



Happy 10th Anniversary Pastor Paul!

On behalf of the staff and congregation of SPLC, we thank you for your commitment and 10 years of faithful service. Thank you for your leadership and guidance in our lives!

Please take a moment to send Pastor Paul words of encouragement for 10 years' service at St. Paul Lutheran Church at pastor paul@nbstpaul.org.



For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!
- Psalm 84:11-12



David Doss, Interim President

It seems all we've heard in the past few months has to do with COVID-19. Here at St. Paul we've had to change the ways we conduct services and the church's business. I know it has been a strain on many of us as we have had to adjust to different procedures and ways of doing things. Regarding services, you may remember that to comply with state and city regulations we needed to limit the number of congregants in attendance. For a while we even had you RSVP to reserve a place in the service so we could make sure that everyone remained safe and we weren't violating any city or state orders. Thankfully the restrictions have eased and we're now able to accommodate the Sanctuary without reservations. We're still social distancing and checking in on arrival. This process seems to really become a smooth operation. I would encourage everyone that feels comfortable to try coming back to worship. I believe we're doing everything right to keep people healthy. After every service, Sunday Bible Study Hour, and meetings the Sanctuary and rooms are sprayed with disinfectant. Masks are still being required until you are able to socially distance yourself at least 6' away from non-members of your household.

For those that aren't able to attend in person be sure to watch the services on YouTube, Facebook, or the St. Paul website. In this time in history we, as Christians, need to be unified in fellowship and in prayer. There are now, more than ever, opportunities to help others; prayer being one of the most important. One of my favorite Martin Luther quotes is, "I have so much to do today that I'm going to need to spend three hours in prayer in order to be able to get it all done." Let's pray for the people and friends and families that are suffering through illnesses and losses of dear ones.

Ask God to help each of us to help make a positive difference in the lives of those hurting.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, thoughts, etc., don't hesitate to reach out to me. My e-mail is: david.doss60@yahoo.com. My phone number is (830)237-2245.

As a Christ-centered, Gospel-driven Congregation, we are called by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We will be a congregation that engages people in order to help families follow Jesus.

- * Promote a culture of family ... supporting home prayer & Bible study with parents as key teachers
- * Increase our outreach and mission presence outside our walls* Strive for excellence in spiritual leadership



Chip Reynolds, Pastor

It is movie night in the chapel. We have to have some down time as the days are draining from the heat and the work of closing a base. It's crazy and that makes things like movie night necessary.

So we watched a very stirring and passionate film that had it all, adventure, love, and exotic animals and places: *Jumanji*. Welcome to the Jungle (and we are about to start *Jumanji: The Next Level* just as soon as I finish this article.) Very high brow theater.

Five teens work together to beat a video game that they are sucked into with the kicker being that they only have three lives. If they lose all three lives, they don't get out. (The original movie from the 90's had a board game with dice, imagine that.)

The world they are sucked into has all kinds of craziness and unbelievable things that can kill them. But they are nearing the end when one character, Spencer, suddenly gets scared to do what must be done because he has lost two of his lives. He only has one life left. Spencer says, "It's a lot easier to be brave when you have lives to spare. It's a lot harder... when you only have one life."

His friend, Fridge, looks at him and says, "We-we always only have one life, man. Okay? That's...That's all we get. That's how it works. The question is, is how are you gonna live it? Which guy are you gonna decide to be?"

I have seen countless posts in the social world that have called 2020 the year of *Jumanji*. It's crazy everything that we have experienced and we still have five months to go. (Please tell someone to stop rolling the dice!) But in all the craziness, the doubt and fear that is accompanying this craziness is huge. So, the question has to be asked. How are we going to live our lives in light of everything that we are facing?

Answer: Faithfully!

²“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:2-4 says it all. We have to strive for joy in the trial. Face them with faith. Our tendency is to be very selfish and reactive. But Scripture challenges us to be steadfast and in that, we will be made perfect and complete. That is a tough thing for us to do. Every challenge we face is not a conspiracy against us personally or the church or our world. Most of the time it is just a challenge. One that demands clear thought, patience, and sound judgement found only in Christ. Face the challenges as a follower of Christ and be faithful in the storms. It will pay off in the end. I promise.

And seriously, stop rolling the dice!

Thank You

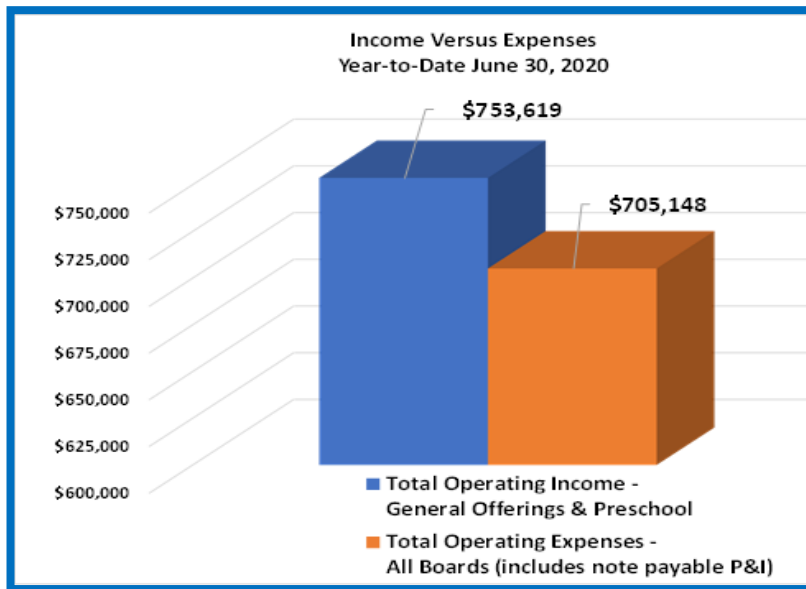
St. Paul Family,

We want to thank you all for the love and support we received from everyone over the last eighteen months. Many thanks for all the prayers and hugs, phone calls and text messages, cards, and food. Thanks for your kindness and love!

Thanks to Pastor Paul for the beautiful service, everyone that assisted with the service, and the wonderful meal afterwards. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful and caring church family.

Love,

Dwayne, Cheryl and Jennifer Koepf



Raising a Healthy Baby

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August 5, 12, and 19
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Parents of infants are invited to join us for the Raising a Healthy Baby Faith Stepping Stone on Wednesdays, August 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. This three session workshop will focus on the physical, emotional and spiritual development of your baby, as well as prepare your family for infant baptism. Child care will be available. Please contact Kimberly Wunderlich at kimberly@nbstpaul.org to RSVP or if you should have questions.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University (FPU) courses are returning this fall. Sign-up information will soon be available via our website and Facebook.

ONLINE COURSE
September 16-November 11
Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

The online course allows participants to complete the video content on their own time and the group comes together via Zoom for a 30-45 minute discussion and interaction session. Invite your friends and family from across the country to join you in the online course via Zoom.

TRADITIONAL COURSE
September 20-November 15
Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45 a.m.

We are still in need of a facilitator to lead this class. If you are interested in leading, please contact Brad Campbell at dvcroket@hotmail.com.

Coming Soon!

Soon you will be receiving step-by-step instructions on how to download our new church app - Ministry One. This will allow you to check-in for worship service (in lieu of filling out the green cards) and very exciting - - - you will have access to our Online Church Directory!

Be on the look out for more information about this new and convenient technology coming your way!



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Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
9:15 a.m. Bible Study Hour (limited classes meeting)
We are continuing to live stream both services on our website, Face Book and YouTube.



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