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Gifted to Serve

(The following poem was provided to me by one of our members. – Pastor Frey)

Gifted to serve – who, Lord, me?
I have arthritis and can hardly see!
Who, me Lord? I don't have time
I'm too busy earning each and every dime!
Not me, Lord! I just want to have fun
Isn't that why you gave me your warm sun?

Gifted to serve – who, Lord, me?
Why I'm too busy raising my family!
I can't, Lord – just let me be
You know my loneliness and misery
No one cares! What can I give?
I don't have much time left to live.

Gifted to worship – who, Lord, me?
Isn't one hour on Sunday enough for Thee?
I know your word – I was taught that in school.
Why Bible Class? I try to live by the golden rule.
Gifted to witness – who, Lord, me?
Most people aren't interested in eternity.

Gifted to give – who, Lord, me?
I don't have talents like Jane and Harry.
Wasn't the year I served on that board
Enough to show my love for you, Lord?
Yet how can this be – considering all the above
You still sent your Son to show me your love?

Forgive me, Lord, yes, Lord, me!
Teach me how to honor Thee
In my service, worship, witness and giving
All the rest of the days you grant me for living.
With your Spirit's guidance for rededication
It's surely a time for true celebration.

- Author Unknown

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9/6 services: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Sunday 9/13 and following services: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., & 10:30 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.

9/6	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall
9/13	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Christianity deals with the problem of pleasure
9/20	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Christianity distinguishes between tolerance and true love
9/27	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Christianity has no limit on letting go

Official Acts

Transfer Out:

Morgan (Dorchester) Willman to Grace, Milwaukee

Marriages:

Monica Rehberger & Justin Wintrone on June 27th, 2020

Rebecca Rehberger & Patrick Loroff on August 7th, 2020

Forever with the Lord:

LeRoy Tiede departed this life on August 6th, 2020 at the age of 96 years, 1 month, and 1 day.

Financials through July 31st, 2020

	July
Income	\$ 122,242
Expense	\$ 132,613
Behind / Ahead	\$ -10,371

All bills are paid; all obligations are met.

Report Date 8/18/2020

UPDATE ECC MORTGAGE-INVESTORS BANK

Original Note Date	4/10/2015	Next Maturity Date	10/20/2021
5 year locked interest (4.40%)			
Regular Payment for August 2020	\$9,170	P-\$8,562.77	I-\$607.23
Extra Payment on Principal For August 2020 -----		P-	\$2,200

Starting Mortgage Value	11/20/2015	\$ 2,000,000.00
Amount paid off of Principal as of	8/18/2020	\$ 1,850,498.80
Mortgage value as of	8/18/2020	\$ 149,501.20

ECC Debt Retirement Effort directly to debt	\$ 1,581,077.16
Money applied from normal monthly payment to debt	\$ 269,421.64
Total Payments on Principal	8/18/2020 \$ 1,850,498.80

Total interest saved over 20 years at 4.4% by ECC Debt Retirement Program

ECC Debt Ret.	Int %	Interest Saved
\$ 1,581,077.16	4.4%	\$ 1,391,347.90

To make an offering for ECC Debt retirement use any envelope in your packet or a normal envelope. Your envelope number must be on the envelope so your contribution can be recorded. **TO HAVE IT APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THE LOAN, WRITE "ECC DEBT RETIREMENT" ON THE ENVELOPE. To God be the Glory.**

Additional Sunday Worship Service Added

The Church Council decided to add a third worship service on Sunday mornings. That third worship service will begin on September 13. Starting that Sunday our Worship Service Schedule will be 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. (Monday worship will continue to start at 6:00 p.m.). *By mandate of the governor, face coverings are to be worn indoors.*

The reasons for this additional service include:

1. We have been close to reaching our maximum capacity (CDC recommendation of 25% of capacity with 6 feet of social distancing between family groups) on some Sunday worship services this summer, especially on communion Sundays.
2. Church leadership was hopeful CDC recommendations would be bumped up to 50% of capacity by this Fall, but that seems unlikely.
3. Church leadership anticipates an increase in Sunday worship attendance that typically happens after Labor Day.

This additional Sunday Worship service will be during our normal Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School time. For the time being (starting September 13) Sunday Bible Class will not be offered. We will be offering Wednesday night Bible Class and Thursday morning Bible Class. Digital/Online Bible Classes will likely still be offered. We are hoping to still offer on-site/in-person Sunday School starting September 13.

Your pastors and the Spiritual Growth Board will reevaluate this new Sunday schedule at their October 6th meeting.

If you have questions about any of the above or would like to offer feedback on how our current in-person worship services are working, please contact Pastors Frey or Holtz, or Spiritual Growth Board Chairman, Chad Woehler (bgwheel72@gmail.com).

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.

Back to School 8/26: Registration day was a success! Sunday, 8/23 St. Paul School held their annual Back to School Sunday & Registration Day. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, the day was spread out by appointment to alleviate congestion in the halls and classrooms by family members. Nearly all of our families were able to attend, and our students' school supplies are all moved into their classrooms and ready to start in person instruction! Our Fall sports have been moved to Spring, but at this point, we hope to begin basketball and cheerleading in December. Watch upcoming editions of the Parish Herald for more information as it becomes available. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated as we navigate the school year with new health guidelines and procedures laid out by the local health department.

Substitute Teachers Needed: St. Paul Lutheran School is compiling a list of additional substitute, short and long term, teachers needed for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are a WELS member, have a bachelor's degree, a love for Jesus and His children, and would like additional information about subbing at St. Paul Lutheran School, please contact Principal Jason Kelley @ (920)733-9061 or jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com.

