Pastor’s Perspective: On Sabbath and New Adventures

Dear Friends in Christ,

For many people, in many parts of our country, the summer months mark a time of rest and relaxation. Families gather together for holiday celebrations, children (and adults too!) spend time playing in swimming pools and running through sprinklers as they try to stay cool on the hottest of the summer’s days, and people take advantage of the slower pace of the summer to travel. It could be argued that the summer is a time of Sabbath—a time of holy rest and relaxation—for many people. One thing I’ve learned since I’ve been living and serving on the Eastern Shore for the past five years is that while summer might be a time of rest and relaxation for some, it’s not so restful or relaxing for those of us who live on the Shore. Sure, we have our moments, those times when we steal away in the early morning hours to go fishing, or the times here and there when we take off from work to head down to the beach for the day, but people who live and work on the Shore seem to do a lot more working in the summer months than resting or relaxing! Everyone I know is involved in some kind of gardening or growing work, folks are busy preparing for county fairs, and children and their parents are running from camp during the day to vacation Bible school programs in the evening. ‘Tis the season of weddings, and picnics, and family reunions. This is the time of the year when the Shore thrives!

In the midst of all our summer adventures, it is important that we remember God’s gift of Sabbath, and observe it regularly. Sabbath is, after all, a time of holy rest and relaxation. It is a time set aside for spending with God, giving thanks for all God has done for us, and to give us a break from our labors. It is a time to slow down, be with the people we love, and prepare our bodies, minds, and spirits for the work of the week to come.

At St. Paul’s, we observe the Sabbath together every week throughout the year as we gather for worship. Together we praise God through song, we receive God’s word and sacraments, we enjoy fellowship, and we pray together. We are fed spiritually, and we give thanks for all God has done for us. This summer, we have simplified our liturgy to reflect the additional needs of our community for a time of holy rest and relaxation. Parts of our liturgy that we are accustomed to singing, are now being spoken in the hopes that we will encounter these holy texts in new ways through the simplicity of spoken versus sung expression. The recitation of the Creed has been omitted from our liturgy for the summer, as its use in the liturgy is not required. Hopefully, when it is reintroduced to the liturgy later this year, we will have a new appreciation for the words which are our statement of faith and our response to hearing the Word of God proclaimed in our midst; as they say, absence makes the heart grow fonder!

The coming weeks are sure to be full of new adventures for many of us. We just finished a fantastic week of Vacation Bible School, we are fast approaching county fair season, and the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans is only two weeks away. Summer crops are planted and growing, even as we pray for the rain our earth so desperately needs. There is a lot going on in our communities right now, both our church community and the communities where we live. It will surely be very easy to get so wrapped up in everything that is going on that before we know it, August will be here, and we will be thinking about harvests and back-to-school, and we will wonder where the summer went. We may have been there, and lived through it, but will we have taken the time to appreciate it, enjoy it, or to give thanks for it?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Emily Leitzke
Highlights from St. Paul’s Congregational Picnic and Worship Service at Tuckahoe State Park

The Oil City Ramblers provide music for our outdoor worship service at Tuckahoe State Park on Sunday June 3, 2012

Worshiping together outdoors

Food and fellowship

Enjoying friendships

Special thanks to Lyn Hollingsworth for sharing the photographs!
Vacation Bible School Highlights

Day One: No Matter Who You Are… Trust God!

Day Two: No Matter How You Feel…Trust God!

Day Three: No Matter What People Do…Trust God!

Day Four: No Matter What Happens…Trust God!
Vacation Bible School Highlights

Day Five: No Matter Where You Are...Trust God!

Thank You:
Thanks to all the members and friends of St. Paul’s who volunteered their time and resources to help make our Vacation Bible School a great success! The kids had a great time learning about trusting God in all kinds of situations, and we couldn’t have done it without you!

Thanks also to Kathy Barletta and Wendy Sauca, our Vacation Bible School Directors! Their hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm was contagious, and we had a great VBS because of you, too!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that this note finds you well. I am writing after the whirlwind that was Synod Assembly 2012. This year’s theme “Walking together in Christ: Evangelism. Leadership. Mission.” reminded me of Paul’s letter to the Galatians, where he tells the people of Galatía: “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Everyone in Ocean City for Assembly was keeping in step with the Spirit—listening and learning all that God has planned for our Synod.

I wanted to tell you about just two of the many fascinating lectures and panels. One on “Unbinding the Gospel” offered spiritual renewal strategies for congregations that are grounded in scripture and prayer. Another by Rev. Ruben Duran, who works in the ELCA’s Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit, described changing demographics around the country.

Both talks emphasized that God still has work for every one of us to do: spreading the Good News whenever we can, seeking new members wherever we can, and sharing God’s love with whomever we meet. Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane turned that message into a souvenir: giving everyone in attendance a yellow button that reads: “I am an Evangelical. I tell Good News.”

Thanks be to God that even here, in Cordova, every one of us has Good News to share! I hope that you’ll ask me any questions you might have about this year’s Synod Assembly. I give thanks that you allowed me to represent you all at this important gathering of Lutherans from around Delaware and Maryland.

This summer I am working at N Street Village, a ministry started by the Lutheran Church to meet the needs of thousands of homeless and economically vulnerable women in Washington, DC.

I continue to pray for all the saints of St. Paul’s, and look forward to joining you again soon for worship. Until then, I hope that you will hold me and all the women of N Street in your prayers.

With thanks and blessings,
Casey
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NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL.
There are some of St. Paul’s members and friends who are receiving the monthly newsletter by email….If you or someone you know would like to receive it at home on their computer, please contact the office with your email address and we will get you set up!

THERE’S STILL TIME LEFT . . . .
DO YOU WANT TO RENEW YOUR LUTHERAN MAGAZINE . . .
the year subscription ends in July. If you would like to continue to receive the magazine, please give us a check in the amount of $7.95, made out to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (mark in the memo line for The Lutheran Magazine).

If you are not a subscriber and wish to subscribe, simply submit your check to the church office.

Looking for an address or phone number for one of our members and can’t put your fingers on your Directory?

Just a Reminder . . .
You can always go to the website www.stpaulscordova.org, click on Directory and type in the Password - lutheran to get to the names and addresses.

The Talbot County Fair is just around the corner, which means . . . It’s time for our youth to get ready to run the cake wheel again!

The fair will run from July 11-14, 2012

CAKE WHEEL

We are asking for donations of baked goods for us to give away! Last year we collected over 300 items, and we’ll need at least that many again this year. The desserts can be anything from cakes, to cookies, to brownies, to cupcakes—rolls, the sky’s the limit! Also, we will need some “special” items to be given away during our “special” spins of the wheel, last year folks donated fresh produce, “special” cakes, etc.!

We are going to bake cakes and desserts ahead, so if you don’t have the time to bake, you could donate a cake mix, eggs, oil, etc and we’ll bake it for you!

For more information or if you can help please see or call Renee Pearson at 410-200-0705.
The entire Marth family would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their support at this time of loss. The outpouring of food, condolences and visits emphasized how much Mom was loved throughout the community. We would specifically like to thank Pastor Emily for the beautiful service, Darian for the touching eulogy, Teri and Mike Hiner for all of their support and the Dinner Committee for organizing the lunch after the funeral. We believe all would have been up to Mom’s standards.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul’s on June 13, 2012 for Doris Marth who passed away unexpectedly on June 6, 2012.

YOUTH GROUP SWIM PARTY

Youth that are in the 6th-12th grades in school are invited to a Pool Party and Picnic on Saturday, August 4th at 6pm at the home of Pam and Curtis Short. 26140 Garey Road, Denton MD

The Short’s will provide the meat, you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

The Pool is open, so bring your suits, afterwards there will be a movie on the lawn!!
THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

Play this game with a group of friends to remind you to follow Jesus.

What you need:
- Large space for running
- 3 jump ropes or 9 traffic cones

What you do:
1. Using jump ropes or traffic cones, form lines at both ends of the playing area. Also make a dividing line in the middle. Designate one side as “The Way” and the other as “The Truth.” The center line is “The Life.”
2. Choose one person to stand in the middle of the center line. He or she is the caller, yelling, “The way!” or “The truth!” or “The life!” The rest of the players also start on the middle line.
3. When a location is called, players run as fast as possible to the designated area. The last person to arrive switches places with the caller.
4. When “The Life” is called, players run to the center line and raise both hands. No one gets out.

KNOW THE WAY

Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” (John 14:5, NIV).

Directions: To read Jesus’ reply, shade in the letters that contain an asterisk (*) and write them in order on the blanks below.

jeseans________d, “____ the ______

____d the ________ and the ______.

____ ______ ________ to the

__________ except th__________ ___."

______ 14:6, NIV

Answer: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one

The family of Doris Marth and the family of Billy Cannon (brother & brother-in law of Tim and Cathy Cannon).

Please keep our Youth, and their Chaperones safe on their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and their return home.

Friends of St. Paul’s: Katelyn Howard, Jo Derr (mother of Bobbie Leaverton), Jetty Fleetwood, Michael Mumford (son of Dale & Betty Jean Mumford), Jim Lewis (father-in-law of Meredith Lewis & Michelle Lewis), Vance & Marie Wilson (parents of Donna Saathoff), Darren Leonard, David Mathis, Ursula Mosley (daughter of Gunther & Regina Schiwy), Michael Eaton (brother of Rosemary Spies.), Jan Falcey, Adam Jacquet, Sandy Roe (daughter-in-law of Edith Roe), and Lonna Hudson, Claire Miller (aunt of Pastor Emily Leitzke) and Richard Miller (brother of Skip Miller) and Jim Miller (grandfather of Pastor Emily Leitzke, Brian Power-Waters, Joey Shortall, and Claire Broadhead, Keith King and Lanette Power-Waters.

We give thanks to God for the healing of Bill Cheezum, Dash Asche, Richard McNeal, Mel Miller, Karen Brown and Henry Fuchs.

Effective Immediately!
The cost of altar flowers will now be $40.00
due to an unexpected increase in costs from our florist.

In order for our newsletter to get in the mail by the first of each month, please submit information on events, announcements, or inquiries to Fay in the church office by the 20th of each month. Newsletter submissions can be hand-written and left on Fay's desk, emailed to her at info@stpaulscordova.org, or you may call the office during office hours (Tuesday 12-5pm, Wed. & Thurs. 10am-3pm).

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OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS
ACOLYTES

July  1  Henry Spies
July  8  Elizabeth Walston
July 15 Alison Ward
July 22 Gavin Braithwaite
July 29 Colleen Davis

CRUCIFERS

Casey Edsall
Hayden Hollingsworth

July  1  Debbie Dudrow
July  8  Sue Ann Kaufman
July 15 Monica Heinsohn
July 22 Ellen Mulder
July 29 Barbara Saathoff

LECTORS

July  1  Cathy Cannon & Debbie Dudrow
July  8  Mike Hiner & Lee Heinsohn
July 15 Lyn Hollingsworth & Amanda Ward
July 22 Mike Hiner & Lee Heinsohn
July 29 Diana Hurd & Rosemary Spies

Tellers

July  1  Marian Davis & Donnie Davis
July  8  Lee Heinsohn & Darian Sump
July 15 Jeff & Monica Heinsohn
July 22 Mike & Terri Hiner
July 29 George Schnoor & Diana Hurd

Altar Flowers

July  1  Casey Councell
July  8  Deneen Rickwood
July 15 Diana Hurd
July 22 Ellen Mulder
July 29 Monica Heinsohn

IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO USHER AND CANNOT SERVE, MIKE HINER, GEORGE SCHNOOR, DIANA HURD AND MARIAN DAVIS HAVE AGREED TO BE SUBSTITUTES. PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THEM. ALSO, IF YOU ARE A SCHEDULED LECTOR AND CANNOT SERVE, ROBERT SAATHOFF, ELSE ROSS OR MONICA HEINSOHN HAVE AGREED TO SUBSTITUTE OR CONTACT ANOTHER PERSON ON THE SCHEDULE.
Mark your Calendars...

July 1 First Sunday Special Collections  
VBS Celebration 9am
July 4 Independence Day—Office Closed
July 8 Pre-Gathering Meeting 11:30am-1:30pm
July 11-14 4H Fair—Cake Wheel
July 12 Congregation Council 7pm
July 15 Commissioning of New Orleans Gathering
July 17-22 Youth Gathering New Orleans
July 19 Ruritan Dinner 7pm

August 4 Youth Group Swim Party 6pm
August 9 Congregation Council 7pm
August 16 Worship Dixon House 10am

St. Paul’s Email Prayer list is now being led by Betty Jean Mumford. If you would like to add your name to the email prayer list, please email Betty Jean at bettyj@mumford@hotmail.com

Birthdays

07/03 Daniel Davis
07/04 Stephanie Whitby
07/05 Beverly Ward
07/06 Diana Hurd
07/06 David Ward
07/11 Ava Skivers
07/14 Linda Boyles
07/22 Zachary Webster
07/24 Edward Ross
07/26 Clay Stevens
07/28 Henry Hollingsworth
07/28 Ellen Mulder
07/30 Keith Davis

Anniversaries

07/03 Robert & Charlotte Horner
07/03 Fred & Carol Meers
07/11 Gwen & Lewis Smith
07/12 Courtney & G. R. Cannon
07/23 Dale & Margaret Roe
07/24 Carl & Fay Sauca
07/29 Donald & Ruth McClean

Apologizes to Michelle and Jamie Lewis that her birthday on June 6th and their wedding anniversary on June 4th was omitted from the June newsletter.

Please let the church office know if you don’t see your name/birthdates/anniversary listed in a certain month or don’t know if we have your information.

410-364-5147 or info@stpaulscordova.org
Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information: Address, phone number, marriage or divorce, or new births so that we can keep our records up-to-date.

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member at St. Paul’s is asked to contact Pastor Emily Leitzke by phone at 410-364-5147, by email at pastor@stpaulscordova.org or in person.

Vertrau auf Gott!

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Sunday Worship begins at 9:00 am