



A restless evil, full of deadly poison

"Did you hear about . . . ?
"Guess what she said."
"Have I got news for you!"
News. Rumors. Gossip.
Call it what you will. It's sin.

The Eighth Commandment says, "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." Martin Luther explained it this way in the Small Catechism: "We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way."

Gossiping and talking about others behind their back is, probably, one of the most common sins among Christians. And it can really make its ugliness show in a church and Christian school. James wrote, "Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

"All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison."

The problem is that sins of the tongue are so common, we hardly even notice them or we don't recognize them as sins. We slip into these sins without even thinking about it. And this is harmful to our fellow Christians.

In the Large Catechism, Luther wrote, "Over and above our own body, spouse, and temporal possessions, we still have another treasure – honor

and good reputation (Proverbs 22:1). We cannot do without these. For it is intolerable to live among people in open shame and general contempt. Therefore, God does not want the reputation, good name, and upright character of our neighbor to be taken away or diminished, just as with his money and possessions."

So, if you know something about someone else, don't tell it to your parents, friends and anybody who will listen on social media. This is especially a problem with social media during summer break. School children with too much time on their hands and too easy access to Twitter, Snapchat and other cesspools get caught up in the drama and harm of gossip. We are quick to talk about others but slow to talk to others. Jesus said, "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you." (Matthew 18:15)

If you know something about someone, you are in a unique position and you have the responsibility to talk to that person about the issue. If someone is caught up in a sin, out of love for that soul for whom Jesus died, you need to confront that person with their sin, not spread it around to everyone else.

For the love of Jesus who died to save us and for the sake of our Christian community and, especially, our school, put a tight rein on your tongue and your use of social media.

• *Pastor Kenneth Frey*

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Worship Schedule

Sunday services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Monday evenings: 6:00 p.m.

Our 8am Sunday services are on facebook live and can also be heard on WNAM 1280 AM.



New Series Begins 8/14: HARD TRUTH "Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem" (Luke 13:22). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. If you expect Jesus to use these final teaching opportunities to share happy thoughts, you don't know him well. With a sense of extreme urgency,

Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher's life and work are the opposite of what one would expect. When the truth is hard to hear, the first temptation is to deny it. We cannot do that with Jesus' teaching, for he never lies. When the truth is hard to hear, the second temptation is to simply ignore it. To do that with Jesus is to court eternal death. Thus, Jesus' words contain an urgent warning: Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

8/7, 8/8	Focused Living Properly Values Heavenly Treasure
8/14, 8/15	We Want Peace, But God's Word Divides
8/21, 8/22	The First Will be Last; The Last Will be First

8/28, 8/29 The Humble Will be Exalted; The Exalted Will be Humbled

Official Acts

Forever with the Lord:

Elaine Brockman departed this life on June 30th, 2022 at the age of 88 years, 11 months, and 21 days.

Lloyd Yandre departed this life on July 21st, 2022 at the age of 62 years and 2 days.

James (Jim) Verbeten departed this life on July 23rd, 2022 at the age of 72 years, 10 months, and 1 day.

Financials through June 30th, 2022

	June	July – June
Income	\$ 125,137	\$ 2,346,680
Expense	\$ 214,972	\$ 2,345,832
Behind / Ahead	\$ -89,835	\$ 848

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

School News

Mission Statement:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

2022-2023 School Year: The new school year is right around the corner. Faculty in-service will be held during the week of August 1 - 5 and home visits will be conducted August 8 - 12. Back-to-School Sunday is on Sunday, August 21, with the opening worship service taking place at 9:30 am. The first day of school will be held on Wednesday, August 24.

St. Paul Lutheran School is taking applications for TWO positions for the 2022-2023 school year. The first is a **food service assistant** in our hot lunch program. Hours are approximately 10:00AM-1:30PM Monday through Friday during the school year. Hourly pay is determined on years of experience and educational training for food service. We are also looking for a **paraprofessional in our Third Grade classroom**. Hours would be 9:30 – 1:30, days are flexible depending on your availability. If you are interested either of these positions, please stop by the office for a position description and an application. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Jason Kelley at jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com.

