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The escalation of violence in the United States and around the world is beyond alarming. Over the past few weeks it is hard not to feel as if the world is spiraling out of control.

Truth be told, almost as disturbing to me as the vicious events themselves is the heated debate around them. In a major election cycle, I suppose, everything is polarizing and politicized. But for people of faith we must resist the polarization and politicization of all this violence. People being killed in acts of terrorist madness, innocent people killed in police custody, law enforcement officers gunned down in the very act of protecting the lives of others and in the daily routine of community service, is terrible and horrifying and should be intolerable not only to Christians but to anyone. You don't have to pick a side to agree that we have a serious problem with violence in our society which is getting worse rather than better.

I will readily admit that I don't have the answers to the escalation of violence. But I think I can identify some of the problems. Here are a few observations:

Peace is and must remain politically neutral. Jesus was nonpartisan and if peace among people and with God was not at the center of Jesus' life, death and resurrection then I honestly have no idea what Jesus was about.

Using the issue and circumstances of violence to further a particular politician's or party's political fortunes AND as a stick to beat political opponents with is not simply unhelpful it is cynical and disgusting and just about the only genuinely bipartisan thing happening right now.

Citizens should stop rewarding this behavior and demand genuine leadership.

Those perpetrating horrific acts of violence on behalf of a religion or ideology are criminals no matter what ideology or religion they claim to be following. The Inquisition model didn't work in the sixteenth century and won't work now. Rubbing our hands together while encouraging everyone to just get along won't cut it either. This is a global issue and leaders around the world are going to have to work together to discover whether or not there are global solutions and how to implement them.

We have a serious problem (crisis might be a better word) concerning race relations in this country which we are a long way from resolving. These issues are not going to fix themselves and are not going to simply go away. "Picking sides" makes it worse, not better.

Our culture's attention to and ... I hate to use the word ... *fascination* with these horrible events is manipulated by (ALL) major media outlets to get ratings and "clicks." (I put this in the cynical, disgusting and bipartisan category.) When they bring the "experts" and pundits in it means they are out of actual information and are simply trying to milk the story for further viewership. News is a business not a public service. The media covers "bad news" because that's what sells papers. If good news moved media products, believe me, it would be puppies and kittens all the way! Let the buyer beware.

Christians must not be complacent nor should we be surprised by what is going on in our society and world. "(Jesus said), you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet." (Matthew 24:6). What we see around us are the consequences of the brokenness of ourselves and our world which the Bible calls Sin. Jesus came as God's answer to Sin therefore we must also bear the message of hope Jesus has entrusted to us. "(Jesus said) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27) The commission to bear Christ's message of hope, peace and justice stands at the center of allegiance in our hearts and it is our great contribution to the conversations necessary in our fractious and violent world.

Christians can be a force for change in our paralyzed culture by very intentionally not going for the throat in the midst of these difficult issues and instead engaging our hearts and minds to resist the violent and polarizing impulses of our world and commit ourselves to working to build and maintain durable community and peace.

--Pastor Frey

∞WORSHIP IN AUGUST∞

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| August 6 | 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion |
| August 7 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School |
| August 13 | 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion |
| August 14 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School |
| August 20 | 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion |
| August 21 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School |
| August 27 | 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion |
| August 28 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School |

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....

Baptism: June 26 – **Grayson Matthew Cloutier**, son of Matthew & Brittany (Yetter) Cloutier

Funerals: July 1 – **Earl Raymond Hafer**
July 15 – **Lucinda (Cindy) Weiler**

Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** given in memory of **Earl Hafer** by -

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| Ann Mengel | Sandra Hoffman |
| Betty Brumbach | Fleetwood Grange No. 1839 |
| Z-Weldo, Inc. | Dwayne Mennig |
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Contributions to the **Renovations Fund** given in memory of **Earl Hafer** by -

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| Charles & Fern Brown | Russ, Diane & Sara Hartline |
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| Frank & Dorothy Brown | Mary Graefe |
| Gerald & Pat Levensgood | Jane Kinder |

Contributions to the **Agape Fund** given in memory of **Earl Hafer** by -
Anna Brown

Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** given in memory of **Cindy Weiler** by

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| Betty High | Bob & Joan Wendel |
| Lorrie & Al Monroe | Della & Barry Drey |
| Guy & Marianne Graefe | |

Contributions to the **Agape Fund** given in memory of **Cindy Weiler** by--

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| Kurt & Gayle Kramer | Timothy & Susan Moll |
| Carol Broskey | Friends at Busy Fingers Fancy Workers |

