

# SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Early Christian catacomb painting of Jesus and his disciples, pre-third century.

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life



**St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed."**



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## PASTOR'S LETTER

Here is one of my favorite selection of Scripture: **“That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick . . . and Jesus healed many who had various diseases . . . Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place to pray”** (Mk. 1:32-35).

As September comes into full swing, we all find ourselves facing another round of busy schedules. I am pleased to say that Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 10. We highly encourage all our members to support the program by regularly bringing their children to church and placing them in school before the 10:00 am service. The first Sunday of every month will be designated as a family service and Sunday school will not be offered. Confirmation classes will be announced by mid-September, and New Member Sunday will be scheduled in the month of October.

We have many other opportunities to gather together as a congregation with special meals being offered, youth activities being planned, and Sunday morning Bible class regularly being offered every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 am. Bible class meets in the office area and runs until 9:45 am. What is needed, however, is volunteers to assist with the Sunday school—teachers and helpers. In addition to these activities, helpers and volunteers are always needed and appreciated for work schedules to maintain the beauty of St. Paul's Church. Thank you to all who already are generously participating in the workday schedules.

All these things, including special dinners and special drives, stir us to increased levels of energy as the excitement of September begins. In addition to these demands, we also face the challenges of our workaday world. Your schedules are as busy as mine and of this I am sure!

Consequently, let's be reminded of our need to daily find a quiet spot to talk with the Lord, to break away from all our busyness and find a **“solitary place to pray,”** to simply set aside the stress of any given moment and sing along with the psalmist, saying, **“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”**

Sincerely,

*Pastor Schultz*



# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9:30 Team #1 Captain James Woods
<b>Worship 3</b> <b>Service 10:00</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Trustees Mtg.</b>		5	<b>Gbarnga 6</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	7	8	9 9:30 Team #2 Captain Donna Buco
<b>Woship 10</b> <b>Service 10:00</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Begins (BBQ)</b> <b>VOTERS MTG</b>	11	12	13	14 <b>Council Meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	15	16 9:30 Team #3 Captain Richleau Norris
<b>Worship 17</b> <b>Service 10:00</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>VOTERS MTG</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23 9:30 Team #4 Captain David Martin
<b>Worship 24</b> <b>Service 10:00</b> <b>VOTERS MTG</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30 9:30 Trustees

## 2017 Birthdays

Sept. 2 David Ballah, III

Donna Buco

Sept. 5 Yorquella Makor

Sept. 6 Daniel Robinson

Sept. 7 Kara Foley

Sept. 9 Stanley Urey

Sept. 15 Richard Sinnigen

Sept. 17 Helen Spink

Bob Johnson

Sept. 18 Joyce Roberts

Sept. 19 Kenneth Russell

Sept. 20 Marcia Russell-Cintron

Sept. 24 Charles Rehbein

Sept. 29 Kertee Kerkula



## September Anniversaries



Sept. 2 Mr. & Mrs. David Ballah (27th)

Sept. 3 Mr. & Mrs. David Ballah Jr. (12th)

Sept. 3 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Pendergast (51st)

Sept. 4 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Stoskopf (69th)

Sept. 16 Mr. & Mrs. Nyekhe Forkpa (11th)

Sept. 18 Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Foley (40th)

Sept. 22 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hencler (43rd)

Sept. 29 Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Seitz (33rd)

## SEPTEMBER ALTAR ASSISTANTS

	Reader	Communion Assist	Altar Guild	Ushers
<b>3</b>	Titi Adekeye	Corvah Akoiwala Bill Oehlkers	Mary Abbenante Dawn Nahlik	Leela Ballah Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye Hardlyn Dauda
<b>10</b>	Leela Ballah	Non Communion	Mary Abbenante Dawn Nahlik	Rick Sinnigen Mack Makor Joe Norris
<b>17</b>	Rick Sinnigen	Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	Mary Abbenante Dawn Nahlik	Kim King Helen Miller Bill King Dennis Kollie
<b>24</b>	Kevin Riley	Non Communion	Mary Abbenante Dawn Nahlik	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George Dauda Grace Dauda



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL  
Aug. 13, 2017**

A special meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 11:50 a.m., on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017, by Secretary David Martin. Present were: Secretary Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees James Woods, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, and Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris. Dawn Reynolds was also present as an observer. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Joe Norris.

**Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017, Church Council meeting.

**Purpose of Meeting.** Secretary Martin explained that the purpose of the meeting was twofold: (1) to address the vacancy in the office of president resulting from Gerry Quarm's resignation due to his relocation to Florida, and (2) to schedule three voters' meetings so that an amendment to the church constitution, which has been recommended by the New England District, can be presented to the Voters and acted upon. Regarding the first matter, Secretary Martin stated that the By-Laws provide that when the office of president is vacant due to a resignation, a new president shall be elected at the next Voters' meeting. Secretary Martin said that it was desirable that the vacancy be addressed promptly and proposed that a Voters' meeting be scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017. He noted that Vice-President David Ballah had graciously agreed to be a candidate for president.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to schedule a Voters' meeting on September 10, 2017, for the purpose of electing a new president.** It was agreed that if a candidate to fill the position of vice president has not been identified by the time of the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the vacancy in that position would be addressed at a subsequent Voters' meeting.

Regarding the proposed amendment to the church constitution, Secretary Martin explained that District had completed its review of the document and recommended one change. The change is the insertion of six words in the first sentence of Article 10 of the Constitution. The insertion is shown below in bold italics.

Article 10: Amendments

A. This constitution may be changed and amended by a two-thirds majority ***vote of the voting members present*** in two consecutive meetings, following the meeting in which such change or amendment is proposed. Written notice, embodying such change or amendment, shall be given with the notices of the meetings at which the proposed change or amendment is acted upon. In no case, however, shall any change or amendment abolishing, or conflicting with, the confession of this congregation be adopted.

B. Articles 3 and 4 are hereby made irrevocable.

The proposed amendment does not change the meaning of the sentence, but in the opinion of District makes the sentence clearer. Secretary Martin explained that three Voters' meetings are required to amend the church constitution. At the first meeting the amendment is presented to the Voters but no action is taken regarding it. At the second meeting, the proposed amendment is voted upon for the first time. At the third meeting the proposed amendment is voted on for a second time. A two-thirds majority vote is required at the second and third meetings for the proposed amendment to be approved.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to schedule two additional Voters' meetings so that the proposed amendment to the church constitution could be presented to the Voters at the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Voters' meeting, given first approval at a Voters' meeting to be held on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, and given second and final approval at a Voters' meeting to be held on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The meeting concluded with the recitation of the Lords' Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin  
Secretary



## Call Committee Announcement

This past February, the Voters of St. Paul made two very important decisions. First, to call a new pastor. Second, to continue Pastor Schultz's ministry through February 2018.

Since February 2018 was a year away, it was decided to conduct a review of our situation midway through the year in September.

The Call Committee will be conducting the review, asking the question, "Has anything changed since last February to alter the course that was taken?"

The Committee asks for congregational input as it goes about this task. If you have any comments regarding this question, please talk with one of the Committee members: David Martin, Joe Norris, Bill Oehlkers, Julius Kolawole, Helen Spink, David Ballah, Leela Ballah and Maggie Baysah. Thank you.



### Ad for a Very Expensive Watch

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One of those reasons is to support the ministry at St. Paul’s.

This year is particularly important because every dollar increase in the offering envelope will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$30,000.

Giving Statements for January through June are now available in the church office area. See what your increase is and what it might be by the end of the year.