

## Retreat Information

# The Apostle Paul

*for Preaching and Ministry*

Presenter: The Rev. S. Blake Duncan

Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Steeleville

Pastoral Head of Staff for the

Wartburg Geographical Parish

An opportunity for continuing education for rostered clergy and lay leaders, those engaged in Synodically Authorized Ministry, individuals interested in the Synodically Authorized Ministry program, and lay members of congregations.

The Apostle Paul is perhaps one of the most controversial figures of the New Testament. Dr. John Dominic Crossan asks us to consider whether we find him to be an “appealing or appalling apostle!” But at the same time, Paul has been subject to revisionism and criticism from the minute he began to embark on the mission to which he was called. How do we sort this all out and exactly what is Paul’s message to the church of his time? And what does he have to teach us today as we continue to do ministry among God’s people. This retreat will attempt to explore and discover the Paul of the authentic letters and attempt to draw from them a paradigm for ministry and mission today.

This 24 hour retreat is also designed as a Spiritual retreat and will include worship and fellowship time as well. It is recommended that participants read through Galatians and Philemon before the retreat begins. Also, highly recommended is the book: *The First Paul* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Harper, 2009.

### Tentative Schedule

#### Friday, December 8

- 5:00pm Registration and Dinner
- 7:00pm Session #1: Paul, Perplexing Apostle (Galatians & I Thessalonians)  
(see page 3 for details of a satellite simulcast of Session 1)
- 9:00pm Evening Prayer

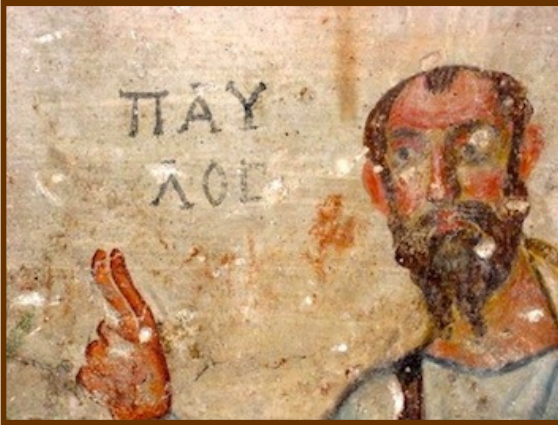
#### Saturday, December 9

- 8:30am Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00am Session #2: Controversy and Conflict in Corinth (Philemon & Corinthian Letters)
- 11:30am Lunch (Free Time)
- 1:00pm Session #3: Moving to the Next and Last Phase (Philippians & Romans)
- 2:30pm Responsive Prayer #2
- 3:00pm Departure

## Presenter: The Rev. S. Blake Duncan

The Rev. S. Blake Duncan is currently serving as Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Steeleville, Illinois and Pastoral Head of Staff for the Wartburg Geographical Parish. Pastor Duncan also serves as the Dean of Education for the SAM program for the C/SIS and has been a presenter in the past. Pastor Duncan is also a professional musician and has served many congregations over the years as music director – directing a choir and playing organ/piano. Pastor Duncan also taught for 17 years on the music faculty at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, and for 15 years on the faculty at Lutheran Summer Music and has performed regularly in orchestras and in chamber music as an oboist / English Horn player.





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- Who** Everyone
- What** Winter Retreat—*The Apostle Paul for Preaching and Ministry*
- Where** King's House Renewal and Retreat Center (handicapped accessible)  
700 North 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Belleville, IL  
618.397.0584
- When** Friday—Saturday — December 8-9, 2017
- Time** Friday evening: 5:00pm—9:00pm  
Saturday, 8:00am—3:00pm
- Instructor** The Rev. S. Blake Duncan

### REGISTRATION FORM FOR

#### 2017 Winter Retreat—*The Apostle Paul for Preaching and Ministry*

Send check and registration form to: REGISTRAR, C/SIS-ELCA, 524 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. For additional information or questions, contact the Pastor Blake Duncan, 618.965.3119 or by email: prblake1@yahoo.com

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City \_\_\_\_\_, IL Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Early Bird...Registration Fee  \$ 75.00 ENCLOSED

After November 1 Registration Fee  \$80.00 ENCLOSED

**Registration Deadline: MONDAY, November 20, 2017**

Overnight Lodging, Single Room

Overnight Lodging, Double Room

Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The facility is fully accessible, please indicate if you need an accessible room. \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration limited to the first 35 individuals.**

**YES, I am willing to assist with worship. I am willing to \_\_\_\_\_**



Technology comes to a reality!

Session #1 of the Retreat will be video simulcast to First Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL. This will be an interactive simulcast. Participants at First Lutheran Church will see a projected image of Pastor Duncan, and Pastor Duncan will see the participants at First Lutheran Church. Also, participants at First Lutheran Church will be able to ask Pastor Duncan questions or make comments to the group, just as the participants can at King’s House, Belleville. While the participants in Decatur will not enjoy the full experience of the overnight, three-session retreat, they will be enriched by the presentation and conversation, and will get a taste of synod-sponsored adult education.

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Registration Fee

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