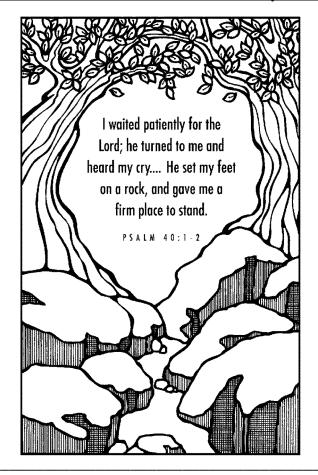
Church Office:



# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912 Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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Worship Services broadcast on Austin Cable Channel 181, M & W, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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<u>PRAYER</u>: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

<u>THE ORDER OF SERVICE:</u> p.5 (798:1,2,4)

HYMNS: 239; 427; 428; 644

## THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 24:22-26

In adversity, as a prisoner the Apostle Paul had the opportunity to testify to the truth of Jesus, to speak "of righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come." He testified to the mighty of this word, to governors and kings within the Roman Empire. His testimony did have an impact, even though the trial continued because of the one man's greed. So we also may endure tribulation that is continued for no good human reason, but through it all the Lord provides continued opportunities for us to bear witness to the truth, and the hope that is within us.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew14:22-34

During the storms of life when we are struggling and seem to be getting nowhere, then the Lord may come to us in a manner we do not at first recognize. We need not be afraid. He comes with power and grace, and He comes to deliver us from all harm and danger. It is however difficult for us in our weakness to remain steadfast in faith and not doubt as we see so clearly the perils of this world. We live by faith and not by sight. Cling to the Lord and know His strength even in our weakness.

# THE SERMON: Exodus 17:1-7

Theme: Water from the Rock Reveals God's Power to Save

- I. People Chaffing Under the Trials of Life
- II. God Delivering with Power and Grace
- III. Trusting the Lord; Knowing His Faithfulness

#### CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Sermon text: Matthew 23:34-39.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>August 10-16</u>: Pastor on vacation. Pastor-emeritus Daniel Fleischer has agreed to cover the service in Pastor Barthels 'absence. (August communion and council meeting will be moved to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

<u>Ushers:</u> Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt

Cleaning: Larson

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 26 Worship - 28

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,142.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 722.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
Needed for Year:	\$35,402.00	Nepal Relief	\$ 50.00
Received for Year:	\$26,125.00		

The special offerings for the street assessment now total \$5,070.00. While we are blessed with many special offerings for this cause we are over \$9,000 behind our budgetary offerings, and the operating fund is running in the red; the balance in the check book is very low. Please remember our regular offerings are needed for the Lord's work even when families are on vacation or other summer activities. Even as the Lord continues to bless us with many spiritual and temporal blessings, so we also should remember the Lord's lovingkindness and bring our thank offerings.

## CLC FINANCIAL REPORT

### June 2015

Report	Balance	Date	Date	Budget	Balance
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#### Comments:

- General Fund offerings Junewere \$86,556, and the Fiscal Year total was \$901,136
- ILCspent \$1,326.74 for the fiscal yearunderspending the budget by \$20,254
- Missions and Trustees underspent budgets by \$16,036 and \$7,273 respectively
- The General Fund ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$37,323
- The General Fund ending balance was moved to the Reserve Account
- MDF expendituresor the yearwere \$377,548 major itemsincluded\$105,819for buildingprojects, \$33,000for rice support, \$7,362 for Mission Helpers and Part Time Missionariesand \$30,000 for disaster relief
- IIF expenditures for the year were \$64,24\$54,397 for blacktop maintenance, and \$9,848 for professorage maintenance
- TheStudent Aid fund balancet the end of the school terrisa negative(\$6,833) which is a significant concern for the fall semester student needs

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees