

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠  
**Kenesaw, NE**

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Mrs. LaMoine Fischer, Organist

Acolyte: Savannah Williams

Divine Service (summer) 9:00am

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*"The fear of God is reverence and the spiritual worship of God. In this sense Scripture everywhere uses the expression "the fear of God." For the worship of God in its truest form does not consist in works, however great and holy, but in true and genuine reverence."*

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 12, 2015**

**A Service of Prayer and Preaching**

*From CPH Worship Supplement*

**Opening Hymn**

p. 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

**The Sentence for the Service**

P: God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: **From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**An Act of Adoration**

P: Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity.

C: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

**An Act of Confession**

P: Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have too often followed the desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and watchful life, to the glory of Your holy name.

C: **Amen.**

**Psalm 85**

Lord, You were favorable to Your land;

**You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

**You covered all their sin.**

You withdrew all Your wrath;

**You turned from Your hot anger.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

**and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Will You be angry with us forever?

**Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?**

Will You not revive us again,

**that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

**and grant us Your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

**for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

**that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

**and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Yes, the Lord will give what is good,

**and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness will go before Him

**and make His footsteps a way.**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

First Lesson  
Amos 7:7-15

New Testament Lessons  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

Hymn of the Day  
p. 743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

The Sermon

The Offering and Musical Offering

An Act of Intercession

All: Our Father...

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: My soul give thanks to the Lord; all my being bless His holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget His blessings. It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your life with good things, renewing Your youth like an eagle's. Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules. My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Give praise to the Father almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ, the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts both now and forever. Amen.

P: Go, and serve the Lord.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

p. 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



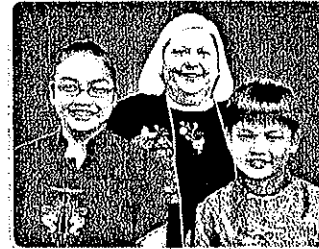
## St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today ☩ 9:00 AM Divine Worship  
Fellowship Coffee following  
Wed. 7:00 PM "Summer in the Psalms" Bible Study

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**Mission Sunday Today**  
with **Sharon Owens**  
**Christian Outreach Specialist**  
**Serving the Lord in Macau, China**

Sharon will be speaking during the morning worship service. Don't miss hearing how the Lord is working through her to spread the Gospel. The Woodman family is hosting the Fellowship Coffee today with all the proceeds donated to Sharon Owens in support of her ministry.



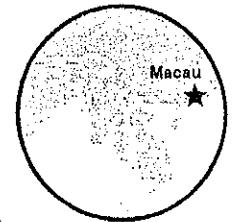
Sharon Owens serves the Lord in Macau as the Christian Outreach Specialist. Sharon's main responsibilities include serving as a teacher and coordinator for the Concordia English Center's free Bible outreach classes and outreach events. This center helps the existing Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod mission, the Concordia Preaching Station, located in Macau.

Macau, the Las Vegas of the Orient, is home to 600,000 local residents and 35,000 immigrant contract workers, all whom reside in a land area of less than 13 square miles. Buddhism and

ancestor worship are the major religions. Macau is developing quickly as new casinos and hotels flood the city to keep up with the rapid tourism growth.

Born in Cudahy, Wis., Sharon's home congregation is St. John Lutheran Church in Cudahy. She previously served in campus ministry as director of International Student Ministry for the LCMS Nebraska District. Sharon is a director of Christian education (DCE).

Sharon asks, "Please pray for my continued studies in the Mandarin language, my leadership skills, a hedge of spiritual protection around me, good health and a lot of energy to carry on the work. Pray that the Lord would also bless my children, Joanna and Peter, in health and spirit." Also, thank the Lord for the joy Sharon has in this service — working alongside the long- and short-term missionaries, watching the Holy Spirit bring Chinese people to faith, seeing others grow spiritually and emotionally and being part of a diverse culture.



