



the Monthly Service

August 2011

Mark Your Calendar

- August 4– The League**
- August 9– Council Meeting**
- August 10– VBS Meeting**
- August 13– Men’s Breakfast @
Iron Kettle**
- August 14– VBS Finale Church
Service 10am**
- August 14– Carnival & BBQ
Dinner**
- August 15– Women’s Meeting**
- August 18– The League**
- August 20– Old Time Fiddler
Tour**
- August 27– Saturday Folk
Service**

A Word From Pastor

THE CREED – Part 3: “The Two Natures of Jesus Christ”

“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord” (Luther’s Small Catechism).

At the center of Christianity is the person of Jesus Christ. Everything that we say and do as a congregation should focus our attention and other’s attention on Jesus Christ and His redeeming work.

The one receiving baptism receives the redeeming work of Christ by means of water. Through the words of the sermon we hear once again the truth of Christ’s redeeming work and faith is created in our hearts. When we partake of the very real body and blood of Christ we are connected with Christ’s redeeming work in a very real way and we are assured of our forgiveness. As we “Go in peace and serve the Lord” we live as witnesses to Christ’s redeeming work in our lives through our words and actions throughout the work week. This is the gift of being a Christian - receiving Christ’s redeeming work by means of the Word and Sacraments.

How is it possible for us to receive such an amazing gift? We don’t deserve it. We didn’t do anything worthy of

earning it. So how is it possible for us to receive it? The answer is found in Jesus Christ and His nature.

Some would ask, "How could Christ provide such an amazing gift? What makes Jesus so special? How is he different from all the religious leaders of the various world religions?"

We confess that Jesus Christ is true God begotten of the Father from eternity. In other words Jesus wasn't an ordinary man or religious leader. Jesus is true God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, existing as God from eternity. "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:1-3).

Scripture proves that Jesus is true God in that he possesses divine attributes that only belong to God: 1) Jesus is eternal (without beginning and without end). 2) Jesus is unchangeable (Hebrews 13:8). 3) Jesus is all powerful (Matthew 28:18). 4) Jesus is all knowing (John 21:17). 5) Jesus is present everywhere (Matthew 28:20).

The Bible also shows us that Jesus does work that only God is capable of doing: 1) Jesus forgives (Matthew 9:6). 2) Jesus created (John 1:3). 3) Jesus will judge (John 5:27). 4) Jesus sustains the universe (Hebrews 1:3). 5) Jesus receives divine honor and glory (Hebrews 1:6).

Paul speaks very clearly of the divinity of Christ in Colossians 1, "¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

Not only does the Bible reveal Jesus Christ as true God, the Bible also reveals Jesus Christ as true man. This is the mystery of Christ's dual nature. He is 100 percent God and 100 percent man. This doesn't make any sense to our limited human brains, but this is how Christ has revealed Himself in His Word. Jesus did not simply appear to be a human being, He was fully human just as we are yet He was without sin. This is why we call Christ the second Adam, like the first Adam Christ lived on earth as a human being without sin. But unlike the first Adam who gave into the temptation of Satan, Christ did not give in.

Why did the second person of the Holy Trinity become a human being in the person of Jesus Christ? It was for our redemption that Christ took on flesh and dwelt among us. He was born of the Virgin Mary for the purpose of redeeming you and I from the curse of sin by becoming a curse on our behalf. Through faith in what Christ has accomplished for us we can know without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is our Lord.

Do you know today that Jesus is your Lord and Savior? Christ didn't die for the godly, Christ died for sinners like you and I. He died so that we could live for all eternity, forgiven in His Kingdom and life and light. Amen.

Love, Pastor Adam

Flea Market

Joan Brooks

The dates for this years flea market are
September 9th & 10th so mark your calendars.

We are already collecting items for the next flea market. If you would like to donate any items you can place them inside the community room. Please no clothes, books, or computers. Thank you.

Thank You's

Thank you to the ladies of the church for the wonderful luncheon. Thank you also to the whole congregation for you support at this time. A very special thanks to Herm & Shari Donaldson.

Diane Hawk

Women of the church,

We want to thank the women of the church for the wonderful lunch they prepared for the family and friends of Joe Cyrek.

Diane Hawk
 Jeff Cyrek
 Shari Donaldson

LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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Confirmation '11'12

Confirmation will be starting on Thursday, September 15th. It will be from 6:00-7:00pm. It is for 7th and 8th graders. If you have any questions feel free to call Pastor Adam at 652-9197.

