



St. Paul's Trumpet

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As a pastor I am oftentimes called upon to pray. Over the course of my ministry I can't imagine how many prayers I have lifted up to the heavens. Most of the prayers I have prayed have been for the sick, however, I find it truly amazing how different life situations call for different types of prayers. A few years back, at a Blessing of the Animals event, I was asked to pray for a woman's pet. The pet was a stuffed animal! While I was in New York, I was asked to pray at the New York Mets Homecoming Dinner. That was extremely difficult since I was, and still am, a diehard Yankees fan. I wonder if God sensed my lack of passion in that particular prayer?

Now you may never be called upon to pray publicly, but I bet there will be times when you will want to offer up a silent prayer. What will you say? I have this wonderful Pastoral Care book that seems to have a prayer for every occasion. Hope these might help:

When a child is sick or injured you might pray, *Jesus, friend of little children, bless _____ with your healing love and make her well.*

Before surgery you might pray, *God of grace and comfort, enfold _____ with your mercy. Strengthen him with the shield of faith, and enable him to trust you in all that lies ahead, heal him and bear his pain, keep him in peace and fix his heart on you, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

For someone suffering from addiction you might pray, *O Lord, mercifully regard your servant, _____, who is bound with the chains of addiction. Give her strength, that she may be freed from fear and guilt and be restored in you to the liberty of the children of God, now and forever.*

For those who are unemployed you might pray, *God of justice, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all people may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

At the birth of a child you might pray, *Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless _____ and their newborn child _____. Grant them wisdom and devotion in their life together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. So knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

For the members of St. Paul's, I will keep you in my prayers, now and always.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas A. Omholt, Senior Pastor

Pastoral Acts

Memorial Services

April 4, 2009
David A. Hudson

April 19 2009
Nancy Poore

Please Keep In Your Prayers...

Elaine Heffley
Roy Heffley
Barb Pitts
Paula Stutz
Jeanette Cohen
Heather Jordan
Hal McNitt
Sarah Beebe
Marge Lee
Family and friends
of Nancy Poore
upon her death.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of anyone who is in need of a prayer gift from the Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact Deaconess Cassie. Prayer gifts include prayer shawls, lap throws, blankets and scarves.

Requests forms are located in the narthex and the portico. Feel free to talk with Deaconess Cassie about a request. Prayer gifts are being given to members, friends and those who are in need of the love and prayers of St. Paul's.

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**Deadline for June
St. Paul's Trumpet
is May 15, 2009**

Stewardship Ministry Update ...

Happy Easter season to all — what a wonderful Easter day we had at St. Paul's. Thank you to the pastors, musicians and entire congregation for participating in such powerful Easter and Holy Week services. Alleluia, Jesus Christ is risen!

We want to thank everyone who has committed their time and talent to the ministries of St. Paul's. Your contributions in all ministry areas — worship and music, education, evangelism, social, stewardship and support — both visible and behind the scenes are tremendous.

As we do not send out a first quarter statement, I wanted to update the congregation on the church financials. Due to your generosity we have not only met, but we have exceeded our financial target for the first quarter. Please join us in celebrating this fact, but also know that your continued financial support is crucial for maintenance and growth of our programs.

We will send out individual statements and a report of the end of the second quarter. If your financial situation has changed since the time of your pledge, and you would like to make an adjustment, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,

**—Carrie Johnson, chairperson
Stewardship Ministry**



*Alan and Linda Lovell
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

*Meredith Diane
to
Benjamin John Keseley
son of
Gloria and Dallas Keseley*

*Saturday, the thirteenth of June
two thousand and nine
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church
3604 Chatham Road
Ellicott City, Maryland*

*Pre-service music begins at one-thirty
Reception to follow at the church*



A Note From Pastor Lovell

I have been thinking a lot about names recently. This is the last month that you will see me sign off my Trumpet article as "Pastor Lovell." By the time next month's newsletter comes out I will have started a new phase of ministry as "Pastor Keseley."

Names are a huge part of our identity. They connect us with our history. A name might be the only thing which we share with our relatives, but it is something that reminds us that we belong together. We might not necessarily like one another, we may not see each other often, but we are united by the name that we share.

Have you noticed that we baptize individuals by their first and middle name, but not their last name? Theologically we do this because in baptism we are joined to the body of Christ the family of God. When we are baptized we take on the last name "Christian." This is the common name of all those who follow Jesus Christ.

