



ome who deny that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, believe that Jesus was caught offguard by His arrest and crucifixion. They conclude that events spiraled out of control and Jesus was a victim of terrible circumstances. They insist He was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Christ was right where His Father wanted Him to be and was doing exactly what His Father sent Him to do. He was in the right place at the right time, and He knew it. On more than one occasion, Jesus gave evidence that He knew exactly what was going to happen to Him. Here are just a few of his crucifixion and resurrection predictions:

"And He [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31).

"Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body" (John 2:19-21).

"For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40).

On the cross, Jesus was at the right place at the right time, just as He predicted. The cross is the God-appointed place where Christ would make the all-sufficient payment of His blood and His life for the sin of the world. And it would take place at the God-appointed time!

On the third day, just as He predicted, Christ would once again be in the right place at the right time. No longer dead and in a tomb, He would rise from the dead. Over the next forty days, the risen Christ would appear at numerous times and in numerous places. He would appear to Mary Magdalene, to the other women running from the tomb, to the two men on the road to Emmaus, and to the disciples without and then with Thomas present. Christ would even eat with His disciples, cook His disciples breakfast on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and would appear to more than 500 people at one time. At the right places and at the right times, Christ clearly demonstrated that He had triumphed over sin and death, just as He predicted.

And God has placed you in the right places at the right times as well. At a baptismal font where you were you received all that Christ accomplished for you. In a pew where your faith is continually nurtured by God's Word. At an altar, where you receive the gifts of Christ's body and blood, "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matt. 26:28).

As a result, you will also be at the Godappointed place at the Godappointed time on the day of Christ's return.

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

The right place at the right time — always with the Lord! All because "HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!"



by Pastor Thomas

Holy Week & Easter



Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 8:00, 9:30, 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary 10:45 a.m. Living Stone (gym) Children's palm processional in all Sunday services



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Includes stripping of the altar



Good Friday

Friday, April 2 12:05-12:50 p.m. Lunch hour service 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. (*Tenebrae*)



Easter

Sunday, April 4

Sanctuary (main church) 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. with festival music

Living Stone (gym) 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. with special music arrangements

The Lord's Supper will be offered at all Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and Easter services.

No Saturday evening service on April 3.

No Sunday school or Bible classes are held on Easter.

abby Tales

One of my favorite things to do is visit the children at the Early Childhood Center. They love to snuggle up with me, find the ticklish spot on my ear, ask lots of guestions, and tell me all about their family pets. The teachers are pretty amazing too!

The ECC held a virtual auction as part of their autumn Trick-or-Trivia event and my team donated "Reading Time with Tabby"! Well, one lucky fellow in the Honeybees class has a wonderful grandma who was the winning bidder! In March I visited the class with my two Top Dogs, Ruth and Jodi, who read "Go, Dog, Go!" – definitely a classic and one of my favorites. I was also happy to support the ECC by participating in their walkathon, "Walk in Love," on a beautiful Saturday in February with my caregivers. Like all of you, I am so happy that things are begin-

ning to open back up and I hope I can soon start making some nursing home, hospital, and adult day care center visits again!

Love, Tabby





"Yes I did! I went to Sunday School!"

When we began video-recording Sunday School messages last September, we knew we

wanted to meet our families' needs during the pandemic by bringing creative messages of God's love into the home. What we didn't expect was the impact the videos would have on one young man.

Without a church home or legacy of faith in his household, this boy had not heard the name Jesus before walking into the halls of St. Paul's School this school year. Now, each week he signs into YouTube on his own, and watches the video lesson by himself. Touched by his growing faith, his teacher reports that when she surveys the class each Monday about weekend worship and Bible study participation, he proudly says yes, knowing that he "went" to Sunday School too.

With over 4500 views to date, our Sunday School team plans children's videos that are fun and filled with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Another family has been staying home more often out of caution for their aging parents; they shared how the videos have become conversation-starters. "We watch the Sunday school videos together and elaborate on the topic further and extend the lesson. Together we talk about ways we can apply the lessons in our everyday lives. These weekly messages inspire us and have been such a blessing in our house."