Monthly Stats

CHURCH SUNDAY	ATTENDANCE		NEEDED	OFFERING		MAIL-IN	SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING		
	2010	2011		2010	2011		2010	2011	OFFERING
7/3	120	109	\$3,300.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,809.00	\$50.00	26	28	\$17.00
7/10	159	113	\$3,300.00	\$1,951.00	\$1,669.00	\$60.00	70	78	\$12.25
7/17	155	150	\$3,300.00	\$2,090.00	\$2,203.00	\$20.00	82	84	\$20.00
7/24	119	108	\$3,300.00	\$2,295.00	\$1,390.00	\$460.00	86		\$10.00
7/31	147	137	\$3,300.00	\$2,763.00	\$1,704.00	\$300.00	50	87	\$5.00

Official Acts

Confirmation of Ashley Belz, Sarah Beutler, Michael Goodberry, Brianna Hoerner, Jamie Patterson, Timothy Posenjak, Paige Schrems, Jonathan Selbert, Thomas Stynes, Alyssa Tomczyk on Sunday, June 12. Performed by Rev. Adam Jensen.

Memorial Service of Margie Rengert, Tuesday, July 19. Performed by Rev. Adam Jensen.

Blood Mobile

Sue Cox



At our July Blood Drive we had 46 donors. This is about how many donors we usually get and that's a pretty good amount considering that it is summer. Thank you to all those who took the time to donate. At every blood drive we continue to have people who have never donated at our church before. This is a great opportunity for people to experience what our church is about.

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, September 14th from 2-7pm. Walk-ins are always welcome!!! If you would like to schedule an appointment call Sue Cox at 652-6835.

MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers)

Kim Christensen & Katie Jensen

We are looking forward to this fall to start our new year of MOPS. We will be starting in September. Watch for the specific dates next month.

This year's theme is MomSense. We will spend this time learning how to equip ourselves to embrace our own unique mothering style and discover our God-given gifts.

I hope all of the St. Paul's moms can join us. Or if you know of someone who could use some support and encouragement and is a mother of a newborn-kindergartener please invite them to MOPS. We have a great time.

Childcare is available for the children. This is an important part of our program. If you could spare a few days a year to help with this program please contact Katie at 652-9197. Thank you.

Better Moms Make A Better World



Mothers of Preschoolers

Camp Duffield News

Dan Stahl

By the time this article hits the Monthly Star the scheduled Kids Summer Camp's will be almost over with for this year. This by no means that there is no chance of making a visit this year!

The NE-District of LCMC and your very own Men's Ministry of St. Paul's is planning a Fall Men's Retreat scheduled for September 23rd – 25th. Duffield will be sponsoring a Women's Fall Retreat October 7th – 9th. All women of St. Paul's are welcome.

Once again, I urge **all** of you to visit the website at www.campduffield.org or possibly schedule a visit to the camp itself. This ministry can only survive with support of the churches such as us, not only financially but spiritually and through the help and assistance of a volunteer work force. The Lord has given all of us a gift; please consider sharing some of yours along with keeping Camp Duffield in your prayers.

The ministry of Camp Duffield is always in need of your prayers. At this time some of the specific things that we would like to ask you to pray for are.... that we will find continued support from churches and that God will continue to touch and change hundreds of lives through the camping ministry at Camp Duffield.

Library News

Sue Cox



The library has been pretty quiet since it's summer, but this is the perfect time to get in some extra reading time.

Please take the time to stop by the library for something to read. There is nothing like a good book to stimulate your mind and your imagination. The more children read the better they do in school. It improves their spelling, writing, comprehension, attention span, etc. The books in our library teach life lessons, morals, biblical principles and how to live your life with God in it. If you need any suggestions, please contact Sue Cox.

Please tape me to your refrigerator

We need your scrap metal- please. Help to recycle the metals and keep them out of the landfills and help the 2nd annual Men's Retreat in the process. Last year's drive was a huge success and we thank all who participated in every way. We ended up filling two large dumpsters one piece at a time- Every little bit adds up!!

What: SCRAP METAL AND CAR BATTERY RECYCLE DRIVE -----

When : Saturday October 15th , 2011... (Please DO NOT bring anything down to the church on the list below before those days.) (Unfortunately we have no good place to put it)

Where: St Paul's Church- 53 West Falls Rd., West Falls

The types of materials we can take in to be recycled are:

#1 Copper (clean, no solder or paint), #2 Copper (has solder or paint, Sheet Copper (gutters, roofing), Low grade insulated wire (appliance cords-plugs snipped off)

Computer wire or any copper wire, Electric motors, Yellow Brass , Sheet Aluminum (for example: window frames) Cast Aluminum , Aluminum siding , Aluminum wheel rims , Stainless steel

Car batteries, Lead, ----- Sheet Iron - (washers, dryers, refrigerators, bicycles, wheel rims, bed frames, etc....)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this please call Ken Cox at 652-6835 and leave a message or check out the church website for more details.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this project. It should be interesting and we're being good stewards in the process! Help keep this stuff out of the landfills!

Men's Retreat:

"Detours"

Dan Stahl

The Men's Ministry of St. Paul's has been enjoying a summer recess in the planning of the 2nd Annual Men's Retreat. This years retreat will be held Friday September 23rd thru Sunday the 25th at Camp Duffield. The theme for this year is Detours and we are using 2 Timothy as our inspiration. Registration will be required for this event and can be found on the St. Paul's web site at www.saintpaulschurch.com then go to Ministries, Men's Ministry or just ask a member of the Men's Ministry or you can also find blank form in the church Narthex. You will also find advertising for this years retreat on LCMC National web site under new events page, just go to <http://lcmc.net/eventsopen.html>. Please consider joining us for food, fellowship and fun as we make the detour to become better Christian Men, you will not regret it. Remember we will be collecting scrap metal again this year on Saturday October 15th. This fundraiser was huge success for us last year and we are hoping to see the same again this year.

Men of St. Paul's

The men of Saint Paul's will meet on the second Saturday of this month at 7AM, at the Iron Kettle of East Aurora. Good fellowship and great discussions are at the top of the menu. Bring your Bible and join us in a relaxed atmosphere as breakfast is shared along with God's Word.

LCMC NEWS

Dan Stahl

There are 17 Churches in the state of New York who belong to the LCMC.

Presently (as of 6/20/11):
Total Congregations: 706
U.S. Congregations: 636
States Represented: 42
U.S. Territories Represented: 2
Countries Represented: 10



*For this and more, check out the
LCMC-NE District website at
www.lcmc-ne.org*

Next years LCMC 11th Annual Gathering is scheduled for:

October 2-5, 2011
"Growing in Christ"

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

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The Iowa District
Polk County Convention Complex
Des Moines, Iowa

Upcoming Local LCMC Events

LCMC-NE District 5k Race and Walk Buffalo New York 2012

For additional information email: lcmcne@gmail.com

Date: TBA

Donald R. and Carolyn E. Francis Scholarship

The recipients of the scholarship this year are Shauna Strnad and Katelyn Posenjak.

Shauna will be entering her 2nd year at SUNY Brockport with her major in Anthropology.

Katelyn is a recent graduate of Eden Central in the top 10 of her class. She will be attending Canisius.

Pastor Francis presented the scholarships on Sunday July 17 at the 8:15 service, in which he reminded the girls to continue to lead their Christ-centered life as they continue on with their education.

May we as a congregation keep them in our prayers. Information for the scholarship application is posted in the vestibule on the bulletin board.

Sunday School

Lori Ignatowski

Sue Cox has come to me and let me know that she is ready to retire from her long run of filling in as secretary of the Sunday school so we are looking for someone to fill this position. If interested, again, please let me know. Remember, here at St. Paul's, we don't take a break from God so we will be meeting for Sunday school every week! Thanks so much and see you in Sunday school!



Women of the Word

Claudia Strickland

The women of the church met July 18 at 7pm. Thank goodness we have air conditioning! A prayer was said to start the meeting. We read chapter 6 from Adventurous Prayer. We even got our trinket from Lori who lead the study. It was based upon Job 19:23.

The minutes from May were read by Marcia Wilger. Then Marsha Welshans gave the treasurers report. We have money in the bank! Old business: The basket sale including food was about \$1900.

National Day of Prayer was sponsored by St. Paul's. It was a good turn out. Next year 2012 will be the Presbyterian church.

The woman's appreciation luncheon had 49 attendees. Great turnout. The kids had a good time churning butter. The old kitchen tools were fascinating. Thank goodness for the modern age!!

New business: October 7 - 9 is the Women's Retreat at Camp Duffield. It is a non-denominational retreat so many churches will be attending. The cost for those 3 nights is \$60. Please come. If you cannot afford it PLEASE come see Claudia Strickland. We have the ability to help you out. And what happens at retreat STAYS at retreat. It's our new motto! Judy Weisener is doing the music. Thanks ever so much!!

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Our next meeting will be Aug. 15, 2011.

Chapter 7 will be lead by Katie Jensen. Hope to see you there.

The League

St. Paul's Youth Ministry

Calling all 7th -12th graders. You are invited to come to the League. This month we will be meeting on..

August 4th @ 6:30pm

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August 18th @ 5:00pm

If you missed last month's meeting we had a blast! We ti-dyed, played some fun games and ate some good snacks.

On August 18th we will be going to Emery Park and playing Frisbee golf and having a BBQ. I think this will be our last meeting before school starts. So come have a fun end of the summer BBQ. All are invited. We hope to see each of you there and as always don't forget to invite your friends. It's a great place to share Christ with our friends in an un-threatening environment.

