

St. Paul Evangelical (Gospel Centered) Lutheran Church

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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We pray that the Word of God you hear draws you closer to your Savior. Please sign our guest register (located in the entryway) and join us again. If you would like more information about our church please ask to speak to an elder or the pastor after the service. If you need a hearing device, please ask the greeter for assistance.

We ask that you please silence your cell phone prior to the service

5th Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018

Focus: Do you wish to excel? In order to excel, you will need to identify and understand the strengths that you have through our Lord and the areas that will need to be improved so that further growth can take place. For the disciple of Christ, we are to EXCEL in life, in faith and in giving!

Liturgy: Page 38, Service of the Word

Psalm: 19, page 70 in the front of the hymnal

Hymns: 490, 491, 446, 494

Offering Hymn: 480 v1&5

Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 29: 1-9; John 19: 28-30; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 8: 7

Sermon Theme: EXCEL...A. in Life; B. in Faith; C. in Giving

- **Organist:** Thank you to Doreen Romadka
- **Last Week's Attendance:** Worship: 45; no Sunday School
- **In our prayers:** Rebecca Cryan, Carol Luft, Marsha Graf, Bob Jacobs, Rev. John Zickuhr, Lyman Homan

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Worship: 9:00 am; No Sunday School today**
- ❖ **Thank you to Pastor Swenson for his message and conducting our service today.**
- ❖ **Pastor Michael Schneider will be installed as Associate Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Crete today at 3:30 pm. A meal will follow in the gym located behind the church. Our congregation is invited. If you wish to attend, please contact the church office at 708-672-8600.**
- ❖ **Pastor Paul Micheel will be installed here on Sun. June 3rd at 4:00 pm. We will have a catered meal following the service. There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex for those of you that plan on attending the dinner as we will need a count for the caterer. Please come and welcome our new Pastor and his family into St. Paul's congregation on this memorable occasion.**
- ❖ **In conjunction with the installation dinner, we would like to ask members of the congregation to provide the desserts. In keeping with St. Paul's tradition, homemade desserts are appreciated but not required. A signup sheet is also located in the narthex on the table. Please mark down what type and number of dessert(s) you will bring.**
- ❖ **If you loaned items to use in the parsonage during the vacancy and wish to have them returned, please see a Trustee to schedule a pickup day and time. We are diligently working to have the parsonage move-in ready by May. 15th.**
- ❖ **Remember to mark your calendar for our next fellowship event, Chili Cookoff and Bingo night on Sat. May 5th at 5:00 pm. See the bulletin board for more details. A signup sheet is available in the narthex. If you are bringing chili, do not sign your name, just cross off one of the pots of chili at the bottom of the sheet. Bring a friend!**
- ❖ **Another Rock Painting session is planned for Tues. May 8th at 6:30 pm**
- ❖ **Mark your calendars: VBS will be June 18 – 22 with our closing service on June 24th. Volunteers will be needed, more information to follow at a later date.**
- ❖ **The 150th anniversary of our church is next year and planning needs to begin this year for a successful celebration. If you would like to be on the planning committee of this important event, please sign up on the table in the narthex.**