"St. Paul's Is His Legacy"

Many in our con-

gregation have heard Bill Meisch's name at our voters' meeting and in church communications related to his \$5.9 million bequest to St. Paul's, and have asked to learn more about this brother in Christ, now entered into the church triumphant.

Bill Meisch was a lifelong St. Paul's member, spending his years in the school classrooms and in the church pews. He was baptized at St. Paul's, attended the grade school here, and then went on to Kirkwood High School, Lutheran High School South, and finally Washington University, paying his own way for high school and college. Bill was an only child, a devoted son who lived with his parents his whole life — taking great care of them until their deaths — and who never married.

Bill was a music man. He spent his days with students in the classroom and spent his evenings entertaining country club patrons all throughout the St. Louis area. On Sunday

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SUMMER Rummage Sale

Sale Days

Wed., June 16, 8am-2pm Fri., June 18, 8am-2pm Sat., June 19 8am-noon

Collection Days
Sun., June 13 through
Thurs., June 17; hours vary

Schedule subject to change

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Ministry Spotlight



66What a

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id you know that we have a College Connection Team at St. Paul's? Our college students are living their first years away from home, beginning a new

chapter of independence in their lives. During this pivotal time, we seek to support our students in their growing faith as we share encouraging words and scripture verses which point to the promises of our Lord. Through personal cards and care packages sent throughout the year, we hope to uplift them and keep them connected to their home church.

This outreach ministry – which includes students across the United States and at St. Louis colleges – assists students in finding a church near their campus. Our team members

pray for these young adults by name on a regular basis. Our students are also invited to share prayer requests with the College Connection Team. We look forward to the times our students return to St. Louis as we plan fellowship activities to help them reconnect with one another during campus breaks.

One student shared a note of appreciation after receiving a mailing during finals week, "I wanted to thank St. Paul's for the card and gift card to Panera! That was so sweet of you and the church to do. It was so needed too! What a nice treat to have for finals. I'm so appreciative of all the hard work that St. Paul's has been doing to take safety precautions and by offering online services, too. It has offered me so much comfort being able to still virtually attend services and receive the Word. Looking forward to getting back to in-person church once everything calms down..."

As we entrust our college-age students to the Lord during this time that we are apart from one another physically, we rejoice that the Lord unites us through the work of His Spirit in our hearts. What comfort we have as we remember Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Pictured are college students (L-R) Nora Rudzinski, Sophia Vandeloecht, and Justin Peper

Says

It's on everyone's mind ... the pandemic. Even on days we try not to dwell on it, the thoughts creep in. On the one-year anniversary of St. Louis shutdowns, we asked Saint Paulers of all ages about the ups and the downs of the past year. The top reply was "hugs!" — you tell us that you miss closeness with those

you care about, but yet lean on the Lord and look to the cross in these historic times.

Thinking about the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the things I miss the most are...

- "Kneeling at the altar when receiving Communion."

 Staff member
- "Handshakes and seeing smiles unmasked." Staff member
- "Hugging my friends and extended family." Mom
- "Being with my family and grandchild, and frequent visits with my friends." Grandmother
- "I miss lipstick." Bible study participant
- "I miss going to concerts and hearing live music, and having dinner out with friends and lingering at the table in conversation." Professor
- "Hugging those who are hurting or grieving." Ministry team
- "Big whole-family gatherings like Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and birthday parties." Businesswoman
- "Socialization and celebrations with faculty and staff."
 School faculty member
- "Being able to hang out with my friends as often as we could before, and discouragement at how my senior year has been impacted." High school student
- "Hugs, gatherings of family and friends ... and having a 'naked' face and not needing to wear a mask."

 Stay-at-home mom
- "In-person fellowship." Staff member
- "Enjoying dinners out with my wife, instead of curbside pickup." Retired businessman

Reflecting back on the pandemic I am thankful for...

- "The comfort of God's Word in uncertain times." Staff member
- "Good listeners, good health, humor, friends, my husband and children, beautiful weather, Christian radio ... and chocolate (always!)" Stay-at-home mom
- "For parks and driveways and fire pits ... that help us gather in new ways with those we love and cherish." Baker
- "I'm thankful for additional time with my kids, especially my son who will be heading off for college." Corporate trainer
- "The new dog we welcomed into our family in 2020!" Volunteer
- "God working to bring us new school students and families to serve." School faculty
- "Having more time to devote to decluttering around the house." Retiree
- "Having a greater appreciation for the little joys God has given us, plus spending more at-home time with my parents."

 Young adult
- "Prayers and support from our congregation." Staff member
- "Conscientious guidelines for mask-wearing and distancing that keep me safe at the grocery store and shopping." Octogenarian
- "I'm most thankful that my immediate family has been spared serious illness." Businessman
- "That our Lord never changes and is with us all the time."
 Staffmember
- "The opportunity to worship in person, even in a limited capacity; thank you ministry team!" Staff member
- "Jesus Christ crucified!" Bible study participant

Snowed In

Loving our neighbors by lending a hand - and a shovel

by Sharon Shearman, Director of Family Ministry

hile many of us were snuggled at home enjoying snow days while we waited for streets to be cleared, others in our community felt trapped in their houses. The bonechilling temperatures of February's snowstorm caused broken pipes and accessibility challenges.

With the deep snow and the difficulties that accom-

panied it, came an opportunity for our faith family. A Des Peres resident phoned our church after days of being snowed in. Due to health issues, she was unable to clear her own driveway. She had attempted but had been unsuccessful in finding an individual or a company willing and available to shovel her walk and driveway.

As a last resort she reached out to us. She remembered driving by our church many times on her way home...

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As a last resort she reached out to us. She remembered driving by our church many times on her way

to and from her home. She did not want to inconvenience us, she said, and stressed that she was not a member of our church. I assured her that we were very grateful that she had called and welcomed the opportunity to assist her. One of our St. Paul's members graciously agreed to take care of her snow removal needs. As one of our brothers in Christ responded to her need, she expressed deep gratitude for the care we extended to her. I shared with her that we would welcome any calls from her in the future and invited her to join us for worship any time.

I rejoice in the opportunities the Lord gives each of us to serve others! Perhaps you were shoveling the driveway of one of your neighbors last month!

"... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16





Easter Egg Hunt April 3 | 10:00am

Make family memories together at St. Paul's Easter Egg Hunt! All children, from babies to second graders (0-8 years), are invited to this annual favorite. The egg hunt is complimentary with no advance registration required.

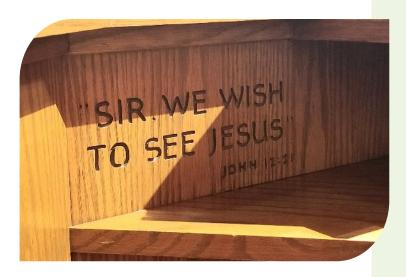


Recording Upgrades for Worship Services

February and March mark the completion of our muchanticipated sanctuary technology upgrades, with a \$36,000 state-of-the art audio/visual system (from donor funding) that allows us to significantly improve the viewing experience of our online church services, and to add livestreaming capabilities.

Previously, worship recordings needed to process through decades-old equipment, running from an outdated analog VCR to a converter, with its accompanying low resolution and blurriness. Our modernized system now features high-definition cameras, quality microphones, speakers, high-capacity computer processing equipment and mixing console, WiFi, and new

We know that in the past year, more than ever, online worship has been vitally important in keeping our congregation connected in worship and the Word. Our heartfelt thanks goes to those who have generously donated funds and given their time over the last twelve months to record our services – both sanctuary and Living Stone – and to help us implement upgrades.



Do you know where these Gospel words are carved? The Word of the Lord endures forever, and can be found throughout our church. As the late Rev. Paul McCain told St. Paul's, "I love seeing that when I've had the honor of preaching at St. Paul's!" If you guessed the pulpit, you're correct. These words are carved inside our pulpit, visible to our pastors when they preach.

Life's Race



Your life is like running a marathon.

1 Corinthians 9:24 says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So, run that you may obtain it."

The first necessity to finish a marathon is to have the goal to cross the finish line. As a Christian, your faith for your victory is in Christ Jesus. In Christ your life has purpose. Through Christ you are assured your God will cause everything in your life to be for your good (Romans 8:28). While a marathoner runs hoping to cross the finish line and receive a trophy and perhaps a monetary prize, the race you are running has a prize that is imperishable: eternal life.

As a marathoner has to overcome hills, an uneven race course, pot holes in streets, heat, pain, exhaustion, so you in your life face many challenges and obstacles. God's Word is like the marathoner's friends along the race course, urging him on and to not give up.

Jesus has run the race for you. He has crossed the finish line in your place. Jesus, your Good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit are with you every step of your life to carry you forward until you receive your prize Jesus has won for you.

Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly LCMS pastor and former Missouri District president, retired. Excerpted from Mirly Daily Devotions; used with permission.

Music Notes

Art and Song III: A Retrospective

From January 30 to February 7, original sacred art work of professional artist Kelly Schumacher adorned the beautiful space of St. Paul's Lounge. During that nine-day period, hundreds of people, including many of St. Paul's School students, were helped to "see" facets of our Christian faith through her creative interpretations.

Acclaimed singer Erin Bode provided the "Song" during a concert of some of her vocal arrangements on Sunday, January 31. Exercising COVID precautions, a

performance was the first time since pre-COVID they were able to perform publicly for an audience

large, intergenerational au-The local musicians dience enjoyed her presentation. Erin was accompasaid their St. Paul's nied by local professional instruments. Following the concert they expressed their appreciation to Music at St. Paul's for the opportunity to

> perform publicly. They said that this was the first time

since before the pandemic that they have been able to do so. Art and Song III was the fourth offering in Music at St. Paul's 29th annual season.



Lutheran Summer Music Academy

LSM is a residential performance and training program for young musicians completing grades 8-12. LSM is the nation's foremost Christian-based music program for high school students. The faculty members are professional musicians who teach at the collegiate level, and promote an environment of collaboration rather than competition.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy will be held on the campus of Valparaiso University, June 27 to July 25, 2021. Scholarships are available. Interested students can contact Mark Bender (mbender@stpauls desperes.org) for an informational brochure. Learn more at the LSM website, www.lsmacademy.org.

School News

by Janet Profilet, Principal

ur 2020-2021 academic year continues to progress through the months. Students will soon complete three quarters of in-person instruction, with minimal disruption for quarantines. Eighth graders are preparing for Confirmation and Graduation.

I continue to be amazed at how well our students, teachers, staff, and families are maneuvering the challenges of this year of learning during a worldwide pandemic. As a congregation, we should all be thankful and proud of the programming, curriculum, staff, and perseverance of our school community. While the days and months of a school year continue to change, the focus on Christ-centered learning remains constant.

Recently, the long-range planning initiative led by Generis Group conducted a survey to solicit input from the congregation as well as from our school programs. Over 230 surveys were completed for the congregation. At the time of writing this article, we also have over 152 surveys completed that were specifically written for our School, ECC, and PDO programs. I'd like to highlight just a few of the quotations received from our families.

To conclude, the families' words summarize our mission and purpose as well as any statement that is written in our handbook or admissions materials. We are blessed to be able to provide this type of spiritual development on a daily basis. We are blessed to receive the continued support from the congregation and community. We are thrilled to have welcomed many new families into our "community" this school year. God works and provides such blessings.

Describe what you have seen in your child's spiritual development.

- "He truly tries to do his best for Jesus. He talks about God and Jesus daily and loves talking to God through prayer."
- "An ability to articulate in word and song the faith of the church."
- "A desire to love and serve their neighbor."
- "She shows a desire to learn about the Bible and shows good understanding of Bible stories and teachings."
- "We feel her spiritual development is a high priority at school. She knows so much about the Bible already and a large part of that is due to it being taught at school. We love when she comes home singing hymns she has been singing at school."
- "Our children use their faith to understand complicated situations like a global pandemic, loss of a family member, or unpredictable changes in plans. Their faith helps them make sense of the world around them and that they are a part of. It also has given them confidence that with God, all things are possible."
- "St. Paul's has been instrumental in shaping our children's spiritual development and for that we are so very grateful."