Our name "Christian" connects us to the history that began way back in Genesis and has continued throughout the ages. The baptismal waters may be the only thing which we share in common, but it is enough to connect us to one another and to our God. Through this name that we all share, we are united in a common mission.

My hope for us as a congregation is that we will continue to boldly live into our name "Christian." This is a mighty name which we have been given and one that has the power to continually shape and reshape our lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Lovell

P.S. Ben and I hope that you will join us on June 13 at my home congregation, First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, MD, for our wedding ceremony and reception.

*Deaconess
Meditation*

*But they urged him
strongly, saying,
'Stay with us....'
So he went in to
stay with them.*

—Luke 24:29

Easter with all of its rejoicing and celebrations has come and gone quite quickly in our lives. Yet, there is a sense of lingering and transition into the routines of our daily lives.

During Holy Week I heard a very simple song from our hymn book performed in a very haunting and woeful way. Interestingly, it has remained with me even into the Easter celebrations. The song is very short and simple:

*Stay with me, remain
here with me,
Watch and pray.
Watch and pray.* (No. 348)

As the simple lyrics were softly sung by the choir, a single voice rose above the melody as a descant, crying out to the disciples, “to stay and pray” with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. The congregation joined in; over and over the words were sung, taking on the reflections of our crying out to the risen Lord to stay with us.

I can't quite figure out why this song continues to play over in my head but perhaps it's a powerful reminder of how we cry out at times in our lives. Scripture reminds us of the “staying” of Jesus in the lives of the disciples on that road to Emmaus.

*In many ways each one
of us is traveling on our
personal Emmaus road...*

The disciples were terribly sad and lonely – although believing that their Savior had risen from the dead, they found themselves strangely saddened by his absence in their lives. Then, as they talked with this stranger on the road, their eyes were opened and they recognized their risen Lord!

Now more than ever they probably cried out,

*Stay with us,
remain here with us.*

What comfort and reassurance that time must have given them as they gathered around their Savior!

In many ways each one of us is traveling on our personal Emmaus road, confronting the loneliness, the illnesses and pain in our life. It is during this Easter season that we are able to slow down a little and reflect on our personal and spiritual lives.

*Perhaps we need to ask
ourselves are we trying
to 'go it alone?'*

Where do we need Jesus to *stay with us, remain with us* when we most need the love, guidance and encouragement of His presence? Perhaps we need to ask ourselves are we trying to “go it alone?” Are we facing decisions where inviting Jesus to be with us would help us reach the right decision?

*Think about the difference
it would mean in your life
if Jesus stayed with you.*

When we wake up in the morning do we open our hearts to our Lord and invite him to stay with us during the day? As we drop into bed after a long day do we ask Jesus to *stay with us* during the night? Think about the difference it would mean in your life if Jesus stayed with you.

I pray that as you journey on your Emmaus road the risen Lord will

*Stay with you,
remain with you.
Watch and pray
over you –*

today and always.

In Christ's service,
—Deaconess Cassie

Prime Time Notes

St. Paul's Prime Time group gathered on April 22nd for their monthly fellowship. We rejoiced as two new people from the surrounding community joined the group for the first time! Everyone participated in an exercise program that was both enjoyable and beneficial.

Following this part of the program the group moved to the dining area and enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Barbara Omholt. It was a bit close in the room as we realized we were 28 strong, but no one seemed to notice as conversations and laughter seemed to override the juggling of dishes.

Lynn Adkins assisted with lovely decorations for the tables, delicious deviled eggs, and a very special birthday cake in honor of her mother, Lois Leland. Thank you Lynn. Everyone joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to both Lois and Ann Albert, who had celebrated her birthday the previous week. (No, I'm not sharing ages, but take a moment to wish both a very Happy Birthday.)

The day ended when Don Lerman gave a saxophone presentation of Big Band music. I did hear that some dancing went on during this part of the program!

Go Prime Timers!

Prime Time – May 20, 2009

Mark your calendars for Prime Time from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on May 20th. Additional information will be coming in the next few weeks.

All are welcome to attend. Please call the office at 202-966-5489 to RSVP and if needed to request transportation assistance.

Prime Time Transportation Assistance

St. Paul's needs volunteers to provide transportation to and from church, on the day of the Prime Time gathering. This is an ongoing need as we seek ways to serve our treasured members who have served this congregation for so many years. If you are able to assist in this program, please contact Deaconess Cassie at the church office – 202-966-5489.

Mother's Day – May 10

Did you ever hear of a great and good man who had not a good mother?

