



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

Mission Festival Sunday September 17, 2017

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. If you are a Communicant member of a Missouri Synod congregation and wish to partake of the sacrament, please fill out a Communion Registration Card and give it to the usher who invites you to the Lord's Table. If you are not an LC-MS member but wish to commune, please speak with the pastor or the head usher before coming to the Sacrament.

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Psalm 67 (read responsively, whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 62:1-7

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,

And her salvation as a lamp that burns.
The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory.
You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.
You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.
You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,
Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;
But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you;
And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So shall your God rejoice over you.
I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;
They shall never hold their peace day or night.
You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,
And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Epistle Lesson-Romans 10:11-17

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Gospel Lesson-Luke 24:44-53

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name

to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

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We give thanks to God for Dr Alvin Schmidt who comes to proclaim God’s life-giving, life-sustaining Word to us today.

We give thanks to God for the 6, 7, and 8th grade class of ALIS who come to sing for us today.

Please join us for the Ice Cream Social after church this morning. The LYF is hosting the Social.

LYF Bible Study is starting up this coming Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 PM. All youth, 8th grade and above are invited.

The Ladies Aid will be serving at the Ralph Stuckemeyer estate sale on September 23rd. The ladies have been asked to bring breakfast rolls, breads, brownies, cookies, and bars. If you would like to bake something for the sale you can either bring it up to church by 8 AM the 23rd, or bring it to the sale by 8:30 AM. Thanks for your help!

ALIS is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by participating in the Altamont Circuit Reformation Rally on October 29, at 5 PM, with a potluck in the ALIS cafeteria. They will also have a food drive for the local food pantry, and a t-shirt contest. Watch the bulletin for details

Camp Cilca-is seeking Vendors for its first vendor fair to be held during the Homecoming on Saturday, October 28 from 10AM-2PM. Registration is \$15. Call the camp office at 217-487-7497. Also, registration is open for the Camp Cilca Adventure Run 5 K. The race is Saturday, October 28 at 10 AM. Sign up at www.cilca.org/homecoming or call the office number listed above.

Pastor has deleted his Facebook account. The only reason he has done this is that it is not an efficient way to communicate with others, given that Facebook determines what and when we see things. If you will miss some of the quotations pastor puts up on Facebook, please check out the blog page of the Church website, www.stpaulbluepoint.org where he will be posting them from now on.

Prayers-For Miriam Kort, great granddaughter of Helen Klitzing, who recovering from surgery; For Katey Scholes who is undergoing radiation treatment this week; For those who have and will be affected by recent weather in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean; For Matthew Kemme; For Isla Berner, who is baptized today, (Godchild of Pastor and Beth Speers); For Pastor Ryan Meyer, who accepted the call to serve St Peter, St Peter; For Pastor Jeff Dock, who is considering the call to Bethlehem/Zion

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Ice Cream Social	1 Kings 4-6
Monday: ALIS BOD 7:30 PM	1 Kings 7-9
Tuesday:	1 Kings 10-12
Wednesday: Joshua Bible Class 10 AM	
LYF 6:30 PM	
Elder's Meeting 8:15 PM	1 Kings 13-15
Thursday:	1 Kings 16-18
Friday:	1 Kings 19-20
Saturday:	1 Kings 21-22

Those participating-

Liturgist-Pastor David Speers

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Preacher-Rev Dr. Alvin Schmidt

Organist-Faith Kemme

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Brief Biography of Alvin J. Schmidt:

He was born in Waldersee, Manitoba, Canada; the first four years of his life he and his parents resided in a primitive-log cabin, reminiscent of America's frontier years. At age 18, he was accepted into Canada's world-renowned Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Later, he migrated to the United States to pursue his college and seminary education, acquiring a B.A. from Valparaiso University, an M.Div. degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL. Upon graduating from the seminary, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, offered him a teaching position in sociology. While at the college in Seward, he enrolled at the University of Nebraska, where he received the M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology.

After 36 years of teaching sociology and theology courses on the college and seminary level at four institutions of higher learning, he opted to become professor emeritus, enabling him to speak to numerous church-related and college groups in various parts of the country. He is the author of eleven books. His book Fraternal Organizations (1980) received a national award from the American Library Association. His book The Menace of Multiculturalism: Trojan Horse in America (1997) was reviewed in the Wall Street Journal. This book was selected by the Conservative Book Club as its "Book of the Month" for July 1997. His book, The Great Divide: The Failure of Islam and the Triumph of the West (2004) has been translated into the Dutch language. In 2013, he published the book, The American Muhammad: Joseph Smith, the Founder of Mormonism. Next, he published the book, Cremation, Embalment, or Neither? (2015). In 2017, his latest book, Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity, was published. His most widely read book is How Christianity Changed the World (2014). It has been translated into eight foreign languages. He and his wife Carol have been blessed with two grown sons.