



## From the Heart of Your Shepherd

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11-12)*

So, I was at Subway the other day, ordering lunch for myself and my family as they waited for me back at the church. The place was empty when I got there, shortly before the lunch rush, and I was having a very normal experience of ordering sandwiches as I have done many times before. About halfway through the process another customer entered the store and began ordering behind me. She didn't sound very pleased with the service, but I wasn't paying much attention – until it seemed like she was saying something to me. At first I thought she was complaining about the workers, which I didn't think they deserved and I didn't know why it should involve me...but, in fact she was complaining about me. You see, I was still dressed for church in my clerical uniform that strongly associates me with The Church. From the things she was saying (I won't repeat it here) I gathered that she viewed the church in a very negative light – an oppressive force in society and an organization that is used to privileged treatment by all. In fact, it seemed like her whole lunch experience was made all the worse because The Church was being served before her.

Well, I was caught off-guard, and I can't say I wasn't upset by it. But I said nothing and carried on as calmly as I could. Now, I don't share this story in order to make this woman look bad – any number of factors which (I will never know about) could have contributed to her behavior. And, I'm not trying to make myself look good – someone else might have responded in a dozen different ways that could have been better than what I did. But, as I went on my way the verses above came to my mind. I realized that, as uncomfortable as it was, this was an experience that I should be thankful for – it marked me as one who is redeemed in Christ.

You may or may not have experienced something like this (or worse) in your own life – but if you have, remember that Jesus said this would happen to His followers. We are living in antagonistic times and Christians are often labeled and reviled for the many things they stand *against*. It is easy to lose our cool and get caught up in the frenzy. Indeed, the world will always seek after things that are contrary to our faith. But, at heart, we are not about what we are against. As Christians we stand *for* one thing above all: the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is the message that has come into your life, found you – lost, broken, hurting – and brought you home, put you together and shown you God's love. This is the message that we poor sinners have been forgiven freely in Christ. This is the message that everything we deserve was poured out upon God's Son on Calvary and in its place we have received an eternal inheritance. This is the message that makes all the difference for you and me. This is a message for the whole world, even those who will not receive it.

We are truly blessed in our Lord Jesus Christ! Give thanks always for the wondrous gift you have been given. Pray for one another to always stand firm in the faith we have received. And pray for those who do not know such faith, that someday they may be set free in God's boundless grace!

In Christ,  
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### Mission Statement

The mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran is to strengthen and support our members in their Christian faith through God's Word, the Sacraments, education, prayer and fellowship; thereby preparing them to be witnesses of the Gospel in our community and the world, so that all who believe shall receive the gift of eternal life.

# St. Paul Charger News

## **2014-15 Theme: SOAR (Solid as a Rock)**

This year our theme will be based on Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

## **2014-15 Staff:**

The Board is happy to announce that Mrs. Sarah Ludwig will be our upper grade teacher. She taught the last four years at Redeemer. Staff for 2014-15:

Principal: Rev. Dr. Daniel Olson  
4K: Mrs. Tiffany Dart  
5K: Mrs. Sherry Byrne  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Heidi Schneider  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>: Ms. Ruth Bernau  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Sarah Ludwig

## **2014-15 Enrollment:**

Enrollment is at 63 students (25 member, 18 other LCMS, 20 non-member) for the 2014-15 school year. The breakdown is below. Enrollment was 60 for 2013-14. So our enrollment increased even though we lost one of our 4K classes.

4K: 15 students  
5K: 12 students  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>: 15  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>: 11

## **Background Checks**

Based upon recent and unfortunate news in the area, we wanted to communicate that the Board created a Background Check Policy this past November. All staff go through a thorough background check performed by Protect My Ministry. All volunteers, coaches, and substitutes also go through a background using CCAP.

## **Academics**

- Achievement test results show that all grades are at or above their respective grade levels.
- The Social Studies/History/Geography curriculum has been reviewed and new curriculum has been purchased.
- A Smart Board has been purchased for the 5K classroom. All classrooms are now equipped with a Smart Board or Enoboard

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk-a-thon Fundraiser**

After last year's success of holding only two fundraisers (walk-a-thon and pizza and cookie dough) in which everyone is required to participate and put forth a 100% effort to raise funds for our school, the Board of Christian Education has decided not to change this format.

