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St. Paul's Church

Newsletter



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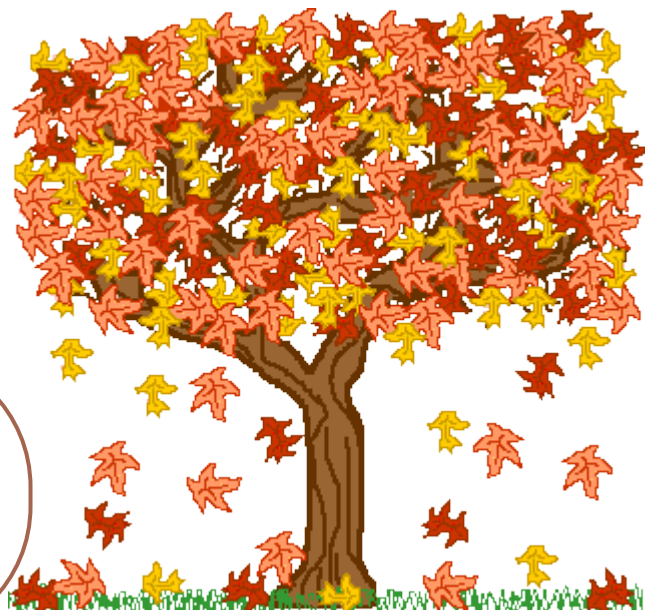
WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 10:00AM

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ² There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³ Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. ⁵ Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" ⁶ And they had nothing to say.



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."





PASTOR'S LETTER

“Let Go And Let God”

As I have now gone through yet another surgery on my back, I am pleased to say that all seems to be going well. I have had my moments of darkness when things seemed bleak, and I have had even more moments of bright joy as things have improved. My thoughts and prayers constantly turned to God the Father Almighty in the name of Jesus for his loving care. This is always a source of comfort when things are somewhat overwhelming, for we can daily turn to the Lord God in prayer and bring to his throne our thoughts and requests.

As I moved through the days, my greatest source of joy was Psalm 46 where we read: **“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall in to the heart of the sea. . . .Be still, and know that I am God.”** (1& 10).

Yes, to recover from an overwhelming incident requires patience, and in those long days of recovery it is best not to despair; but instead, humbly turn to the Lord and acknowledge his hand in all that transpires. He is our God. He will not let us down. So, my advice to those who face overwhelming complications is simply to “Let Go And Let God”—let go of one’s ways and ideas and let God take charge of life.”

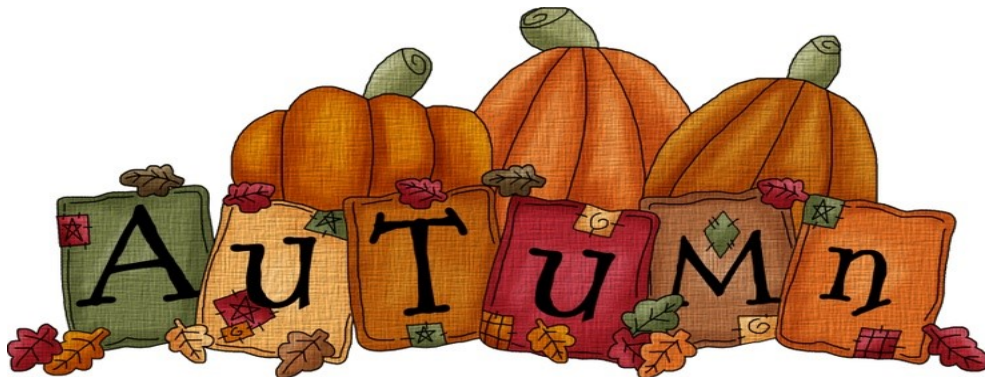
I sincerely thank all of you who have included me in your thoughts and prayers. I sincerely thank all of you for allowing me the time off to recover. Your many warm cards of encouragement are greatly appreciated. And, of course, I want to thank you all for allowing Donna the time to assist me with all things needed to fully recover as she also completes her work at the church office. She is a very special blessing in many marvelous ways.

