

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, nine of our youths affirmed their baptismal covenant (the promises made at the time of their baptism) before the whole congregation through the rite of Confirmation.

Confirmed were: Brayson Bernard, Breen Bernard III, Evan Bernard, Cameron Cheyney, Celia Cheyney, Jared Christensen, Bryce Gentino, Max Gentino, and Collin Grottke. Each one of these confirmands chose a verse from the Bible and reflected upon the significance of their verse for their life of faith.

Reflecting on Psalm 27:1, Brayson observed that, "This passage is saying that no matter what, God is with you and there is nothing to be afraid of. God will always stand by you in the thick and the thin and be by your side."

Breen, reflecting upon the unity in Christ promised in Galatians 3:27-28, talked about Billy, a man many of us also know and love, who has Down syndrome, and who is like a brother to Breen. Summing it all up he explained, "All I'm trying to say is, 'Don't judge a book by its cover,' because it just might turn out to be the best book you've ever read."

Evan chose Colossians 3:12-14 and shared, "You have to forgive, because God forgives you for all your sins. So you also must forgive other people if they sin against you, no matter what they did to you and even if it is really hard to forgive."

Cameron chose Proverbs 3:5-6 and spoke of a time when he was lost in Disney Land or, more recently, when he was unable to breath and had to be rushed to the hospital. In each of these scary moments he found strength and comfort in his scripture verse: "Trust in the Lord with your whole heart."

Celia shared her love for Psalm 23, which "has really helped me during certain times because it talks of God being there for you always and even though I walk through the darkest valley I fear no evil for you are with me."

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** 8:00 & 10:30AM through JUNE 9  
Summer Schedule: Sundays at 9:00AM beginning JUNE 16

## SCRIP FUNDRAISING

*The Fundraising Program that Works While You Shop*

**Next Order Date:** June 2

Place your order on Sunday, pick up your cards the following Sunday.

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# SCRIP

funny word...easy fundraising

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Scrip is simply a word that means “substitute money” – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including **Stop & Shop for groceries and gasoline, Whole Foods, Panera, Starbucks, Dunkin’ Donuts, CVS.....there are over 300 participating retailers.**

You’re probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It’s simple — scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value,

and St. Paul’s Church keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

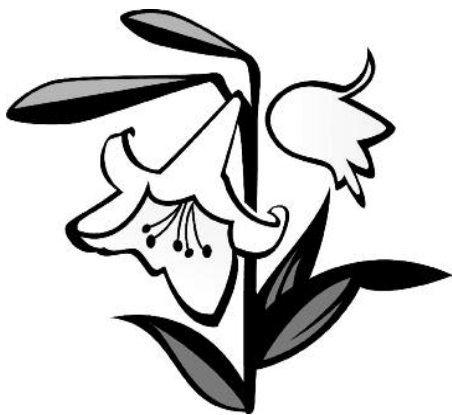
- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves **no selling**...
- Our church gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

In the past 4 months we have raised over \$600! This is with only a small number of people participating. Example: Think of what you spend on gasoline and groceries per month. Four percent of that total could be going to St. Paul’s each month if you were to make those purchases with pre purchased Stop and Shop cards. Multiply that by the number of families participating and the monthly income could be substantial. There is a list of over 300 vendors in the Fellowship Hall or visit the website:

**Contact for this Fundraiser:**

Linda Anderson 860 659-4094



On Sunday, May 5, from lunch until 3 p.m., fifteen members of St. Paul’s family transformed the area around our home. Wood chips and leaves were raked, flowerbeds restored, and our yard was transformed. We live in the woods, our house sits on a rock ledge, and our well never provided water enough for a grass lawn. So we are “lawnless.” Someone called our property “rustic.” I like that better than my description: “It’s a jungle.” **Now** I call it a “park.”

We are tremendously pleased and blessed by the women, men, and youth, who gave their time, energy, and loving attention on our behalf! Thanks and love to one and all!

— *Charlie Russ and Ellie B. Bengtson*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTERNATIONAL SEAMEN'S MISSION

Please watch for postings in the church regarding care packages for merchant seamen to be collected for Christmas 2013.

Contact Winnie Sawrun for details:  
860-529-7588.

## FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Our first Fashion Show and Tea was a "sold out" success. Thanks to everyone who helped to support this fundraiser for St. Paul's. We raised \$500.00 for our church and donated \$56.00 to the International Seamen's Mission. Thank you all.

## SUMMER NEEDS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Before we consider asking for any further contributions to our food pantry we want to once again thank you all for your kindness in donating what you have over the past months. It seems that every Sunday there is a bundle for us. This has helped, as has the cash that's often handed to us. This is just a reminder that, as all parents know, when kids are home on summer vacation more food is needed. Peanut butter, jelly, tuna and any drinks go fast for lunch and snacks. If you're able, these are the items that we'll be looking for. Thanks again.

— *The Outreach Committee*

## THE GRATEFUL FAITHFUL

"The Grateful Faithful" group will have their monthly gathering on June 12th at 6:30 pm. Debbie and George Howe will host the evening at their home. We will discuss Luke 5:17-26 found in the *Christ In Our Home* booklet, which can be found in Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!!

**A Christian without prayer is just as impossible as a living person without a pulse.**

— *Martin Luther*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Can you believe summer is right around the corner? Sunday School has come to an end for the 2012-2013 year finishing on May 12th with all classes coming together to make cup size flower arrangements, Mother's Day cards and having a "Trivia Sunday School" game to test their knowledge from the year of lessons.

Our year has been full of wonderful activities including the Mom to Mom Sale, Christmas Pageant, Crayons for Kids (our service project) and Family Sundays in which the children have had the opportunity to assist with the different portions of the Service.

There have been many positive comments from the Congregation on how they enjoy seeing the young children participate in the Service and do it so willingly! Therefore this will continue the first Sunday of each month throughout the summer.

Once again as our year comes to an end, we would like to thank all those that have made it such a successful year in growing for our children—the future of our Church. To all the parents that have, in one way or another, helped the teachers, to all the wonderful Sunday School teachers and substitutes—Cathy Evans, Heather Christensen, Margaret DeBlois, Debbie Viola and Susanne Farley—and to Melissa Cheyney for all her enthusiasm in making music such a fun part of Sunday School that the children enjoy thoroughly.

We look forward to another year, which will give us the opportunity to continue to instill in the young children the values of our faith. God bless.

— *Sunday School Staff*

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Jared chose 1 John 4:16, especially where it affirms that "God is love." "When I realized that 'God is love' was when my Grandpa died. ... The funeral helped me through it, so did the burial. That was God's love, and it helped me feel better and face the fact that [my Grandpa] was in a better place, up in heaven with [my Grandma]."

Bryce, drawing upon the "marvelous light of Christ" promised in 1 Peter 2:9, proclaimed, "If we turn around to the darkness [which takes many forms] and face it head on, the darkness scatters like a coward when we show that we possess the courage and commitment to beat it back."

For Max, his passage, Isaiah 41:10, will "guide me through life with my head held high and a smile on my face, for the Lord is with me and always has my back."

Colin, also drawing upon Isaiah 41:10, concluded, "I'd like to offer reassurance to all people who are sad, scared, or very ill that God is always with them and never stops loving and caring for them."

Nine voices of faith from young theologians. I believe I share the sentiments of us all when I pray that God's Holy Spirit, poured out on Pentecost, might inspire and empower each of these confirmands as they begin their journeys of faith as young adults. Their simple statements of faith, on Confirmation Sunday, were a real inspiration to all of us.

— *Pastor Hugh Haffenreffer*

## THANKS TO MISSY!

My deepest gratitude goes to Melissa Cheyney, who co-taught confirmation class with me. Her gifts and dedication made it all possible. Thank you, Missy, for your patience, love for the children, faith and . . . candy life-savers! *Pr. Hugh*