The 2nd annual Walk-a-thon is scheduled to take place on September 26th at NEW Lutheran High School. The students at St. Paul will join together with other area Lutheran Schools as together they walk to raise money for their prospective school. Last year this event raised over \$10,100! Please watch for further information on how you can contribute to this event. We ask for your prayers that this event would be a success and that as always, in everything we do it would be to the glory of our Lord. The second fundraiser will once again be a pizza and cookie dough sale which will take place sometime during the second half of the school year.

## *Thank You's*

- Once again, this year's VBS was a great success with about 60 children attending. Thank you to Ruth Bernau for organizing this year's VBS. Thank you as well to the following volunteers:
  - Music: Heidi Schneider
  - Games: Abi Dequaine, Carli Duescher, Emmy Kickbusch
  - Tribe Leaders: Alex VandenAvond, Hailey Gaedtke, Abby Heim
  - Snacks: Arlene Gruetzmacher, Jen Younk, Sue Heim
  - Preschool/Kindergarten Teachers: Ellen Post, Tiffany Dart
  - Preschool/Kindergarten Helpers: Gaby Doell, Sammy VandenAvond
  - Crafts: Sherry Byrne, Sara Doell, Ally Byrne
  - Moses: Pastor Athey
  - Moses' Helper (Malachi): Cory Tenor
- Thank you to Dahlke Bros. for the use of their dump trailer and to Bob Dahlke for donating the gas, and hauling wood chips to freshen the playground. Also, thanks to Algoma Lumber Company for a partial donation of woodchips, and to Bob Dahlke, Steve & Sara Doell, & Jon Schleis for spreading the wood chips.
- Thank you to all that supported the school's pizza & cookie dough fundraiser. It raised \$3,711.80, which is \$521.10 more than last year!
- Thank you to Kevin Dahlke; Robert Dahlke; Steve, Sara, Reagan & Marcis Doell; Connor & Logan Kilgore; Shelly, Jacob & Sami Tremli; Jon Schleis; and Shawna Shaw for selling 50/50 tickets at the Luxemburg Speedway. A total of \$380 was raised.
- Thank you to all that supported the 50/50 raffle the Sunday of Gatorfest. A total of \$343 was raised.

## *Upcoming Events*

August 15	Staff Returns
August 26	Back to School Night 5:00pm-7:00pm
September 2	First Day for Students, Opening worship 8:30am
September 11	Library
September 15	Picture Day
September 19	½ Day of School; ½ Day Staff In-Service
September 21	Christian Ed Sunday/Book Fair
September 23	Health Day—Kewaunee County
September 26	NEW 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Walk-a-thon

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## **St. Paul Sunday School**

The 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, September 7th, from 8:30-9:15. All children, both Day School and Public School students are invited to attend. Informational packets will be sent out in mid-August.

We are looking for a bright, energetic individual to teach our kindergarten Sunday School class. It is an easy and fulfilling opportunity to serve our Lord. The materials for the lessons are purchased for the teacher and students. Some assembling and rereading of the lesson is required before class. Support and guidance is always available from other teachers. Being a Sunday School teacher is easy, enjoyable, and a great way to spread the good word of Jesus Christ. Please call Heidi Heim at 845-1612 if you are interested in teaching or team-teaching.

We also are looking for Sunday School helpers and substitute teachers. Helpers responsibilities are to assist with student's paperwork, jackets, and memory. Please call Heidi Heim, 845-1612 if you are interested.

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## Christian Service Guild News:

Our monthly meeting will be held August 6, 2014 at 7:30pm in the church meeting room. Our bible study is entitled "Promises of God". We will also "Celebrate" Neighbors. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join as we study God's word and work together for God's glory!

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale**

August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are the dates of our annual bake and rummage sale. Saturday's hours are 8am to 1pm with coffee, soda and water available. On Sunday, we have ½ off or fill a bag for \$5 with the hours being 10:30am to 2pm. A plate lunch consisting of sloppy joe or turkey sandwich with chips, cookie and a drink for \$6. The bake sale runs both days and donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. August drop off dates for rummage sale items are any time the office is open and Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3pm. Bake sale items can be dropped off Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> until 3pm or before the sale on August 9<sup>th</sup>. This year we will have 3 drawings, one each for ladies, men and children. Free will donations will be accepted for our quilting and world relief projects.

