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From The Pastor's Desk

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I've always enjoyed looking into more of the Scriptures than just what the lectionary provides. Don't get me wrong, the lectionary is a great gift to the church, and will probably be the topic of many of these articles to come, but many people don't get more than what they hear on Sundays. Over the years, one thing I've seen people often miss are the feasts and festivals of the church. They are wonderful opportunities to take a closer look at some of the great saints of the church from ages past. Therefore, my first "From the Pastor's Desk" is going to be covering one of these feast days: the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul has been celebrated on June 29th since A.D. 250. These two saints may be the most famous Christians of all time, and God did amazing work through these two men. Saint Peter, part of Jesus' inner circle of disciples, became one of the heads of the early church in Jerusalem and was known as the "Apostle to the Jews," playing a vital role in converting many people from Judaism. Saint Paul, an early persecutor of the church, was famously converted on the road to Damascus after seeing Christ. Known as the "Apostle to the Gentiles", he went on three great missionary journeys setting up churches, defending proper doctrine and practice, and spreading the Gospel to the Gentile world.

Peter and Paul were both martyred for their confession of Christ. Tradition holds that St. Peter was crucified upside down, at his own request, because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as his Lord. St. Paul was beheaded, escaping crucifixion due to his Roman citizenship. Both of these men boldly proclaimed Christ crucified, even unto death, and serve as great examples that we should strive to follow in our sharing of the Gospel.

There is a wonderful hymn in our hymnal called "By All Your Saints in Warfare" that has a stanza for each saint celebrated on feast days. Here is the stanza for St. Peter and St. Paul:

"We praise You for Saint Peter; / We praise You for Saint Paul; / They taught both Jew and Gentile / That Christ is all in all. / To cross and sword they yielded / And saw Your kingdom come; / O God, these two apostles / Reached life through martyrdom. (LSB 518:19)

Today, we see the world around us becoming more and more hostile toward Christians. It can be very tempting to back away from our proclamation of the Gospel in order to stay in the good graces of our society. St. Peter and St. Paul remind us that no matter what the world may say, we are called to remain faithful in our confession of Christ. As St. Paul writes in Philippians 1:20-21, "...with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." May we celebrate these men and, by God's grace, be as bold as they.

Let us pray. "Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

(Prayer taken from *Celebrating the Saints* by Rev. William Weedon, page 113)

OWLS HAPPENINGS

OWLS will meet Thursday, July 7 at noon in the lower LOFT. You don't need to bring anything because Joan and Tom Hogarth are treating everyone to lunch to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They would appreciate knowing how many OWLS to prepare for, so sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board, please.

OWLS will meet on Thursday July 7, at noon in the lower LOFT. Brad Miller will be the host and provide dessert and beverages. Bring your own sandwich and join us for an afternoon with friends. You may bring books and magazines you have finished reading to trade or donate to the Bethesda Shop.

OWLS are invited to Brad's home on the Fox River on Thursday, July 21 at 11:00 a.m. and he will take us for a boat ride to Port Edward in Algonquin where we can enjoy dockside lunch. Afterward we will enjoy the return boat ride to his home. A sign up sheet will be posted so we know how many are coming. We are expecting a new member to join us that day.

CARY FIREWORKS

Independence Day Fireworks provided by the Village of Cary are scheduled for the evening of Friday, July 1. The church's front driveway is a good place to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the display. OWLS will be grilling hot dogs and will also have lemonade and ice cream for everyone.

dow fund. Drop a donation or your pocket change in the hole to fill the church so we can meet our obligations.

VBS WRAP

Thanks to everyone who helped with Monumental VBS this year! We have an Awesome God! Every lesson pointed to Christ as 23 children attended this year's session. We collected \$89.27 for Native American School Supply missions.

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Watch for more information on Kids for Christ in the coming months. Chrissy Heiss has been checking on all of the options for a meaningful parish education program for children in grades 1-8.

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool director, Chrissy Heiss, has applied for our state licensure. Watch for enrollment information coming soon. Our preschool plans to serve children ages 3-5 in a traditional 1/2-day program for the 2022-23 school year.

Holy Cross Preschool is looking for donations of the following items: baby dolls, child size blankets, tricycles, playdough. For more information, contact Chrissy Heiss at preschool@holycrosscary.org.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for a way to serve Holy Cross? Think Altar Guild. Working with a partner, only once a month, you will be responsible for preparing Communion and cleaning up after the service. Training will be provided.

Call Joan Hogarth

SHARE YOUR GIFTS

We are in need of musicians, sound/slide people, lay readers, and chair set up for the LOFT services. If any of these fit your God given gifts and you would like to serve, please contact Liz Gezella at Elizabethgezella@gmail.com or Ellen Gezella at ecgezella@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED

Brad Miller needs ushers to fill several recent vacancies. The task involves serving as an usher one Saturday or one Sunday per month. Training will be provided. Please let Brad know if you can help.

 JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kaye Kreher	07/03
Mike Kawasaki	07/04
Julia Turskey	07/05
Steven Shaykin	07/05
Diane Perrone	07/06
Jeanine Thelander	07/06
Bill Rintz	07/07
Jacob Landowski	07/07
CJ Beetham	07/07
Brad Miller	07/08
Ken Furler	07/09
John Woiset Schlaeger	07/09
Josh McCoy	07/10
Maxwell Penkava	07/10
Mike Dunker	07/10
Nora Urbates	07/11
Sandy	07/15
Dawn Fox	07/16
Rachel Chianakas	07/16
Amanda Matthaei	07/18
Sandy Beckman	07/21
Kaelyn Barchard	07/23
Richard Schroeder	07/24
Hilary McFaul	07/24
Chase Gray	07/26

Ella Urbates	07/26
Donna Stefinsky	07/27
Ryan Michels	07/28
Elouisa Janssen	07/29
Susanne Moake	07/31
Roxi Jacobsen	07/31

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3 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	4	5	6	7 12:00 12:00 OWLS	8	9 5:30P Worship 7:00P Taizé Service
10 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	11 6:30P Elders	12	13	14 10:00A Prayer Shawl	15	16 5:30P Worship
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