–John Adams

When there is a mother in the house, matters speed well.

–Amos Bronson Alcott

The ideal which the mother and wife makes for herself, the manner in which she understands duty and life, contain the fate of the community.

–Henri F. Amiel

The crying need of the world is mental mothers. Primitive, physical, passionate mothers we have in abundance. But the mothers we need, mothers who are to stimulate mentally the town, family, and church are all too rare.

–Frank R. Arnold

Instant availability without continuous presence is probably the best role a mother can play.

–Lotte Bailyn

I take a very practical view of raising children. I put a sign in each of their rooms:

Checkout Time is 18 years!

–Erma Bombeck

Social Ministry News

St. Paul's Men's Homeless Shelter Volunteers

Dinner Volunteers

Did you know that St. Paul's houses a men's shelter and that each night, members and friends provide a hot dinner for the 5 men and staff who live there? Would you like to be a part of this important ministry? We are currently looking for more volunteers to bring dinner to the shelter. For more information, please contact Amelia Nuss at ameliainnmd@hotmail.com or call her at 301.580.2076.

Computer Mentors

Volunteers are needed to come to St. Paul's Shelter in the evenings to help residents with using the computer. Volunteers could come weekly or monthly for an hour or two in the 7:30pm-9:30pm time frame. Tasks would include online job searches, housing searches and filling out applications. Contact Pastor Lovell.

St. Paul's Food Pantry

First and Third Saturday of Every Month from 10am-12 noon

St. Paul's Food Pantry continues to serve approximately 50 households each Saturday it is open, providing people with perishable and non-perishable food. Volunteers are always needed to help with food distribution. To volunteer or for more information, contact Evan Davis at emdaviwm@gmail.com.

Nicaragua Mission Trip

More information is now available about the Nicaragua Mission Trip being planned in January 2010. The tentative dates of the trip are January 8-19. The itinerary will include three nights of homestay with fair trade coffee growing families, time in Managua to learn worship at a Lutheran church and six days working at an orphanage. The approximate cost of the trip is \$1500. If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please contact Pastor Lovell.

Fargo, ND Floor Rebuilding

A trip is now being planned to help with the relief efforts in Fargo. Former St. Paul's Intern and now Pastor of Olivet Lutheran Church, Tiffany Sundee (nee Hall) is the contact person there. Contact Pastor Omholt for more details or to sign up.

To become more involved in St. Paul's Social Ministry,
Contact Social Ministry Team Chair Kate Belinski at KBelinski@verizon.net

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Jesus speaking in Matthew 25:40b

Upcoming Events

Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, May 31st at 12:15pm

Mark Your Calendars! Please plan to join us for good food, fellowship and fun! If you can help with the picnic, contact Beth VanHanswyk at bvanhanswyk@yahoo.com.

Baseball Game on Sunday, June 7 at 1:35pm

Come watch the DC Nationals take on the New York Mets! Tickets will be \$18 each. Reserve your tickets now by calling or e-mailing the church office.

NOW is the Time to Register for St. Paul's Summer Camps!

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, Jun. 22-26 from 9:00am-12:00noon

Registration forms available now on St. Paul's website. VBS is for children ages 3-completed 4th grade. Teens serve as helpers.

Summer Music Camp on Monday-Friday, Jun. 22-26 from 12:30pm-3:30pm

Registration forms available now on St. Paul's website. Music Camp is for children completed grades 1-5.

Camp "Do Justice"

Monday-Friday, Jun. 29-Jul.3 from 9:00am-5:00pm

Camp "Do Justice" is a weeklong community service camp for youth completed grades 8-12. They spend the week serving at different locations in the city and reflecting on what it means to "do justice" in daily life. Youth receive about 35 hours of community service over the course of the week. Registration forms available now on St. Paul's website.



St. Paul's Young Adults*

Young Adults Lunch Bunch on Sunday, May 24 at 12:15pm

Young adults are invited to meet in the narthex following the 11 a.m. worship service to walk down the street to Comet Pizza and Ping-Pong for brunch. RSVP to Betsy Appleton at betsy.appleton@gmail.com.

Metro DC Synod Happy Hour on Monday, June 8 from 6:30-8:30pm

Come meet up with young adult Lutherans from across the metropolitan area for happy hour and discussion. We'll be at Buffalo Billiards at Dupont Circle. More information will follow.