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| Jane Kinder | Frank & Dorothy Brown |
| Jan Schell | Bob Fisher |
| Fred & Mary Ellen Hoffert | Gerald & Pat Levensgood |
| Charles & Fern Brown | |

Contribution to our **Music Program** given in memory of **Cindy Weiler** by
Harold & Dale Louise Massey



WELL ... another year of Vacation Bible School has come and gone ... but what an amazing week we had at the **“Beach”** learning the different ways of God’s Love. In session one we learned about God’s Creation (Genesis 1) ... Session 2 was how Miriam cared for Moses on the Nile ((Exodus 2:1-10) ... session 3 was the Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17, John 1:29-34) ... session 4 was how Jesus calmed the storm (Luke 8:22-25) ... and the session 5 was Breakfast on the Beach with Jesus (Luke 8:22-25). Every evening we enjoyed dinner, music, story, science, games, and of course snacks together. We had an average of 29 adults and 25 children each evening. We collected \$124.00 by feeding **“Snappy the Crab”** as our mission project to be donated to **Love INC.** I would like to send out a **“BIG”** thank you to everyone that came out to help with VBS and also people behind the scenes that cooked and cleaned up our meals every night, did a little babysitting and also some pet sitting and helping with our decorations inside and out. This week would not be possible without the help of **each and every one of you!!!** We already know the theme of **2017** VBS ...



to be held on June 25 – 29, 2017. So mark your calendars now so we can have another amazing week with our children of St. Paul’s. I know that I had a lot of fun and I hope you and your family and children did also. I am always open for suggestions ... **and criticisms** ... should you have any ... you can contact me at memomj@ptd.net.

I also want to make a **“SPECIAL”** thank you to Marlane ... because without all of her training over the years ... I would not know how to do this. I know that I am going to miss her helping ... but I have faith that it will all fall into place. Maybe I can even talk her into coming back for VBS ... who knows??



Have a safe and wonderful summer and I hope to see everyone back in 2017!!

--Skipper (Michele Fisher)

ACOLYTE TRAINING.....

There will be an ACOLYTE TRAINING event between services on August 21st (9:00 AM) for children who have completed fifth grade and up in the sanctuary. If your child is interested in being an acolyte but cannot be there on August 21 you should contact Pastor Frey.

WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....

I would like to share a few of the many stories I receive showing what our contributions to ELCA World Hunger does for so many. For example, in St. Paul, Minn. Pastor Margaret Mary Kelley and Noah, a previously homeless man, were able to feed 75-100 neighbors a week since 2014. They hope to expand their offerings to include vocational training for the homeless and near homeless people in St. Paul.

Another story that touched my heart was about Peter Thapa Magar from Nepal. He arrived at an orphanage at age 2. Just imagine the children you know that are 2 years old, how sad it would be if something like this happened to them. Through a grant from ELCA World Hunger and Christian schools in Nepal these children are not only fed but educated as well. Peter is now in preschool and doing well, according the principal. He wants to drive a bulldozer when he grows up. This child will have a better future thanks to our contributions to ELCA World Hunger. Please continue to contribute to ELCA World Hunger.

As you can see by the above information, your contributions help many worthy causes. Thank you for your continued donations. Please put in weekly offering marked WH for World hunger.

--Mary Graefe

CROP WALKERS & CHURCH PICNIC MEETING -- Sunday, July 31.....
Library, Between Services



- Have you participated in the Crop Walk in the past?
- Will you be participating this year?
- Interested in helping to plan a Church Picnic?

The Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 9. In order to plan for a successful event, we'd like to have a meeting to generate some new fundraising ideas and plan a picnic for our congregation and the other area participating churches. Please join us at 9:15 am in the Library on Sunday, July 31 for a planning session.

CALLING ALL GIRLS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN/ 1ST GRADE:

Join the older Girl Scouts of the Daniel Boone Service Unit for a fun-filled evening introducing your daughter to Girl Scouts!

When: August 14th, 2016 at 6-7:30pm

Where: Amity Park Pavilion

Who: Girls going into Kindergarten or 1st grade

RSVP by August 3rd, 2016 to arquinter00@gmail.com



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME.....

There are a few openings in our 3-year-old **Pre-School** class. To register your child, call Sue Kucharik at 610-327-3853.

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Learning is fun!



FALL APPLE FESTIVAL.....

Our Fall Apple Festival will be held Saturday, October 1, 9am – 3pm on the church grounds. Save the date! We'll have something for everyone!

DELICIOUS EATS: We will be preparing apple pancakes and sausage for breakfast, lots of delicious homemade lunch items, and our famous apple dumplings.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: We will welcome some of our favorite regular music bands, plus some new ones.

THINGS TO DO: We will welcome Levensgood's Flowers Fall Flower Display, a Quilt Show, a Children's Toy Yard Sale, and a Book Swap. More activities are being planned.

VENDORS: Tables are now available to reserve for vendors and crafters. The forms are available on our website, www.stpaulsdouglassville.com.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: We will welcome two moonbounces, lots of games, and Pony Rides.

SPONSORS: Do you own a business? Have something to promote? We are looking for sponsors to help us invest in new activities.

QUILTS: If you own a quilt, our Quilters welcome additions to our display, held in the Sanctuary.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, August 7, between services in the Library. Join us!

For more information, please contact Carole Renninger at emilyndalesmom@aol.com or 484-794-2652.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE -- WEDNESDAYS--9:00 AM

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: James Waring, Renee Waring, Zachary Waring, Gary Weidner, Cindy Weidner, Christopher Weidner, Ashleigh Weidner, Andrew Weiler, Rachel Weiler, Richard Weiler, Lynwood Weil, Joan Weil, Charles Weiser, Anne Weiser, Robert Wendel, Joan Wendel, Carl Wenzel, Lois Wendel, Kenneth Williams, Richard Wise, Kathryn Wise. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Amy Adam, Leroy DePrefontaine, Nati English, Robert Geiger, Richard Hoar, Gloria Lutz, John Maicher, Frank McManus, Rowan Milne, Ronald Trace, Greg Trout, family and friends of Cindy Weiler, Robert Kohler, Earl Hafer, Jane Baron, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Ken Albright, Sr., Delphine Altland, Michael Bach, Bryan B., Vivian Bolles, Robin C., Tom Campbell, Don Charlesworth, Charles Davidheiser, Mr. & Mrs. Davidson, Barbara DePrefontaine, Linda Domergue, Mary Ellen Eidell, Cindy Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Melissa Flannery, Joan Fleming, David Focht, Angela Fonte, Lauren Freeman, Robert Fucinato, John Gallagher, Ida Gilbert, Michael Giorgio, Ron Glaser, Evan Glass, Judy Grabowicz, Robert Graeff, Earl Hafer, Jamie Harp, Ron Harris, June Henninger, Arlene Hildebeitel, Marie Hoar, Connie Hunter, John & Margaret Kakas, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jack Lebo, Liane Lefever, Lewis M., Ronald McCarraher, Tricia Magner, Adrianna Marchewski, Charles Marquette, Jr., Harold Mest, Laurel Miller, Joe Morrowe, Marianne Moyer, Dan Muldoon, Mark Muldoon, Sandy Murphy, Ron Mutter, Carol Nocera, Richard Pool, Heather Powers, Patti Pyle, Arletta Reisch, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice, Jason Roland, Susan Ryan, Gabriel Schulze, Audrey Serrian, John Serrian, Sr., Lita Sheppard, Gene Stewart, Johnna Storck, Dale Szajek, Kathy Szajek, Kim Szajek, Jeanie Templin, Linda Troil, Tom Vroman, Scott Walley, Sandy Wamsher, Millard Watson, Becky Weary, Ruth Ann Williams, Tim Williams, Jill Wrigley, homebound— Geraldine Barbone*, Alton Brown, Frank Brown, Jennie Clouser, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Pearl Miller, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey, Patsy Smale.