Thank you again and again,

Pastor Schultz

SEPTEMBER ALTAR SCHEDULE

DATE	READER/ACOLYTES	COMM. ASST.	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS
1	Youth Jacob Mastrostefano	Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	Yorqualla Makor Dawn Nahlik	Leela Ballah Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye
8	Jacqueline Pringle Dane Watson		Yorqualla Makor Dawn Nahlik	Rick Sinnigen Steven Nagbe Onu Stevens Andrew Mastrostefano
15	Bill Oehlkers Camille Arrundell	Bill Oehlkers Corvah Akoiwala	Yorqualla Makor Dawn Nahlik	Kim King Helen Miller Bill King Joe Norris
22	Lisa Nichols Cianneh Akoiwala		Yorqualla Makor Dawn Nahlik	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George Dauda
29	David Martin Cameron Arrundell	Steven Nagbe Rick Sinnigen	Yorqualla Makor Dawn Nahlik	Kim King Helen Miller Bill King Joe Norris



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. 21 Emanuel Nagbe

Sept. 29 Kertee Kerkula

Sept. 30 Kimberly King



Sept. 2 Mr. & Mrs. David Ballah (29th)

Sept. 3 Mr. & Mrs. David Ballah Jr. (14th)

Sept. 3 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Pendergast (53rd)

Sept. 4 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Stoskopf (71st)

Sept. 16 Mr. & Mrs. Nyekeh Forkpa (13th)

Sept. 18 Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Foley (42nd)

Sept. 22 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hencler (45th)

Sept. 29 Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Seitz (35th)



THE WOMEN'S ANNUAL TEA WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL . THIS FELLOWSHIP EVENT WILL RUN FROM 2:30 pm –4:00 pm.

A CONTRIBUTION OF \$10.00 WILL BE APPRECIATED. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD OUR GBARNGA LUTHERAN MISSION PROJECT TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM.

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

June 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, by President David Ballah. Present were: Treasurer Daniel Robinson, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chair- person of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, and Pastor Leon Schultz. Also in attendance was Bill Oehlkers. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019, regular meeting and the June 16, 2019, special meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through May 31, 2019. Total income during this period was \$89,890.91 and total disbursements were \$84,815.38, resulting in a surplus \$5,075.53. Current offerings are approximately \$2,000.00 more than budgeted. The balance of Memorial Funds as of May, 31, 2019, was \$250,517.68.

Trustees. At the request of David Martin, the Council agreed to hear the Trustees' report out of order. David presented a request from a local film production company for permission to film a scene on the front steps of the church on the evening of June 19. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to deny the request on the basis that it would not advance the mission of the church. David then presented three additional requests from Children's Friend stemming from the June 11th flood in the school basement. As set forth in Brian Greene's June 14, 2019, email to

David, the requests are:

"Remove the bottom 2 feet of drywall and insulation within the inner drywall covered walls and replace them with new drywall and insulation."

"Remove and replace all of the wall/floor 4' molding and replace throughout basement."

"Remove and replace ALL flooring in the basement within the Children's Friend suite."

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to recommend to the Voters that the above actions should be taken. David also reported that F.G. Lees & Son (Lees) plans to install a check valve in the ground outside the school immediately adjacent to Carter Street on June 19. Lees believes that this check valve should prevent future flooding in the school basement. On another matter, the Council also agreed that the basement carpet near the foosball table should be thrown out as Donna reported that it had an odor. David said that this would be done.

Pastor's Report. Pastor reported that he baptized Murahamine B. Kuyateh and Ernest R. Marshall on May 26. He also presided at the June 8th marriage of his daughter Allison to Daniel Kalbach in Auburn, NY.

Deacons. Joe Norris reported that Pastor will be able to conduct the service on June 23. Pastor Kerner will be asked to conduct the service on another Sunday when Pastor cannot be here. Pastor's brother, Lowell, has been invited to be our organist on June 23. Ron Brown is fine with this. Presently, we do not have an organist for the communion Sundays in July as Emily (Brown) Suon is not available. Bill Oehlkers said that he would ask his sister, who lives in Connecticut, if she is available to play for those services.

Finance. Rick Sinnigen said he would make his presentation during "Old Business."

Old Business. Rick reported the result of his inquiry to the IRS regarding the deductibility of flowers placed on the altar. He said that the IRS had not given him a clear cut answer but had asked him numerous questions about the practice. It appears that if the flowers are given to the church and the donor does not wish to take the flowers after the service, the donation for the flowers is tax deductible. If the donor wishes to take the flowers after the service, the donation is not tax deductible. There was an extended discussion about how to implement this policy and ultimately it was decided to table the matter until the next Council meeting.

New Business. Dan Robinson said he remains concerned about the problem of mail, which bear our correct address, being returned to the sender as undeliverable. Recently, the premium notice from our new insurance company was returned to the company with a postal label stating that it was not deliverable even though the church's address was correctly printed on the envelope. David Martin said that he had sent two letters to Guy Buce, the local postal supervisor, requesting his assistance with this problem but had not heard back from Guy. Donna offered to contact Guy and find out what action has been taken. The Council accepted Donna's offer. The Council also agreed that the Trustees should put up a sign outside the church office, identifying it as the "Office" and bearing the address "445 Elmwood Avenue." In addition, the Council agreed that the Trustees should obtain a mailbox which can be placed outside the office door.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary