

PASTOR'S POTPOURRI

Summer Schedule

June 17 - September 2

Worship at 8:30 am and 10 am

Fellowship Time at 9:30 am

Seminarians

Farewell and Godspeed to Amy Jensen who completed her year of field education with us on Sunday, May 6. She returned home to Chaska, Minnesota to do her CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) in Burnsville, MN at Fairview Ridges Hospital and Ebenezer Ridges Care Center. In September Amy will be back in NJ for her final year at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Zach Wright will join us on September 9 for his field education year at St. Paul. A native of Maryland, Zach will do his CPE this summer in Bethlehem, PA.

For those of you keeping score at home, Amy was our 22nd field education student. Zach will be our 23rd. Both are on track for ordination in the ELCA. We also had three interns - - Joel Pancoast, Linda Thurston, and Beth Martini. Field ed students spend 10-12 hours/week on site during the academic year. Interns give 40+ hours/week for a full year.

Thank you for your help in providing a welcoming place for future pastors to discover and develop their gifts for ministry. The Raising Up Leaders fund provides financial support for our students and this ministry.

Forward in Faith

Mortgage Reduction Campaign

As we near the one-year anniversary of our MRC, we have made great progress in knocking Goliath (a.k.a. our mortgage) down to size. Since May 21, 2017, you have given \$307,935. Combined with regular monthly mortgage payments, the mortgage principal is now \$356,000. When the MRC began, it was \$725,000. We have come a long way. Look out, Goliath, we're not stopping.

Forward in Faith is a three-year campaign. Thank you for your past and future generosity!

Where There's a Will...

On May 2, the necessary paperwork was completed to receive a bequest from the estate of Irene Friedman, who died in October 2016. SPLC has a policy in place when endowment/bequests are received. In my 40 years at St. Paul, this is the third we have received. Such gifts help further our ministry. Thanks to Irene for being a good steward during her life and in her death.

New Members

Several people have asked about joining SPLC. This involves three orientation sessions. Let's try this after Worship from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm on the following Sundays:

June 24, July 1, July 8,

July 15, July 22, and July 29

Pick three Sundays that work for you. I will be available for whoever is interested. Contact the church office.

In the fall, we will have orientation sessions on three Sundays in October during Education Hour (9:40 am - 10:40 am). If you prefer meeting this fall, let me know.

Sunday, June 10

I will observe my 40th Anniversary as pastor of SPLC on May 28 and the 45th Anniversary of my Ordination on June 10. The Fellowship Committee and the Worship and Music Committee are planning to celebrate these two milestones on Sunday, June 10. Bishop Roy Riley will preach. Our choirs will ring and sing at the 11 am Festive Service. A Reception will follow. As usual, there will be a Service at 8:30 am and Education Hour at 9:40 am.

I invite you to attend the late Service and stay for the Reception.

Thank you for your 40-year partnership in the Gospel.

James R. Egan