## ST. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE CAMP

**JUNE 24 – 27**

**5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Dinner, Music, Games, Stories, Crafts,  
Special Guests, & More

\$20 per child / \$35 per family

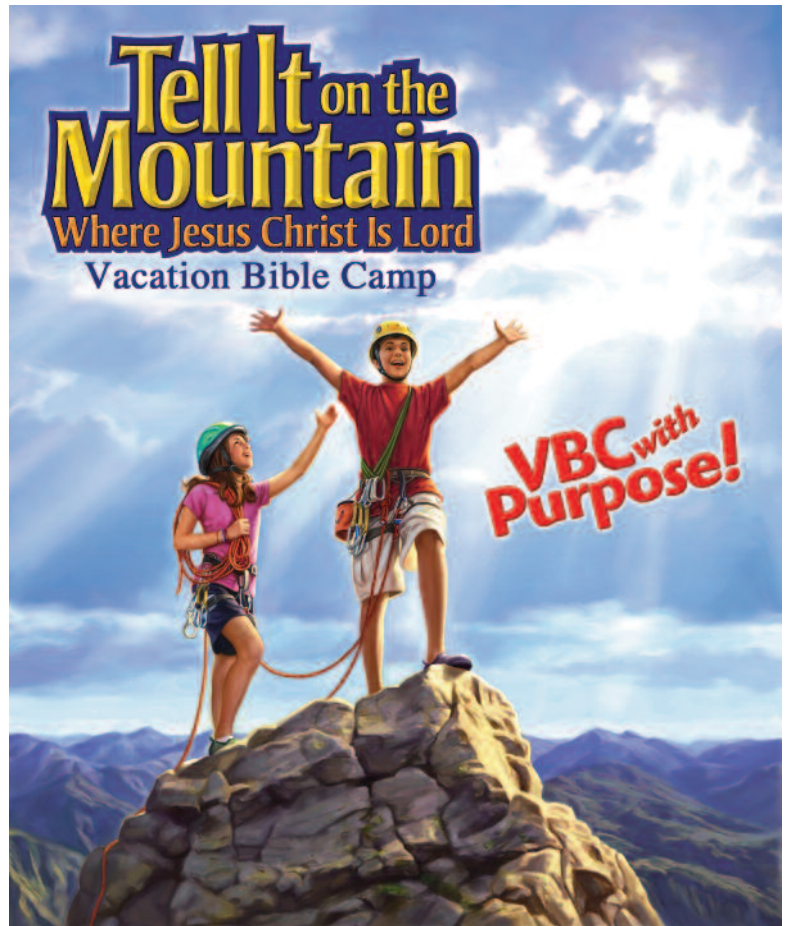
To sign up, please contact the church office at  
(860) 529-5397

Registration Deadline is June 9th!

**Volunteer and have a blast!**

**Volunteers needed for the most fun  
church event of the year!**

Vacation Bible Camp is June 24 – 27. We are seeking volunteers to help with food, crafts, games, music, storytelling, decorating, advertising and more. Please sign up in fellowship hall. Our last planning meeting is Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m.



### Offerings<sup>†</sup> received through April 2013

Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
45,792.05	51,564.00	-5,771.95	154,700.00

<sup>†</sup> Offerings include Weekly offerings, special offerings, loose plate, and Sunday School

# St. Paul's MEMBERS IN SERVICE for JUNE 2013

## ACOLYTES:

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### **Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 860-659-4094**

- June 2 - Jared Christensen .....10:00 AM
- 9 - Celia Cheyney.....10:00 AM
- 16 - Cameron Cheyney .....9:00 AM
- 23 - Kaitlin Anderson .....9:00 AM
- 30 - Jared Christensen .....9:00 AM

## ALTAR GUILD:

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### **Linda Anderson, Coordinator, 860-659-4094**

- June 2 - Bob Bowman & Bill Fischer, Jr.
- 9 - Debbie Howe
- 16 - Jennie Dotts & MaryAnn Mead
- 23 - Winnie Sawrun and Ann French
- 30 - Mary Procyk

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

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- June 2 - Emily Lourigan .....8:00 AM
- William Fischer, Jr. ....10:30 AM
- 9 - Debbie Viola .....8:00 AM
- Mike Coyle .....10:30 AM
- 16 - Kathy Coyle .....9:00 AM
- 23 - Jerry Vaillancourt.....9:00 AM
- 30 - Art Bruce.....9:00 AM

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

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### **Sue Agne, Coordinator, 860-563-0776**

- June 2 - Walter Ruppard .....10:30
- 9 - Sue Agne .....10:30
- 16 - Lillian Doerschler .....9:00
- 23 - Joan Kratzer .....9:00
- 30 - Emily Lourigan .....9:00

## TAPING:

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### **Jan Pergande, Coordinator, 644-2888**

- June - Jan Pergande

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS:

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### **Winnie Sawrun, Coordinator, 860-529-7588**