• BIRTHDAYS: Sharon — Sept. 18, Joanna — Nov. 10, Peter — Nov. 27

• HOME DISTRICT: SELC

**New Member:** St. Paul's is pleased to welcome into our fellowship, Dixie Jackson, who as a baptized and confirmed Lutheran and by her profession of faith is now a member of St. Paul's. Welcome Dixie!

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**LLL Ice Cream Social, Sun., July 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 5 PM - Fellowship Hall** Come and eat homemade ice cream and goodies!!!

Free-will donation proceeds go to mission projects. Ice cream social sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Laymen's League.



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**Nebraska South District Retreat**  
**Sept. 18 - 20, 2015**  
**Midtown Holiday Inn - Grand Island**

*"Great is the Father's Love"*

**All women** are invited to attend a weekend full of uplifting worship, workshops, Bible studies, singing, reflection, friendship building and more. Dr. Lamb, Executive Director of National Lutherans for Life will be the keynote speaker Saturday evening. Think of the retreat as your opportunity to share the love of serving Christ with your pew sisters and family. A time for you to get away, take a break and be filled with God's love. Full details in the Quarterly Echo - Summer Edition or check out the display by Pastor's office and pick up a registration form. Registration deadline September 1<sup>st</sup>!

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*The members of Trinity Lutheran Church Blue Hill, Nebraska. . .*  
**Invite you to Join us in a service of thanksgiving to God for the Pastoral Ministry of Rev. James Witt and the congregational service of Beverly Witt on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Blue Hill. The service will be followed by a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall.

## Bible Study

**"Summer in the Psalms"**

**Wed. Evening at 7 PM July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Refresh yourself with the water of God's Word.

*"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God."* Psalm 42:1



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✦ **Evening Service of Healing, Sat., July 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM**

A special service of prayer and the anointing of oil based on James 5.

*"Is anyone of you in trouble?" "Is any one of you sick?" "He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."* James 5:13-14

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### *Praise to the Lord!*

*Hastings Pregnancy Resource Center can announce that a grand total of \$425.06 was given by St. Paul's members. Thank you so much. We can also announce that we have a new Executive Director. She is Jennifer Ames, who is the wife of Michael, who is the manager of Orschelin's They have 3 children.*

*Late this fall watch for the grand opening of our STI-testing and ultrasound services also.*

*Thanks again for you help and blessings to each one of you.*

*June Reiners, Treasurer of Hastings PRC*

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**Are You A Missionary?** Gary Thiess, Director of Mission Central posed this question to several people and a pastor at the recent LWML National convention. How would you answer that question? No was the recurring response. Gary says, "the real missionaries are not those that cross the seas but those that see the cross." The mission field is everywhere. **Are you sharing the gospel and the love of Christ? Are you a missionary? YES!**

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church:

God wants us all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth. His Son's death and resurrection, sufficient for all, was necessary even if only for one. Your sacrificial gift is clear witness to the truth that our heavenly Father is a loving God. Your Synod continues in the vital work of vigorously making known that love in word and deed, all over the world. We continue to pray for you and give thanks for you as you share your faith with the world through us. We thank God and your gift to The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod of \$91.00. It will be used in support of the Wittenberg Building.

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**Our Expression of Love**

<b>July 5, 2015</b>	Attendance 89	
Current Envelope		\$2,990.00
Current Plate		929.00
Mission Envelope		352.40
Fellowship Hall Use		<u>165.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,436.4</b>

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***Please remember these people in your prayers -***

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

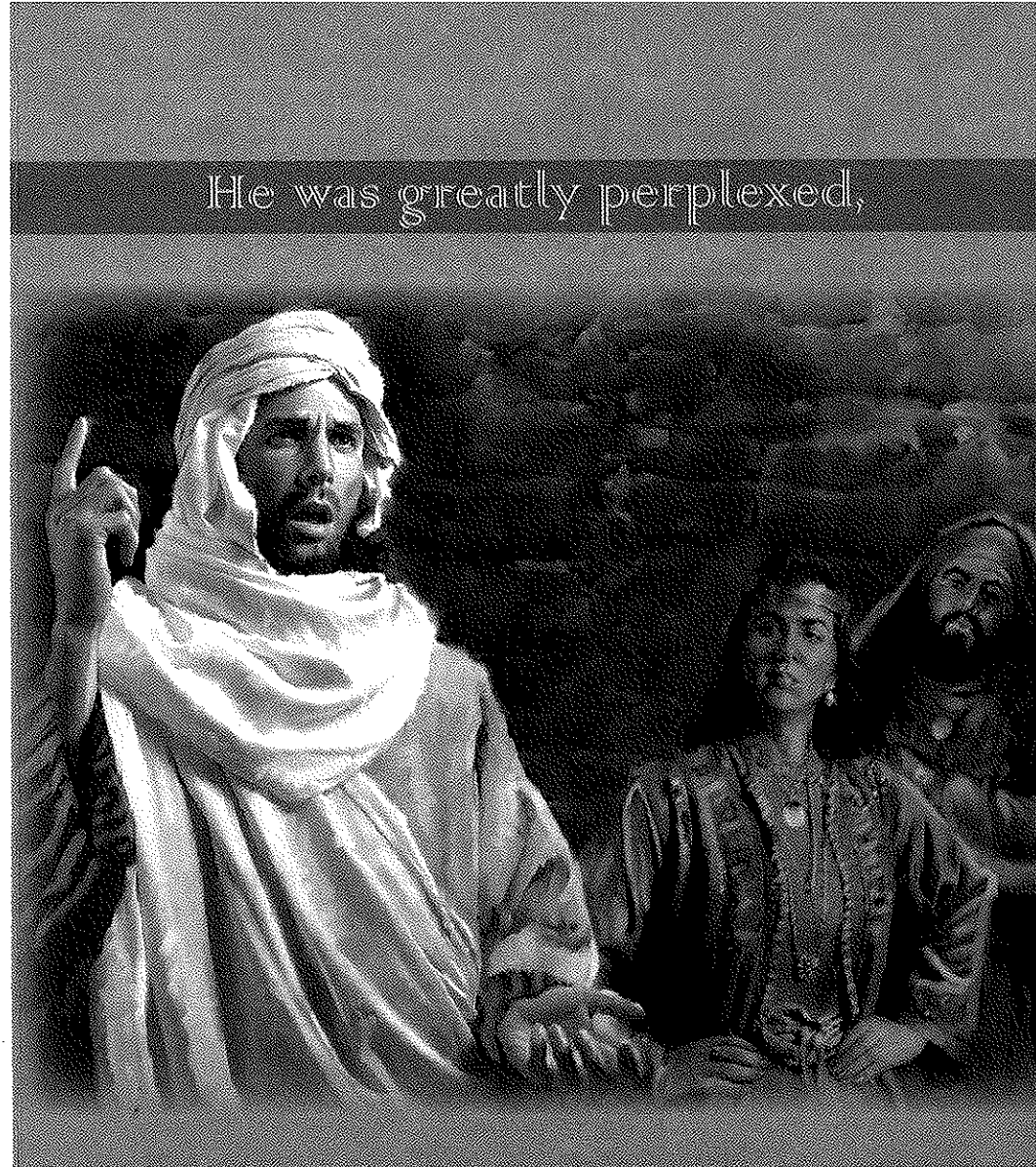
- July 12 Betty Bittfield
- 14 David Kimle
- 16 Becky Jacobitz
- 18 Kelli Knott

**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

**Missionaries:** Sharon Owens, Macau, China  
Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics



**About the Cover:** The preaching of St. John the Baptist befuddled Herod; yet it also attracted him. Truth is that way. It entices us to leave the shadowy world of the lies and deceit we weave around ourselves and to step into God's light, confessing our sin, asking His forgiveness. But this call of truth is always a gift, never coerced. Herod sadly declines to heed it, as do many even today.



He was greatly perplexed,

and yet he heard him gladly