



# THE VISITOR

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Port & Burgundy Streets – New Orleans, Louisiana  
177 Years in Faubourg Marigny

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### Celebration Service

St. Paul Lutheran School rejoices in its 177th year with a special "Service of Thanksgiving," Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 AM.



### The "Vision Thing"

A bit of creative thinking goes a long way in sharing the love and spirit of St. Paul members with our friends and neighbors.



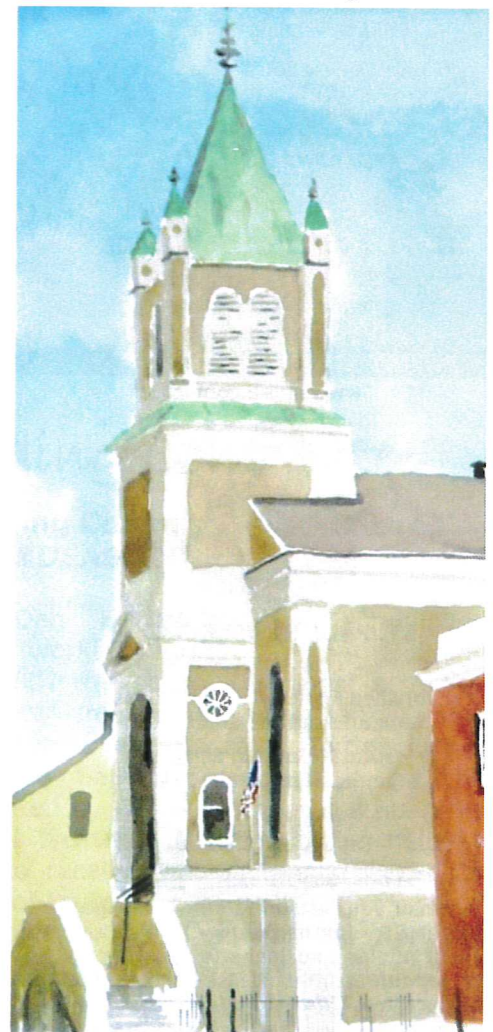
### Reformation "500"

Plans are underway to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation in a city-wide service at St. Paul Lutheran Church.



Celebrating 177 Years in the Marigny Neighborhood  
with Open Arms and Open Minds.

We are Your Neighbors. This is Your Church.



# "The Three Janitors"

## Recollections by Jack Stewart

It was early in World War II and impossible to hire a custodian for St. Paul Church and School. Who could compete with the hourly wage at Delta Shipyard?

Mr. Wismar, school principal and organist, asked Clifford Dietrich, Ernest Verges, and me if we were interested in doing janitorial work. Cliff and I were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Ernest was in 6<sup>th</sup>. We became the three janitors.

We were furnished keys to the building and generally told what to do. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we would have the lower school room warm for Catechism at 7:30 a.m. and on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. We were on "War Time" – permanent Daylight Savings Time.



Jack



Clifford



Ernie

We opened the school each day and the church on Sundays. Church bells were rung at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. – small bell, large bell, both bells – and for the second service at 9:00, 9:35 and 10:00 a.m.

We mopped floors, cleaned bathrooms, dusted. Since no one was around, we managed to turn on the organ and see how it worked. We also found our way to the bell tower while lighting space heaters. We changed light bulbs and handled funerals and weddings. After six months, we were each given \$3.00 and asked to continue our work.

As an aside, the Southern District Bulletin, which Mr. Wismar edited, was counted, bundled, and mailed by the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders.

We were given cash, took the 'Bulletins' for all the churches in the District to the Post Office on Dauphine and Piety, had them weighed, and postage amounts were written on them. We then bought stamps, licked them, and rode back to school in the wagon. Frank and Augie Satter, Herb Thompson, Cliff Dietrich, John Malloy, Billy Stevens, and I all had turns on this project.

I guess that's how we learned what it meant to serve the Lord and His Church.

# Community News



The Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association will sponsor its 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Home & Garden Tour on Sunday, May 21, from Noon to 4 p.m. The tour will feature homes and businesses in the Marigny Triangle. Tickets are available on the day of the tour at Washington Square Park on Elysian Fields.

The general meeting of FMIA is held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, on the third Monday of each month.



## Looking Forward ...




We are looking forward this summer to a series of "Visitor" articles featuring the ministry and mission of Camp Restore. Join us as we take a behind-the-scenes look at the origins of RAI Ministries and their current involvement in providing disaster relief to victims of the recent tornadoes in New Orleans East.



We will also visit with Jeanette de Veer as she describes her mission in Mexico at La Iglesia Luterana Del Buen Pastor, (the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd). She will describe her ministry there, teaching English, growing vegetables, and working in the school library.

Coming in the June issue of "The Visitor."

Odie and Amy Hoppe Tucker have always been good friends of St. Paul. As many of you know, Odie Tucker is a water-colorist whose subjects include sailboats and seascapes. He painted the beautiful image of St. Paul on our cover and has granted us permission to use the image in our efforts to promote our ministry. Thanks Odie and Amy.



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