- June 2 - Pat Granger & Alan Niederfringer
- 9 - MaryAnn Meade
- 16 - Mary Procyk & Pam Speno
- 23 - Amanda & Debbie Viola
- 30 - Lillian Doerschler & Winnie Sawrun

## FINANCE:

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### **Mary Procyk, Coordinator, 860-257-4793**

- June 2 - Mary Procyk
- 9 - Lillian Doerschler
- 16 - Dick Agne
- 23 - Bob Bowman
- 30 - Helen Peterson

## LECTORS:

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### **Lillian Doerschler, Coordinator, 860-529-1939**

- June 2 - Sue Agne.....10:30 AM
- 9 - Jeanette Serafine.....10:30 AM
- 16 - Joan Kratzer .....9:00 AM
- 23 - Dave Bayek.....9:00 AM
- 30 - Winnie Sawrun .....9:00 AM

## USHERS:

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### **Brian Beckwith, Coordinator, 8AM, 860-563-4066**

- June - Brian Beckwith (2nd and 9th)

### **Louise Lostocco, Coordinator, 10:30AM, 860-529-3079**

- June - Bob Bowman & MaryAnn Mead

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Summer schedule begins June 16,  
one service at 9:00AM**

# JUNE 2013 | EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Reminders:</b>  <b>New England Synod Assembly:</b> June 7 - 9, Springfield, MA  <b>Grateful Faithful</b> gathering at George and Debbie Howe's: June 12 at 6:30 PM  <b>Summer Worship Schedule</b> begins Sunday, June 16 with 1 service at 9AM  <b>Pastor Hugh will be on vacation</b> from June 17 through the 23rd. Pastor Hawksley will be covering.  <b>Vacation Bible Camp:</b> June 24-27, from 5 -8:30PM</p>						
<p><b>2</b> <i>2nd Sun. after Pent.</i>            Holy Comm. 8 &amp; 10:30 AM            Family Sunday!            Sofia Hatje Baptism 10:30 AM            Reception in PE Bld., downstairs</p>	<p><b>3</b>            CA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>4</b>            Outreach Mtg. 7 PM            OA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>5</b>            AA 10 AM            AA 7 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b>            Recovery Bible Study            10 AM            Thurs. Group 10 AM            AA 8 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>NES Assembly, Springfield, MA</b>            AA 10 AM</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>NES Assembly, Springfield, MA</b>            AA 7:30 PM</p>
<p><b>9</b> <i>3rd Sun. after Pent.</i>  <b>NES Assembly, Sprngfld, MA</b>            Holy Comm. 8 &amp; 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>10</b>            VBC Mtg. 7PM            CA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>11</b>            OA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>12</b>            AA 10 AM            Grateful Faithful            6:30 PM            AA 7 PM</p>	<p><b>13</b>            Recovery Bible Study            10 AM            Thurs. Group 10 AM            AA 8 PM</p>	<p><b>14</b>            AA 10 AM</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <i>Epistle Deadline</i>            AA 7:30 PM</p>
<p><b>16</b> <i>4th Sun. after Pent.</i>  <i>Summer Schedule Begins!</i>            Holy Comm. 9 AM</p>	<p><b>17</b>            CA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>18</b>            OA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b>            AA 10 AM            AA 7 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b>            Men's Brkfst 7:30 AM            Recovery Bible Study            10 AM            Thurs. Group 10 AM            AA 8 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b>            AA 10 AM</p>	<p><b>22</b>            AA 7:30 PM</p>
<p><b>23</b> <i>5th Sun. after Pent.</i>            Holy Comm. 9 AM</p>	<p><b>24</b>            VBC 5-8:30 PM            CA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b>            VBC 5-8:30 PM            Parish Admin 6:30 PM            Council 7:30 PM            OA 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>26</b>            AA 10 AM            VBC 5-8:30 PM            AA 7 PM</p>	<p><b>27</b>            Recovery Bible Study            10 AM            Thurs. Group 10 AM            VBC 5-8:30 PM            AA 8 PM</p>	<p><b>28</b>            AA 10 AM</p>	<p><b>29</b>            AA 7:30 PM</p>
<p><b>30</b> <i>6th Sun. after Pent.</i>            Holy Comm. 9 AM</p>						

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