St. Paul's Epistle

August 1, 2021

Note From The Pastor

The Olympics are finally here although, like many things, a year late. The incredible talent in so man events is breathtaking to watch even though few can witness the events in person because of covid.

I ran high and low hurdles in high school and college. There are a certain number of steps you take between the hurdles, and you have to have some degree of faith or insanity to actually believe you can successfully make it over the hurdle.

One race in college I was the only person in the event. I could have walked and won. I ran, and on the back stretch of the 440-yard hurdles I wasn't going to make it over the obstacle in front of me. I decided in an instant that to save any future generation of Hartmann's to go around the hurdle. I was, of course, disqualified. I slowly walked across the field to the finish line where my coach was still holding his stopwatch. My failure to finish cost the team five points. We lost by 3.

Monday I was parked in front of the Church on Bull Street waiting for El to be finished at the groomer. What appeared to be a mom, grandma and two sisters were walking on the other side of the street. The older girl was probably 7 or 8 years old, and she had braces on her legs and two supports connected to her arms so she could walk. You could tell how difficult it was, yet she kept quickly moving forward. Behind her was the younger sister who had no devices attached to her body to assist her moving. The little girl kept complaining, "how much further, I'm tired".

We all have moments where we complain "how much further, I'm tired, I can't take this anymore, when is it over".

I hope, when I start my internal or external complaints, I see the little girl with braces on her legs moving forward as fast as she was able not letting the obstacles of a handicap stop her from going over the hurdles in her journey. Truly a champion in my eyes though I'm sure she didn't even know she had an audience.

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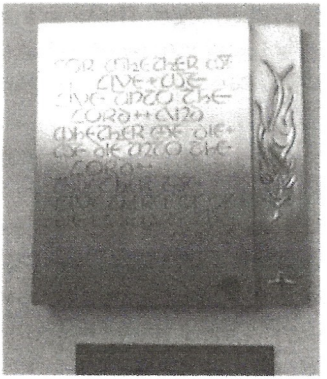
WELCA

Did you know that once upon a time we had a Sunday School bus? If not for that many of us would not have made it for church.



Have you seen this engraved directory in the Henry Black Chapel? It is a list of the memorials contributed when the sanctuary was built.

Circle 19 will meet August 5th at 6pm in Hoffner Hall. Don't forget about the Lutheran World Relief Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show on August 22nd.

If you have any mementos or historical photos we could use for our anniversary celebration in November please contact Chris Heidt, 247-0440.

HUGE thanks to those who contributed to the Chatham County Police school supply drive. Your generous donations mean that some children will start school this year without the worry of not having what they need to be successful.

Silent Auction... Crafts... Wine Table... Desserts...

Sunday August 22nd

Hoffner Hall 5:00 PM ...

To benefit

Lutheran World Disaster Relief ...

"See Pastor to Sign Up
Your Talent for the Show"

FUN!!! FUN!!! FUN!!!

Dinner is FREE!!!

... But a monetary donation for
Lutheran World Disaster Relief is Encouraged !!!

Sign Up for Reservations in The Narthex
Or Call Mary Gail Wolf 912.657.7049

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Pentecost 10** 8:30 A Lessons & Hymns 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Lessons & Hymns	2	3	4	5 9:00 A Craft Group 9:00 A Work Crew 6:00 P Circle #19	6	7
8 **Pentecost 11** 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	9	10	11 6:00 P Choir	12 9:00 A Craft Group 9:00 A Work Crew	13 11:00 A Etc./Wayfarers	14
15 **Pentecost 12** 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	16	17	18 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	19 9:00 A Craft Group 9:00 A Work Crew 5:30 P Exec. Committee 6:00 P Church Council	20 *** EPISTLE DEADLINE**	21
22 **Pentecost 13** 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion 5:00 P LWR Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show	23	24	25 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	26 9:00 A Craft Group 9:00 A Work Crew	27	28
29 **Pentecost 14** 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	30	31			**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!** Maybess Disher 8/4 Linda Larson 8/5 Renate Ranson 8/19 Gene Henderson 8/20 Herman Grotheer,Jr. 8/22 Betty Bacon 8/23 Ruth Collins 8/27	* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail out by the following Wednesday.

Our Prayers are requested for: Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Angie Briggs, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Pat Cunningham, Herman Grotheer Jr., Virginia Huber, Denny Jacobi, Clarke Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Jane McClain, Nancy Merk, Rita Monson, Page Kleinsteuber Park, Dorothy Perry, Jodi Ragno, Leonora Reid, Frankie Rivenbark, Kay Sellman, Barbara Tyson, Jacky Walker, Bart Waller, Melissa Waller, and Stan Woo.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar, please contact Sherill Martin, 912-677-6115 or 912-897-2822. She is assisting Angie Briggs while Angie recuperates. Also, if you have already scheduled this, please let Sherill know.

Altar Guild

Volunteers are needed to help set communion up before both services. If you are interested, please contact Becky Truluck at 912-655-6196.

August Altar Guild

8:30 Patty Cannady and Kay Robb
11:00 Faye Lettow and Sydney Oetgen

Lectors

August 1, 2021
8:30 – Kim Screen
Betsy Martin
11:00 – Chuck McCallar
Deb Behnke

August 8, 2021 -
8:30 –Dave Fulton
11:00 – Scott Leary

August 15, 2021 -
8:30 – Lisa Gnann
11:00 – Gene Henry

August 22, 2021 -
8:30 – Alan Cale
11:00 – Mary Gail Wolf

August 29, 2021 –
8:30 – Bill Wiggins
11:00 – Chuck McCallar

STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	
07/04/2021	8:30 A	43
	11:00 A	49
07/11/2021	8:30 A	37
	11:00 A	49
07/18/2021	8:30 A	36
	11:00 A	38
07/25/2021	8:30 A	24
	11:00 A	58

STEWARDSHIP		OFFERING
07/04/2021	Current	$ 5,600.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	615.00
07/11/2021	Current	$ 5,438.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	300.00
07/18/2021	Current	$ 8,748.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	25.00
07/25/2021	Current	$ 2,695.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00

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