Young Adults Concert and Happy Hour on Monday, June 29 at 5:30pm

Enjoy a free performance on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage and then happy hour at McFadden's. Meet at the Millennium Stage at 5:30 pm or come to McFadden's anytime after 7:30 pm. RSVP to Heather Buckner at hbuckner@american.edu.

*St. Paul's Young Adults are a diverse and fluid group of people in their 20s, 30s and early 40s who gather to build community and reach out with the gospel. All are welcome!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

Month of May 2009
8:30 AM Service
5/3
5/10
5/17
5/24
**5/31
Pentecost**

Communion Asst	Rosanne Pool	Aliya Anderson	Christi Barnhart	Ralph Benson	ONE
Lay Reader	Debbie Bird	LeeAnn Tegtmeier	Sharon Church	Carrie Johnson	SERVICE
Greeters	Tess & Christian Amolsch	Glenda Kendrick	Christi & Mike Barnhart	Carol Hillier	ONLY
Ushers	Vee Seeney Debbie Bird	Carl Bauersfeld Bill Jackson	Ralph Benson Karl Miller	Bill Jackson Carl Bauersfeld	AT 11:00 AM

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**5/31
Pentecost**

Assisting Minister	Evan Davis	John Colella	James Smith	Mike Triplett	Bob Ayres
Communion Assts (wear robes & sit in chancel on <u>Pentecost</u>)	Kate Belinski Tammy Larson Anya Burt James Smith Veronica Ferris	Cheryl Hickman Meridel Bulle Michael Vu Nicole Spirgen James Smith	Amy Holley Eric Spitler Constance Boyce Amelia Nuss Claire Schweiker	Miriam Burt Anya Burt James Smith Beth Van Hanswyk Laura O'Brien	Heather Buckner Barbara Omholt Kay Cartwright James Smith David Cox
Lay Reader	Pam Wannan	Sally Phillips	Karl Moeller	Carol Beebe	Melanie Brandt
Greeter - Front	Jane Cramer	Dick & Mary Lou Koch	Matt & Erin Dybwad	Laura & Scott O'Brien	Claire & Dick Schweiker
Greeter - Portico	Heather Buckner	Angela Huskey	Melissa Shannon	June Ericsson	Martha Dodson
Ushers	Rod Larson Heather Buckner Karen Colella John Colella	David Cox Frank Albert Christian Amolsch Neil Berger	Doug Brown Matt Dybwad Veronica Ferris Jay Guerber	Harry Heintzen Bob Hershey Joan Janshego Bob Janshego	Dick Koch Kevin Mayhugh Eric Kilbride Carl Muhlbauer
Crucifer	Anya Burt	Travis Truppner	Alyssa Edwards	David Tweed	Peter Mueller
Acolyte	Leo Wackler Andrew Colella	Kate McCreary Sara McCreary	Meredith King Anya Burt	Andrew Colella Julia Sprenger	Hailey Hickman Sara Phillips
Torch					John Juenemann Peter Guerber
Banner Bearer					

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry dining room Lubutu Library packing books	4 7pm Barber Shop lower auditorium	5 4:45pm Confirmation Class	6 7:30pm AA in Schafer Hall 7:30pm Bible Study at Cosi	7 7:30pm Choir rehearsal 4:45pm First Communion	8 Youth Group from- - - - Synod Assembly - - - - -	9 Tamesville, PA Galudet Univ.
10 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am First Communion	11 7pm Education Ministry 7pm Barber Shop lower auditorium 1pm Investment Com. 2pm Financial Oversight Com.	12 4:45pm Confirmation Class	13 7:30pm AA in Schafer Hall 7:30pm Bible Study at Cosi	14 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	15	16 Synod Council meeting 8:30am - 12 noon
17 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11am Baptism	18 7pm Barber Shop lower auditorium 7:30pm Church Council	19 4:45pm Confirmation Class Cub Scouts 6:45 - 8pm L.A.	20 Prime Time Fellowship 11am-2pm 7:30pm AA in Schafer Hall 7:30pm Bible Study at Cosi	21 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	22	23
24 8:30 & 11am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 12:15pm Young Adult Lunch 3pm Piano Recital	25 7pm Barber Shop lower auditorium	26 4:45pm Confirmation Class	27 7:30pm AA in Schafer Hall 7:30pm Bible Study at Cosi	28 7:30pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm New Members	29 Wedding rehearsal 6pm	30 Wedding 5pm
31 PENTECOST 11am Worship <i>one</i> service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Confirmation Planting Sun. Sch. Tree 12:15pm Pentecost Picnic						

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