LWMS

"The Lord is my light and my salvation – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

A message from Pastor Joel & Mary Heckendorf of Light of the Valleys Lutheran Church in Reno, NV:

Light of the Valleys (LOV) began in 2018 as a joint effort between WELS and two Reno churches. Currently, about 75 people call LOV their home, and we have 40-50

who worship with us on a weekly basis in our rented storefront. I am fascinated by just how raw our Reno brothers and sisters are in their spirituality. This presents both a joy and a challenge. With Reno being the second-most unchurched city in the United States (behind only San Francisco), I have met more people who know nothing about Jesus in my two years here than in my previous 17 years as a pastor. But that is exactly what brings such great joy. I have the privilege of meeting people who had no clue about Jesus until 2020, but by God's grace and through people like you, they are now able to see Jesus clearly.



National Night Out

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 2 for our 2022 St. Paul National Night Out event. The time will be from 4:30 – 8:00 PM. There will again be food, kid's activities,

Bingo, a bean bag toss challenge, and visits by the Appleton Police and Fire Departments, and many door prizes. Special additional activities will also include a 'Brian Butch Youth Basketball Skills Clinic' and an 'American Red Cross Community Blood Drive'. The basketball clinic is for 'all youth ages 7-14'. It will be in the gym from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. There is an online registration form on our church website under the [events page](#) or click [HERE](#). The blood drive will be in the church basement from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. To register, please call 1-800-RED-CROS (733-2767).

National Night Out Volunteers Needed: As in the past, many volunteers are needed in order to help make our National Night Out event a success. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located in the church narthex. You can sign up for a volunteer shift, and still enjoy a fun time at the event. Please consider helping with some of our National Night Out volunteer needs. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

Our Church Cleaning Committee is in dire need of new helpers due to the retirement of some members. This would involve about 2 hours every 11 weeks (or about 4-5 times per year). Please contact Glen or Linda Zimmerman at 920-788-6061 to volunteer or for more information.

Fall Festival – Save the Date

Mark your calendar for October 23 - Come and enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship!

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church and School Project Wish List

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| 1. Small Playground Improvements | ? |
| 2. Church Bells | ? |
| 3. 3 rd Pastor/ECC Asst. Dir. Offices | ? |
| 4. School Bathroom Remodel | ? |
| 5. Refinish Pews | \$40,000 |

Any donations (large or small) given toward these items is greatly appreciated. Some of these items/projects have been purchased/completed and we are looking for members to help in covering any part of the costs involved. For a closer look at these items as well as giving options, including 'Easy Tithe', please follow this link: [Wish List Giving](#).

FVL News

FVL is accepting applications for a Canteen Manager. Go to fvlhs.org/about/employment for details.

The Summer Legacy Magazine is available online. Go to fvlhs.org/legacy-magazine to view. Go to fvlhs.org/subscribe to receive this and other online publications in your email!

ANNUAL REPORT

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Appleton, WI

2021 - 2022

Official Acts

Added to God's Kingdom Through Holy Baptism:

Stevie Paschen, Otto Kuhlka, Hilda Koepke, Everly Fredrickson, Sienna Doule, Finley McNamara, Jordan Martin, Ezra Laux, Miles Abitz, Skylar Beirl, Bennett Uecker, Remi Paschen, Traeh Gard

Marriages:

Phillip Luehring and Nicholl Green

Welcome into the Fellowship:

A. By Transfer:

Robert Van Riper and child, Kirsten Gullerud, Sabrina Skaletski, Sarah Petermann, Sara Leintz, Nancy Albright, Andrew & Lindsey Chesbro and child, Jake & Angela Carrel and children

B. Profession of Faith

Lisa Volkman, Mildred & Duane Watermolen, Allen Kraemer

C. Adult Confirmation/Baptism

Jason & Charissa Kuntsman and child, Brian & Janel Randall and child, Julie Tauber, Taylor VanRiper, Susan Martin, Jean Wickesberg, Kenneth & Ashley Keopke, Don Martin, Nathan & Susan Waid, Devon Xiong, Aaliyah Xiong, Tammy Collier

D. Confirmation *(8/2020 & 5/2021 classes)*

Haidyn Berger, Lucas Hansen, Kody Holtz, Caleb Huth, Brynnlee Jeffries, Lillian Kraus, Joseph McGinley, Wyatt Schlueter, Julia Toppe, Ella Uhlenbrauck, Alyssa Wachtendonk, Steele Wilson