International Program: This program allows for students living abroad to come to St. Paul for their education. What a blessing to be able to share the gospel with these children! Although we do not have any applicants as of yet, we are looking for housing for any potential students. There is a \$6,500 yearly stipend for those that house international students. If this might be of interest to you, please contact Mr. Kelley directly for more information (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com or 733-9061).

St. Paul School is looking for individuals to assist/volunteer with health screenings from 7:30-8:00AM during school days. Health professionals are desired but not mandatory, training will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Principal Kelley at 733-9061 or jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com.

LWMS

- We will be having our regular scheduled LWMS meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, 6:30 pm in the church basement. The larger space will allow for ample social distancing. At our LWMS meetings we share updates on WELS home and world missions and discuss opportunities that we have here at St. Paul to serve our missionaries and their families. Please consider joining

us! Contact Connie Frey if you have any questions about LWMS, 920-428-5623 or conniefrey@hotmail.com.

- LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Riverview, Appleton. Look for more information coming in the Church News!
- Please pray for our missionaries and their children who are returning to the United States, or coming for the first time, to attend high school and college.
- Lastly, keep our assigned B.A.M. missionaries in your prayers as they share the gospel message in their communities. Home Missionaries – Pastor Scott Wolfram (pastorwolfram@gmail.com) and Staff Minister Jerry Worden (smjworden@divine-word.com) at The Word - Steven's Point Campus Ministry. New home missionary - Missionary Benjamin Birner, Cross of Christ in Liverpool, NY. World Missionary John C. Hartmann (hartmannjohn5@gmail.com) with WELS Friends of Africa in Zambia

A message from the 'Friendly Counselor' to Nepal/Pakistan:

I have enjoyed serving two missions, Pakistan and Nepal, since 2008 (full time since January of 2015). Pakistan is 97 percent Muslim. Nepal is 83 percent Hindu, 12 percent Buddhist, and 4 percent Muslim. Only 1 percent of the population is Christian in both countries. In spite of persecution, both churches are thriving. We have 58 house churches in Pakistan. We teach the leaders of the house churches through long-distance learning.

The church in Nepal started with two people in 2002 and today has more than 4,200 members with 51 congregations in 32 of the country's 75 districts. Our goal is to reach all 75 districts as God enables.

In Nepal we provide Christian lecture in two ways—on paper and on Secure Digital (SD) memory cards. We put the SC cards into smartphones. In this way, we hope to bring the gospel to Tibet, which is north of Nepal.

Transporting books of Christian literature sometimes is dangerous. SD cards are safe and easy to use. A library of books, videos, and Christian music can be transported in a space no larger than a thumbprint.

Every week our church in Pakistan produces a 30-minute television show, which is broadcast to much of the Muslim world. We invite viewers of the show to visit a website with Christian literature and videos for more information. In this way, a group of 1,000 Christians is reaching millions of people.

The 'Friendly Counselor' to Nepal/Pakistan

Women's Ministry Fall Festival

Women's Ministry has decided that our traditional Fall Festival will not be happening this year. The following is under consideration: The roast beef dinner that everyone loves could be done as a takeout

meal consisting of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, roll and a cookie or bar for dessert. Because food prices are up and we would have the extra cost of containers, the price would be \$10. We would need to take orders and payment ahead of time.

With church attendance down due to the pandemic, we are not sure if there would be enough interest to support this effort. We plan to monitor the situation now that school will be starting before making a final decision. We would welcome any input from the congregation, so please share your thoughts with your Women's Ministry members.

ECC Update

The ECC is very excited to start a new school year! We are so excited to begin in person 3K and 4K on Tuesday, September 1st. Our classrooms are quite full and we thank God for bringing returning and new children to us in this time of uncertainty! Our staff has prepared for the event of a quarantine or short term closure where we will switch to a virtual learning platform, but we are thrilled to have in person learning the majority of the time.

The ECC is currently hiring for several positions due to the enhanced protocols we have implemented due to the virus. Our enrollment is larger than anticipated (what a blessing!) and additional staff are needed. If you are able to pass this information along or know of anyone who might be interested in working at the ECC, please reach out to them. We are currently hiring for a before care teacher, after care teacher (both school age positions), and also a floater in the ECC. Any questions can be directed to Candy Schulz @ 733-9061.

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

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| 1. | ECC Loan | \$149,000 |
| 2. | Push Bars for Door | \$2000 |
| 3. | ECC Playgrounds | \$10,000+ |
| 4. | Classroom in Basement | ?? |
| 5. | ECC Basement | ?? |

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](#). As always, THANK YOU for your support.

FVL NEWS

President's Report: The link below is the first issue of the new FVL President's Report. This is a redesign of the former monthly Principal's Report to the Federation. We hope you enjoy this new, colorful piece that shares the latest FVL news from our President Jeff Loberger.

[FVL President's Report](#)

Registration for the 2020-21 FVL Schools Band is open for Federation students entering grades 5-8. Plan to attend the Open Houses, scheduled for 6:00-7:30 PM on 9/10 and from 9:00-10:30 AM on 9/12. More details are available at fvlhs.org/future-foxes/fvl-schools-band. Contact Elisabeth Wagner at ewagner@fvlhs.org with questions.

FVL's 3rd Annual Giving Day is Tues., 9/15. Help us meet the *Let the Children Come* mortgage payment at the end of October. That annual payment is \$475K and the FVL Federation currently needs to raise another \$174K to hit the goal. Gifts can be given online, through the mail, or in person. Your gift is needed and appreciated. All gifts are tax deductible.