*Non-member

Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

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| 8/1 | Lynn Gibson | 8/13 | Karen Lee |
| | Adrienne Sheeler | 8/14 | Denise Chroscinski |
| 8/2 | John Heisey | | Trevor Cicala |
| | Susie Kresge | | Jeffrey Schaeffer |
| 8/3 | Kathy Jablonski | 8/15 | Alexandra Espinosa |
| 8/4 | Rosalynnda Crichton | | Ellen Sheeler |
| | Madalynne Forster | 8/16 | Kayla Heisey |
| 8/5 | Ashley Childs | | Hallie Levensgood |
| | Melissa Kriner | 8/17 | Samuel Haring |
| | Zachary Secord | | Madelyn Hicks |
| | Doug Yocom | 8/18 | Rylan Brown |
| 8/6 | Ronald Donachie | | Amber Konarski |
| | Ann Mengel | 8/19 | Kevin Forster |
| 8/7 | David Hackett | | Mary Shaner |
| | Pat Levensgood | 8/20 | Pearl Miller |
| 8/8 | Myla Eisenhard | 8/21 | Jeane Rohrbach |
| | Aubrey Ridge | | Mark Sheeler, Jr. |
| | Erna Vroman | 8/22 | Grant Moser |
| 8/9 | Brian Miller | | Mark Smith |
| 8/10 | Gryffin Cappellano | 8/23 | Tim Schell |
| | Mia DeNardo | 8/24 | Christopher Venn |
| | McKenna Detwiler | 8/25 | Donna Meloy |
| | Andrew Kresge | 8/26 | Tyler Bennis |
| | Sophia Lott | | Sandi Levensgood |
| | Nicole Sypherd | 8/27 | Mary Levensgood |
| 8/11 | Anne Cormier | | Melissa Woodruff |
| | Colson Tsaskonas | 8/28 | Connor Reed |
| 8/12 | Benjamin Garcia | | P. Henry Rhoads |
| | Gary Leister | 8/29 | Rob Levensgood |
| | Kim Sarro | | Jennifer Moyer |
| 8/13 | Alyson Hatfield | | Chase Oesterling |
| | Janice Jancovic | | Bonnie Steever |

HAPPY ANIVERSARY TO –

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| Dave & Janet Levensgood | 8/3 | 48 yrs. |
| Bruce & Pam Cope | 8/4 | 26 yrs. |
| David & Vicki Hiser | 8/6 | 33 yrs. |

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| John & Kay Bonslaver | 8/7 | 51 yrs. |
| Charles & Susan Fix | 8/9 | 19 yrs. |
| Michael & Wendy Hasara | 8/12 | 10 yrs. |
| Bruce & Janet Musselman | 8/12 | 38 yrs. |
| Bill & Angie Kutz | 8/16 | 30 yrs. |
| Kacey & Eric Littman | 8/16 | 2 yrs. |
| Paul & Laurie Muschick | 8/17 | 20 yrs. |
| Dave & Jan Bause | 8/19 | 55 yrs. |
| Brian & Amy Hicks | 8/19 | 21 yrs. |
| Dick & Kathy Wise | 8/19 | 55 yrs. |
| Jeff & Sheila Angstadt | 8/20 | 28 yrs. |
| Ed & Sandra Berger | 8/20 | 22 yrs. |
| Greg & Susie Kresge | 8/20 | 22 yrs. |
| Rick & Nancy Centrella | 8/21 | 40 yrs. |
| Wayne & Lynn Grace | 8/24 | 42 yrs. |
| Thomas & Judith Morrow | 8/24 | 46 yrs. |
| Herbert & Darlene Schoenly | 8/26 | 21 yrs. |
| Jason & Apryll Ware | 8/30 | 9 yrs. |



STUDENTS:

Help us to keep in touch with you while you're away from home. If you're heading off to college, please let the church know your college address.

The SPYY (St. Paul's Younger Youth) group is looking to restart itself for this coming year and into the future. For those who are unfamiliar, SPYY is for children in grades 1 through 6. Many of the past years' children have graduated to SPLAT, so we're looking to revitalize the group with new members, new families and new ideas to kick off the next year. If you have a child in 1st through 6th grades, please consider joining us for a planning meeting on August 7th at 9:15 in the fellowship hall.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST, 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | |
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| | 1 | 2 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev. | 3 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study | 4 Noon—Amity Fr. Circle 6 PM—T3 Com 7 PM—Christian Ed. | 5 | 6 6 PM—Holy Comm. | | |
| 7 8 & 10:30-Holy Com 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—SPYY mtg. 9:15—Apple Fest. Mtg. 9:30—Finance Com. 7 PM—Nar-Anon | 8 7 PM—Pastoral Care | 9 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS | 10 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:15—Executive Com 7—Council | 11 7 PM—Prayer shawl | 12 | 13 6 PM—Holy Comm. | | |
| 14 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School SPLAT after 10:30 7 PM—Nar-Anon | 15 6 PM—Bible Study | 16 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS | 17 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study | 18 7:30 PM—Crime Watch | 19 | 20 7:30—Property Com. 6 PM—Holy Comm. | | |
| 21 8 & 10:30-Holy Com 9AM—Acolyte tr. 9:15—Sunday School Social Ministry 7 PM—Nar-Anon | 22 | 23 Quilting 9:30—Craft workshop 2 PM—TOPS | 24 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 7 PM—Worship & Music | 25 | 26 | 27 6 PM—Holy Comm. | | |
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