



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

June 2nd, 2017

Last Week Attendance:

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FROM THE PASTORS PEN

A Weekend of Celebration is in Store!

It's Saturday morning, closing in on 6:00 am and I have to say, I am looking forward to the next 30 hours. At 7:30 pm I will be joining 45 other men for the monthly men's breakfast at St. Paul's. Not only will the breakfast and fellowship be terrific, I am anticipating John Bell's testimony about forgiveness.

I will, however, have to leave the breakfast a bit early to get over to the beach. Together with our youth ministries director, Liz Flage, we will be administering the sacrament of baptism for one of our two 2017 confirmands, Lauren White. Lauren is the daughter of Chad and Heather White and is one of the 3 terrific teenagers who have been participating in Monday evening confirmation for the past 6 months.

Later today is the Tostada Dinner from 5:00 – 8:30 pm. I have been watching the plans unfold, and I am looking forward to a busy and fun evening of food, games, and fellowship on our St. Paul's campus.

Tomorrow morning, celebrate Pentecost – the birth of the Christian church -- with our new area Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, who will preach at both services. During the 10:30 am service we will also confirm Lauren White and Joshua Littrell as members of St. Paul's. These two confirmands will read their statements of faith for the congregation and we look forward to welcoming them as professing members of the church

Two clothing tips: 1.) Wear your 130th Anniversary T-shirt to the Tostada Dinner this evening. 2.) Pentecost Worship offers us the opportunity to wear red, the traditional color associated with the Holy Spirit. But yellow and orange are also terrific colors to symbolize the flames that descend upon the apostles at Pentecost.



Also, both tonight and tomorrow are good days to pick up the commemorative 130th Anniversary coffee mug. The mug has a sand-blasted etching of St. Paul's iconic steeple, and once we sell out of these mugs, we will not be ordering more! (Many people have put the mug on their desk at work as a conversation starter.)

To God Alone, Glory!

Pastor Robb

Group and Ministry Notes

SPECIAL GUEST FOR SERVICES TOMORROW

Our resident Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, will be with us in worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate St. Paul's 130 years of ministry "In the Heart of Coronado."

GRADUATE SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

Please let the church office (619)435-5691 know if you or your loved one has recently graduated from High School, College or University, and we will have it in the Sunday Bulletin, June 18th.

MORNING MINISTRY COMING

Our nursery will be offering a Morning Ministry, to parents of children under four years of age, for ten weeks during the summer months. Beginning June 8, and with an end date of August 17, the nursery will provide care for children ages infant through 3 years every Thursday from 9- noon. Cost will be 25\$ per child, with a \$35 cap per family, per day. Registration forms will be required, and registration is considered complete when payment is received. Space is limited to 4 infants and 9 toddlers, so reserve your space now! For more information, please contact Nursery Supervisor Debbie Lusitana at lusitanadebra@gmail.com (Please note, there will be no Morning Ministry during Vacation Bible School, July 27.)

STICKY FAITH

Beginning June 8 and running for 10 weeks, St. Paul's will offer a class on "stickyfaith" - a program of instilling faith and living out family values with your children and grandchildren. The class will be held on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am. (Note: this class will skip July 27 for VBS participation.) Please RSVP to Program Ministries Assistant Jen Hoggan to reserve your class materials. jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com or text: [760-550-0395](tel:760-550-0395)



HEALING MINISTRY THIS SUNDAY

St. Paul's Healing Ministry will be offered after both services this Sunday in room 105(to the right of the Social Hall).

We welcome those who are in personal need of physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Come experience the powers of our master physician, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please come and see what Jesus can do for you!

For further information or questions, please call Ann Rebuffattee at (619) 890-2404 or Karen Foster at (619) 435-7997.

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

SUPERHEROES NEEDED FOR VBS

If you've ever wanted to meet or be a Super Hero, Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's is the place to be! Jen Hoggan is looking for more volunteers to join the team in putting on VBS, July 24-28. Please register at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulscoronado/> or pick up a volunteer form in the church office. Helping lead VBS can bring satisfaction, fellowship, exhaustion, laughter, spiritual growth, and laughter, and this summer it will take you straight to Hero Central!

THANK YOU ST. PAUL'S

Thank you, Church Family, for the cake, cards, and "congratulations" for my graduation. Many of you have supported me through prayer, encouragement, and even finances. For all those, I am grateful. St. Paul's will always be my home church, and I will continue to love you wherever God sends me and my family to serve. -- Kristie Grimaud

ST. PAUL'S 2017 CONFIRMANTS STATEMENTS OF FAITH

"This Sunday, June 4th, we will be celebrating the members of our Confirmation Class of 2017! Below are their personal Statements of Faith that they will share on Sunday morning during the second service."

Lauren White

I believe in life through God. This life is eternal through him and we are living it right now. I open my heart to you, Lord, and will allow you to do things through me that I would never have been capable of. This life was not simply handed to us. Jesus died a horrific death so that the rest of the people on earth could live a life in which forgiveness prevails over sin.

Romans 8: 10-11 says, "But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his spirit, who lives in you."

I believe in God's grace. God's grace is so much more than just forgiveness. He forgives all sin, even the most terrible. God's grace today prevails over all of modern society's challenges. Grace is not only God forgiving our most terrible sins but it is him continuing to love us and have a relationship with us.

I believe in God. There is no proof of his existence and aspects of him cannot be explained yet I still believe. The reason behind my belief is love. He loves us and gives us love so I love him in return. I once heard a quote that says "I love and I am loved therefore love exists." This quote perfectly describes God's presence. Sometimes I doubt about whether he is really there. Many people refuse to believe in God in the first place but to me, believing in God is like believing in Love. It can be a challenging relationship but you know it's good and you know it's there.

I believe in life through God. I believe in God's grace. I believe in God's love And I believe in all the other things that make him great.

Ellie Johnson

By believing and trusting in God to guide my life, I have already entered into eternal life. When eternal life is mentioned in the Bible, it sounds like it starts in heaven, but in my mind, eternal life starts when you accept Christ and it continues in heaven.

Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

This Bible verse reminds me that believing in God doesn't mean that everything just magically becomes good when you begin believing in Christ. In the verse it says, “God works for the good of those who love him”. God works good in you and through you to reach out to others.

To me the Trinity is the overall representation of my faith: Creator, Christ, Holy Spirit. One of my favorite Christian songs by Hillsong says; “I believe in God our father, I believe in Christ the son, I believe in the Holy Spirit our God is three in one.” “I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again, For I believe, in the name of Jesus” To me, the Trinity is actually a 4 part relationship. Me, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit because they work through me and use me for good. The Trinity makes us more aware of His presence.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

God's grace does not have a huge importance to me if it is not shown through my everyday actions.

Most people may think that Jesus is the bridge from humans to God, but I think that bridges can go both ways. From God to us, us to God.

One of the things that I have taken away from my confirmation journey these last 6 months is that; it is not about what you do or what you believe, it is what God does for you and through you. Amen

Joshua Littrell

I believe that hard work is important.

It is impossible to fully understand the Bible, but it is what guides our faith.

Being part of a church is like being part of a family; your family in Christ.

Life after death brings new adventures that I do not know about, but will know eventually.

You should treat people as you wish to be treated.

The Holy Spirit is what watches over everybody and is part of the Trinity.

Jesus is also part of the Trinity and is the living, physical embodiment of God that produced miracles.

God is the final part of the Trinity, who is the Creator, loves everyone and is everlasting.

When one section of the Trinity is present, so are the other two, as they are the source of the fruits of the spirit.

Sin can be forgiven because of Jesus.

Without sin, Jesus wouldn't have come on this earth to suffer and die for us on the Cross.

Jesus was here to spread the word of God and to abolish sin so nothing can separate us from God's everlasting love.

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

Sundays For Youth

Today ("this Sunday in the Voyager") is Confirmation Sunday! Youth will stay up in the sanctuary both services to celebrate our confirmands.

Regular Youth Bible Study will resume next Sunday at second service.

Monday High School Pizza Lunch!

Our last one of the school year. Join us on the upper deck!

(Sophomores and up)

Wednesday Youth Groups!

(our last ones of the school year - rising 5th graders are encouraged to come join our Jr. High group!)

Jr. High: 5:30pm-7:00pm (dinner, games, lesson)

High School: 7:30pm-8:30pm (snack, games, lesson)

Any Youth Questions? Please contact Liz Flage..... lizflage.spyouth@gmail.com

GLOBAL MISSIONS

June 10th Entra Casa - "45 AND STILL ALIVE!" New Entra Casa will celebrate its 45th Anniversary as a caring facility for women in the process of changing their lives. San Diego First United Methodist Church, Linder Hall@ 11:00 a.m.

Help! Help! At 8:00 a.m. on the Thursday before the second Friday each month the San Diego Food Bank delivers food to the Nestor Good Neighbor Center. (Address is: 1120 Nestor Way in San Diego 92154) Debby needs help unloading boxes – if you would like to help or find our more information call Lee at 619 920-3299 or lreisinger12@gmail.com

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS @ ST. PAUL'S COMING!

People of EVERY age are invited to sign-up. The events occur from 5-7 p.m. on June 27 "*Faith & Fireworks*", July 18 "*Let's go Camping!*", and August 22 "*Storm Stories*".

Each of these thematic "fun nights" will include a Sit-down dinner, Activity Time, Bible Study, and Devotion/Worship.

Sign up for each gathering in advance as space is limited, and we want to have enough food and materials for every participant. (Cost is \$5 per person/max \$15 per family). (Max of 80 people).

Other Notes and Happenings



SUMMER SPUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“Hero Central – Discover Your Strength in God!” is our exciting Vacation Bible School set for July 24-28. Register your child now to get the best deal! Volunteer registration for adults and teens also available.

<http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulscoronado/>

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES - ON-GOING ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. “Matthew” Bible Study (Floyd Ross) – Social Hall

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Beth Moore’s new 12 week Study “*Entrusted*” 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, \$12 for study guide. Jane New (619 865-6681) & Jeanmarie Bond (858 534-0742)

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. “Connect” 20-40’s Room 202

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. “Listening for God” Women’s Bible Study -Choir Room

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. St. Paul’s Men’s Study – Room 202

PRAYER REQUESTS: *Gloria Nixon, Mary Frances Bradley, Walter Njoo, Jennifer Davidson, Emily Grullon, Skip Debaun, Carmella Palo, Mike Miller, Jim Smith, Midge Barton, Tom, Mila Grieb, Teresa and Neil Cooper, Mark Cooper, Mark Peterson, Mary Mowry, Nicole Sciascia, Marianne Turnipseed, Logan Sandoval, Frank Conlon, Ann Rutherford, Betty Decker, The Henrich Family, Leslie Nathan, David Buckovetz*

The St. Paul's e mail Newsletter will be sent out on Friday each week. We rely on groups/ministries to provide content for the newsletter. If you want to have something included, please e mail the announcement/article/pictures to the communications address below by Wednesday. Also include instructions about how many weeks that you want it to run

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