Farewell and Godspeed:

A. By Transfer

Lizette Reyes and child, Melissa Smolinski and children, Tyler Semrau, Ryan & Nicole Zimmerman and children, Jason Lenz and daughter, Alex Casey, Julian Ehlert, Keith & Tracy Woods, Lucas Hansen, Mike, Mary, & Whitney Eichsteadt

B. By Release:

John & Lori Wenning and child, Troy Hooyman, Paul Thao, Blia Thao, Jerry Thao, John Thao, Kao Lee Thao, Kao Zoua, Pa Thao, Thomas Thao, Sia Thao, Melanie Thao, Michael Thao, Stephanie Thao, Teri Bagley, Adam Sievert, Bailey Laux, Elizabeth Corbisier, Lucas Corbisier, Janet Bartol, Abigail Bartol, Samuel Bartol, Mike, Emma, & Elizabeth Verkuylen

D. Forever With the Lord

Duane Schultz, Rodney Henschel, Nancy Standiford, Elizabeth Thompson, John Scheinpflug, Adam Giebel, Lowell Holverson, Ellen Radley, David Clausen, Donald Ahrens, Michael Juzenas, Kenneth Hinz, Garnett Woods, Joan Steinberg, Joyce Giebel, Beverly Zamzow, Ila Abitz, Donna Fazel, Carol Hoppe, Janice Beyersdorf, Harold Sievert Jr., Lynn Mallow, Elaine Brockman

CHURCH STATISTICS

From July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 your pastors performed the following:

Baptisms: 13

Weddings: 1

Confirmations: 28

Funerals: 22

Communicant Count: 701

Soul Count: 876

CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Perry Abitz

Secretary – David Paulson

Treasurer – John Volhard

Spiritual Growth – Chad Woehler

Spiritual Life – Jim Immel

LES Chair – Tyler Blob

ECC Chair – Jon Cherney

2021-2022 St. Paul School Statistics

Number of St. Paul families represented at St. Paul School: 90

Number of boys attending St. Paul School: 67

Number of girls attending St. Paul School: 79

Number of students per grade:

Grade 8 – (17) Phil Rehberger

Grade 3 – (20) Dina Dietzler

Grade 7 – (15) Tommy Stelter

Grade 2 – (19) Alyssa Kelley

Grade 6 – (14) Paul Hoffman

Grade 1 – (14) Nancy Zander

Grade 5 – (21) Claire Rehberger

Grade K – (16) Diane Plamann

Grade 4 – (10) Mike Schulz

Percentage of children in school from congregation: 78%

Number in school – 84

Number not in school – 23

Number of Tuition students: 62

From other WELS churches: 17

Number attending FVL: 37

Number of Parental Choice students: 55

St. Paul School Tuition Rates – 2021-2022

St. Paul Members: \$950

Non-Members: \$3050

2021-2022 Sunday School Statistics

Average Sunday School Attendance: 31

Average Sunday School Weekly Mailings to 8 area homes

Sunday School Superintendent: Jay Uhlenbrauck

Sunday School Teachers: Adam Huth, Rebecca Huth, Jake Holm, Connie Frey, Jamie Behnke, Amy Ziglinski, Lydia Feidt, Pastor Holtz, Amy Holtz

Substitutes: Becky Ryan, John Toppe, Melissa Selig

Helpers: Karissa Holdcroft, Celia Runkel, Bailey Postle

2021-2022 ECC Statistics

Number of students: 115

ECC Administrator: Candy Schulz

ECC Assistant Director: Laura Borree

ECC Staff: Candy Schulz, Laura Borree, Elaine Jenssen, Lori Poukey, Maggie Foskett, Stephanie Green, Lynn Miller, Joan Bougie, Sabrina Skaletski, Ali Hodson, Michele Jeske, Autumn Mulroy, Kim Knicker, Amy Ziglinski, Maggie Pocket, Charissa Kuntsman, Lisa Volkman, Kathy Thornton (Part Time Cook), Gene Zimmerman (Janitor), Les Haack (Janitor)