions can affect your decisions, and when to get professional financial guidance. The free one-hour event will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives Jim Pace and Mary Lou Marshall along with guest speaker David C. Francis, CFA, Head of Equities at Thrivent Investment Management on Thursday, August 8, at 9:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1133 Reston Avenue, Herndon, VA, in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information contact 703/444-9576 or email James.Pace@thrivent.com.

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Building Progress, 2013



Groundbreaking Ceremony



In the beginning ...

St. Paul's Epistle





Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



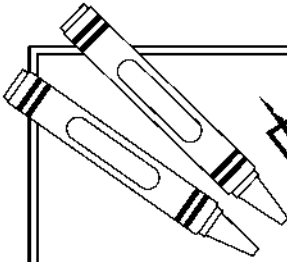
Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



PUZZLE

GOD'S LIGHT



Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.

Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

WORD BANK: is in is at if in as is in with

God _____ (dark); _____ (her)

there _____ (yes) _____ (light) _____ ness _____ (none)

But _____ we _____ (run) _____ the _____ (dark),

_____ (she) _____ the _____ (dark),

we have fellowship _____ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)