



# St. Paul Weekly Newsletter for June 23rd, 2024 Theme: Family Matters

## MATTHEW 25:34-40

What are your values? If you're not sure, you just need to reflect your decisions and your behavior. Our *true* values drive our decisions and behavior. Here's a second question: What are Jesus' values? As you think about Jesus through the Gospels, his decisions, and the things he did, can you guess what he values? Now here's the third, and most challenging, question: Do your values reflect Jesus' values? Do our values here at St. Paul reflect Jesus' values? That's what we're going to explore this Sunday as we focus on "Family Matters."

**Last Sunday** Worship Attendance: # 39

Thank you for your faithfulness! Working towards our goal of 50 in worship weekly!

**Flowers** Are in honor of Mary Ann's 75th birthday and what would have been her 50th anniversary with Leo on Saturday.

## This Week at St. Paul

### Friday, June 21st

5:30pm – **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the "Lounge Room" in Springhill Hall. All are welcome members and friends of St. Paul.

6:30pm – **AA meeting** in the Fireside Room.

### Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pray for our Sunday worship services.

Pray that St. Paul grows spiritually by following the values of Jesus.

### Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00am – **Worship**. Please note that we will be worshipping in Springhill Hall; use the side door that faces the church building.

11:00am – Fellowship time after worship celebrating National Chocolate Éclair Day.

11:15am -- **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the Fireside Room.

### Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00am – **Prayer breakfast** in Springhill Hall. Gather to pray for our church, for our community, and for lifting up the needs of others. Anyone is welcome to cook! Setup for breakfast begins at 6:00.

For more information contact Bill Barker at [whbarker40@gmail.com](mailto:whbarker40@gmail.com).

### Friday, June 28th

5:30pm – **LifeGroup adult Bible study** in the "Lounge Room" in Springhill Hall. All are welcome members and friends of St. Paul.

6:30pm – **AA meeting** in the Fireside Room.

### **Special Fellowship Events**

- ❖ June 23: National Chocolate Éclair Day.
- ❖ July 14: Mac and Cheese Day.
- ❖ July 28: National Chicken Wing Day.

### **Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities**

- ❖ Start your Sunday rest with fellowship time after Sunday worship.
- ❖ LifeGroup, our adult Bible study class, meets after worship. There is also a LifeGroup meeting on Fridays at 5:30; contact Pastor Dave for more information. LifeGroup study sheets are available.
- ❖ Early birds are welcome at our Wednesday prayer breakfasts in Springhill Hall. Breakfast is served at 7:00. Anybody is welcome to cook! For details, contact Bill Barker at [whbarker40@gmail.com](mailto:whbarker40@gmail.com).
- ❖ If you want to join our book club, contact Lynn Devlin at [jldevlin@gci.net](mailto:jldevlin@gci.net). All are welcome.
- ❖ Volunteers are welcome to assist with worship services! Let Pastor Dave know or email the church office at [stpaulkodiak@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulkodiak@gmail.com).
- ❖ If you would like to provide flowers for the altar in celebration of a special time in your own or someone else's life or to mark a memorial, add your name to the flower chart on the wall or let Debbi Canavan know at [dcanavan@gci.net](mailto:dcanavan@gci.net).

### **Community Service**

- ❖ St. Paul volunteers cook for the Kodiak Area Mentorship Program and the Brother Francis Shelter. To sign up or for more information, contact Karen Winkler at 907-942-1315 or [karenwinkler2014@gmail.com](mailto:karenwinkler2014@gmail.com).
- ❖ St. Paul's Kim Miller Fund provides fuel oil to households in need in partnership with Petro Marine Services. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Fund, make a contribution to St. Paul and include a note that it is for the Kim Miller Fund.

### **Spiritual Growth**

- ❖ **LifeGroup**, our adult **Bible study** class, meets after worship and Fridays at 5:30pm.
- ❖ **Prayer Breakfast** meets Wednesday's at 7:00am (come at 6am to help cook).
- ❖ Christian faith is strengthened when we make it an "every day" practice that involves daily moments of reflection and listening for God. If you would like a suggested course of personal study and prayer during the week, see the handout "Daily Walk on the Rock" on the same table as the LifeGroup study sheets and bulletins.
- ❖ **Worshipping** weekly is something we get to do. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am and other special times.

## **Going Deeper - MATTHEW 25:34=40**

This is the final parable in the Gospel of Matthew concerning the Kingdom of God. In many ways it summarizes the core themes that Jesus emphasizes throughout his teaching ministry. Robert Farrar Capon (*Kingdom, Grace, Judgment: Paradox, Outrage, and Vindication in the Parables of Jesus*) suggests five unique characteristics of God's saving action in the Kingdom. The Kingdom is catholic [universal], not parochial; mysterious, not recognizable; actual, not merely virtual or on the way; met with hostility as well as welcome; and calls for a response of faith rather than one of works.

The parable of the great judgment brings each of these themes full circle in a variety of ways. The catholicity of the Kingdom is seen when all nations are gathered and held accountable. The mystery of the Kingdom is revealed at the great judgment. Jesus returns in glory and all things are out in the open. The actuality of the Kingdom is seen through accountability. The parable assumes that, all along, all nations are expected to be actively living into the Kingdom.

The hostility and welcome is illustrated by the divergent response of the sheep and the goats in daily life. The response of faith, as opposed to works, is inherent in the sheep, who have no idea that they are doing anything of “Kingdom value.” The implication is that they are simply doing what their hearts lead them to do, not because they have to, but because they choose to.

**PRAYER CONCERNS: Please Pray for Health and Healing for...**

Bill and Ann Barker and their son Erin	Those with addictions to alcohol and drugs
Kim Smead	The Hansen family
Amanda Barta	Rose and Mike Dolph
Emer Bajuclos	Jim Devlin
Joe and Mart Beth Symonoski	Bill Vogt and Karen Winkler
Linda Covert-Mosier	Baby Evie
Ross Omlid	The family and friends of Larry Ellsworth
Lena	Sharon
Denise York	The Vogel family
Ava	The Cuello family
The family of Sawyer Cipolla	Karin Stahlhut
Matthew	Chastity
Liane Dierich-Erwin	Amy & Eric
The family and friends of Lynn Bash	The family and friends of Charlotte Ferris
Jerry	Peace in the Middle East
Tim	Judy Starrett
George and Dria Holloway	George Lare and his family
Greg Culver	All fishermen and other seafarers and the Coast Guard
Sue Devers	Irelynn
The family of Darlene Wilson	Sherry Ball
Pat Scheider	

*If you would like to add or remove any name for prayer concerns, please contact the Church at the number and email given below or fill out a prayer request form in the church office.*

**Front Office Hours**

**The church office** is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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# Daily Walk on the Rock

June 23, 2024

Zechariah 7:8-10; Matthew 25:31-46

## Monday

### MATTHEW 27:32-66

An account of Jesus' death is found in 45-46. In verse 46 Jesus is not questioning God; he is quoting the first line of Psalm 22. This prayer reveals the fact that God had forsaken him when he took on the sins of the world, which caused him to be separated from his father (2 Corinthians 5:18-19, 21). Jesus suffers death so that we will never have to experience eternal separation. For whose sins did Jesus die on the cross? Is Jesus' death and resurrection a dispassionate fact or an emotional experience for you? Why? What is significant about the centurion's words (54)? What might the disciples believe about Jesus now? Is Jesus truly the Son of God in your life? How do you live that out in your daily life?

## Tuesday

### MATTHEW 28

Verses 1-10 describe the resurrection. After Jesus was crucified, the Jewish religious leaders persuaded the Roman governor to make sure the tomb was sealed and guarded. Despite this, Jesus couldn't be kept in the tomb. He arose! How do the women react to the news of the resurrection? How do the guards react? The chief priests? The disciples? Why do the chief priests and elders want to spread rumors that the disciples came and stole Jesus' body (11-15)? Has the reality of the resurrection dawned upon you? Are you a quick believer or a slow doubter? Verses 16-20 reveal the great commission. What is it? In what ways can you fulfill it in your family? Work? Community? Are you ready for your assignment? Why or why not?

## Wednesday

### GALATIANS 1

Paul is accused by some Jewish Christians of diluting Christianity to make it more appealing to the Gentiles. They even tell some of these Gentile converts that they have to be circumcised. In response to this, Paul writes a letter. What does Jesus do voluntarily for Paul, and the Galatians, and us (4)? What is Paul called to do (15-16)? How does Paul view his Jewish traditions? Which church traditions help you in your faith? Which ones hinder you? How does your past affect your present life? What do you need to put behind you, knowing that you are forgiven? Pray that God will empower you to share his message with others.

## Thursday

### GALATIANS 2

In verses 11-21 we read about Paul confronting Peter. What disagreement does Paul have with Peter? Why is Paul so adamant about not demanding that Gentiles follow Jewish customs? What does the concept of justification mean to you? How is a person justified in Christ (16-17)? Have you ever been guilty of double standards, a "do as I say, not as I do" sort of thing? Applying the spiritual concept in verse 20, who is alive in your life right now: "I" or "Christ in me?" If you are a self-made person, how does the gospel of undeserved grace strike you?

## Friday

### GALATIANS 3

If we belong to Christ, then we are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (15-29). How is the human covenant of a will similar to God's covenant-promise with Abraham (15-16)? Who is the seed that fulfills this promise to Abraham? Since the law does not replace the promise, what is its purpose (24-25)? Do Christians today fall prey to legalism? What kind? How is your faith liberating you from this bondage? Where do you need to have more faith in your life?

## Saturday

### GALATIANS 4

Paul shows his concern for the Galatians (8-20). How does Paul express the following emotions in his letter: Concern (11)? Nostalgia (13-15)? Self pity (16)? Jealousy (17)? Compassion (19)? Anxiety (20)? To which weak and miserable principles do the Galatians revert (9)? Paul says that their joy is no longer evident (15). What takes the joy out of our Christian life? Have you slipped back into any bad habits or old ways? Which ones? What can you do about it? Spend some time in prayer.

## Sunday

### PSALM 66

God continues to answer prayers, individually and as a body of believers. We should always praise and worship God. This writer recalls God's rescue of the Israelites by parting the Red Sea during the exodus. God saved the Israelites then, and he continues to save his people today. The writer reminds us that God listens to prayer and our confession of our sins. We must live with an attitude of confession and obedience. What could you say that God has done for you lately? What sacrifices will you make this week for the Lord? What will be your equivalent of bulls and goats? Lift up your voice in prayer and confession!