Proceeds from this year's sale will go toward the air conditioning fund. We will receive matching funds from Thrivent Financial. All remaining items will be received by the Easter Seals Disability Service of Wisconsin.

Set up for the rummage sale will begin Monday, August 4, 2014 at 8am. Anyone willing to help unpack and arrange items is welcome. Bring a lunch. We always have a fun time with this project!! Questions – please call Lori at 609-1354, Faye at 845-5808 or Renette at 866-9545.

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The Christian Service Guild has received a check in the amount of \$790 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This check is a result of the profit from the IGA Brat & Hamburger fundraiser of \$590, plus the \$200 match from Thrivent. This donation is being given to the school for Tuition Assistance.

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## STEWARDSHIP NEWS & VIEWS

The parable of the unjust steward vexes us. Why would our Lord commend the unjust steward and the sons of this world as He does? It's because the sons of this world know how to treat something that they think is valuable. They love money and the earthly comforts that come with it. They jump to get the job with higher pay, better benefits, or greater prestige.

Yet all of this, as we know, will fade and wear out. And so, Jesus does not commend the sons of this world for *what* they love. He commends them for *how* zealously they love and the lengths they will go to attain it.

Mimic their zeal, but do not become a son of this world. Do not be drawn away by the love of money. The sons of this world are set for destruction, but at least they pursue it with vigor. They know what they want, and they go after it.

We, on the other hand, as Christians, desire the joy of eternal dwellings, but sometimes you would hardly know it. And so, we are accused of lacking zeal for the kingdom of God. For we have not pursued what we supposedly value with the same zeal that the sons of this world pursue what they value. We don't seek fellowship with the Father like the sons of this world seek the comfort that money provides. We don't put on purity with the enthusiasm that the sons of this world put on the latest fashions. We don't invest in the work of the Church, our very salvation, with the same zeal that the sons of this world invest in the markets.

Don't get sucked into pursuing the love of money and what it provides, but what money you do have, use for good works. Use money and possessions, but don't allow them to use and possess you. God in His grace and mercy gives you many things. You are stewards over what He gives into your hands. You control them. Don't let them control you. Use what you have been given to serve your neighbor, those who are part of your family, your community, and your church.

Get what you need to eat and drink, a home to shelter your family and clothes that you need. But don't squander. Don't waste your excess on things that don't serve you and your neighbor. Make friends with it instead. Give it to those in need. In so doing, you show mercy. And in showing mercy, you give a picture of God's mercy to you in Jesus Christ. You imitate the loving-kindness and mercy that God has given you to others. By faith, trusting in the promise that God will never leave you or forsake you and will provide everything that you need, you demonstrate what is of the highest value to you: the eternal dwellings of heaven. Thus, on the last day, Christ will receive you into them.

Courtesy of LCMS.org

Yours in Christ,

Lon Fager, Paul Janda, Sue Heim



**VBS Thank You:** A HUGE thank you goes out to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success this year! Thank you to those who donated supplies, volunteers, participants, and those who kept us in prayer. We couldn't have done it without you! We had about 60 children at the event as we learned about Moses and the Israelites and their travels through the wilderness where God guided and provided for them. God still guides and provides for us today! The kids also did a great job raising money for Operation Kid-to-Kid. Their offerings went to India to help children receive clean water at school.



## *Holy Humor*

The pastor was just about ready to start the service and the opening hymn was already playing when a stranger enters the church, marches straight down the main aisle and seats himself in the very first pew. "Wow," thinks the pastor, "I wish all my parishioners were this enthusiastic!" and he goes on with the service. At the end of the service, the pastor adjourns to the narthex to greet the parishioners as they exit. Since the stranger came so late and sat at the very front, he was one of the last to greet the pastor this morning. "Welcome, it is good to have you with us this morning," says the pastor. "Are you new to this area and looking for a church home?" "No, not really," says the stranger. "Well, then what brings you to our church?" replies the pastor. "This is a professional visit," replies the stranger. "You see, I am a bus driver, and I am here this morning to see just how you guys do it to get people to sit in the back."

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*Moving Day!*

**DVD's** are available of the church service. Call the church office at 920-845-2095 and one of our volunteers will deliver it to you.

**Need a ride to church?** Please notify the church office for a ride to and from church services.

**Newsletter Deadline:** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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