"Our daughter is thriving and, most of all, happy."

General Comments, Questions, Suggestions

- "Thanks for all you do. We love St. Paul's."
- "We are thankful for Lutheran Christian Education and we hope our church and school will always point the children and their families to Christ alone as Savior and give glory to our heavenly Father, the giver of all our blessings, as you have been doing over the years."
- "Praying daily for our church and school. Thank you."
- "St. Paul's has been a blessing to us for many years. I know this year has been challenging, but school has done a great job making it as 'normal' as possible."
- "We are very happy with our daughter's experience at St. Paul's. She is thriving and, most of all, happy. She loves going to school. Her teachers so far have been great and we are happy with the faith-centered education she is receiving. Throughout this unique year, we have been happy with the level of safety and communication that school has done."
- "St. Paul's ECC is a blessing to our family and we are so happy that the expansion has welcomed so many of our friends, family members and others to the school community!"
- "Very pleased with the manners my children display while excelling at learning."



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Principal



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From One Generation to Another Putting the "care" in care packages

magine you're in care facility and aren't able to leave your room or enjoy visitors due to COVID-19 regulations. Then one day a hand-written note arrives with a gift bag!

Dozens of middle schoolers in the congregation played an impactful role at our "Pie It Forward" servant event, showing their love and kindness as they wrote personal notes and assembled Christmas gift bags with an assortment of goodies for our homebound church members this past winter.

Although our ever-changing times are indeed challenging for our youth, these middle schoolers gained perspective as they remembered our elder population in assisted living and retirement facilities, some of whom have not been able to have visitors since March 2020.

Our homebound members were touched by the connection, with many mailing back notes of appreciation, "Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity - what a Christian thing to do!" and, "I am so blessed to be a part of the St. Paul's family!"

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." *Romans* 8:28



ECC

by Bev Gruenwald, ECC Director

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

National Lutheran Schools Week

Early Childhood Center students and staff celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week with the theme, *Sent to Serve*. We made "servant towels" to practice cleaning and helping others. We gave "breakfast on the go" bags to parents and church helpers. We made cards and videos to send to missionaries and also collected clothes, shoes, books, and toys to donate to a clinic that services families of low income. It is a joy to serve others as Christ loved us!

Ash Wednesday was recognized with Chapel led by Pastor Wade. Children and staff received a cross of ashes and remembered that our sins are dirty, but through Jesus our Savior, we are forgiven and made clean! A mother told us that her three-year-old son was disappointed when his ashes rubbed off in the bathtub that evening. He quickly found a permanent marker and drew his own cross on his forehead!

Anniversaries: Congratulations to two special friends celebrating anniversaries of service at St. Paul's ECC: Cathy Holt with 20 years of teaching, and Heather Strothkamp with five years as a teacher assistant.

Enrollment for the 2021/2022 school year is almost completely full, with a few sporadic openings remaining. We are blessed with a historic 155 precious children enrolled!

Walkathon Completes \$70K Grant

Thanks to all who participated or donated to the remote walkathon on February 27. What wonderful weather God gave us! Families and supporters walked in different parks, different states, and even different countries! The final donations that were given allowed us to complete the \$70,000 challenge grant from Lutheran Foundation. All gifts will help with the ECC expansion project as we serve more children and families in our community with an improved and enlarged facility.

ECC Summer Camp 2021

Come join the fun with an Olympic theme. Children who have completed kindergarten through 7th grade are welcomed to enroll for up to 10 weeks this summer, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Learning activities, daily devotions, art projects, field trips, and so much fun awaits! Visit stplutheranschool.org for more information.







Official Acts

—OF THE CHURCH — NOV. 21, 2020 - MAR. 1, 2021

BAPTISMS

Nov. 29 Kennedy Jean Kickham
Dec. 13 Lydia Elizabeth Glowczewski
Dec. 27 Brooks Glock
Feb. 10 Elliot Ronin Duckett
Feb. 14 Dylan Frederick Leroy Schuele
Feb. 14 Rosalie Faith Mueller
Feb. 21 Bridget Irene Roush

DEATHS

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Nov. 25	Rev. Paul McCain
Dec. 2	Elizabeth Wilson
Dec. 12	Daniel Bierwagen
Dec. 19	Richard Nickel
Dec. 23	Marcella Ward
Dec. 29	Donald Whitlock
Feb. 16	Kurt Klotzer

WEDDINGS

Jan. 2 Kelly Schumacher and David Uffenbeck

Farewell

eslie Rudzinski, who has served as Assistant Director of Family Ministry at St. Paul's for the past three and a half years, has accepted a position at Concordia Plan Services as a Retirement Services Representative. Her final day on the St. Paul's staff was March 4.

Reflecting on her years of service, Leslie shared, "Thank you for the opportunity to work in this position for the past three and a half years. I have appreciated the opportunities to work alongside Sharon, this staff, and the faithful families of St. Paul's."

"We are grateful for all that God accomplished through Leslie at St. Paul's in family ministry, particularly in the areas of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, the What We Believe classes, and new member assimilation," commented Pastor Thomas. "We are happy that Leslie and her family will remain at St. Paul's as her husband, Kevin, continues to serve as an up-

per grade science and math teacher in our school. We pray every blessing for her as she begins this new chapter of service to our Lord."

Growing in the Faith

God cares for us in all our needs

From the Large Catechism, written in 1529 by Martin Luther

[The fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread,"] is especially directed also against our chief enemy, the devil. For all his thought and desire is to deprive us of all that we have from God and to hinder it.



He is not satisfied to obstruct and destroy spiritual government by leading souls astray with his lies and bringing them under his power. He also prevents and hinders the stability of all government and honorable, peaceable relations on earth. There he causes so much contention, murder, treason, and war. He also causes lightning and hail to destroy grain and cattle, to poison the air, and so on. In short, he is sorry if anyone has a morsel of bread from God and eats it in peace. ... This is especially true of those who have God's Word and would like to be Christians. ...

God wishes to show us how He cares for us in all our need and faithfully provides also for our earthly support. He abundantly grants and preserves these things, even for the wicked and rogues [Matthew 5:45]. Yet, He wishes that we pray for these goods in order that we may recognize that we receive them from His hand and may feel His fatherly goodness toward us in them [Psalm 104:28; 145:16].—Martin Luther

From the Large Catechism III 80-83, and quoted in Treasury of Daily Prayer, © 2008, Concordia Publishing House, pp. 1192-3.

Calendar Highlights

April 3 Easter Egg Hunt
April 18 Town hall meeting
April 26 Golf tournament
April 29 Confirmation examination
May 1 Confirmation

May 16 Voters' meeting
June 7-11 Vacation Bible School

At God's Wonder Lab Vacation
Bible School, children will play, explore, create, and learn about
God's love and promises! VBS at
St. Paul's is filled with fun,
friendship, music, amazing games,
crafts, snacks and creatively-presented
Bible lessons! Due to COVID-19 protocols,
VBS capacity is limited: register soon.
www.stpaulsdesperes.org/vbs

Bill Meisch: continued

mornings, you may recall hearing him playing his bass in our church orchestra.

As a music teacher for 43 years in the Rockwood School District, Bill impacted thousands of young lives, leading them by example. He not only taught music to his students, he showed them his hard work ethic, and his caring and loving demeanor.

Mr. Meisch was a simple man, with a steady routine. His neighbors said you could set your watch to his coming and going. Bill always said "to conserve" was to not waste. Bill watched the local channels on his 18-inch tube television with

rabbit ears. When Meals on Wheels delivered his lunch, he would save half of it for dinner, and would clean and reuse his paper plates.

In the Words of Commendation at Bill's funeral, friend Matthew Claus shared, "If I reflect on Bill's greatest achievement in his lifetime, it would be that of self-sacrifice. Because of Bill's modest lifestyle and conservative habits, he did not indulge in worldly expenses. He spent very little money during his days on this earth and saved a lot, knowing it would benefit others far into the future. Upon Bill's death, he left everything he had to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. St. Paul's was his home. And St. Paul's is his legacy."



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