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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.

**“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church.” Ephesians 5:31-32**

First of all, I want to thank St. Paul congregation for recognizing my 20 years of service in the ministry. It was very kind of the congregation to take note of this event. It has been a privilege to serve as a pastor for so long now and to have had the opportunity to spend part of that time here at St. Paul. It has indeed been an exciting 20 years since my ordination as a pastor. It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years, especially when one considers that I still look so young and vigorous!

I can tell you that I have seen many changes in my years as a pastor. Unfortunately, not all of that change has been good. It was not long after I celebrated my anniversary that the Supreme Court made its incredible decision redefining marriage in our land. Sadly, the court got it wrong again. We think of the last time that the Supreme Court got this far off course when it handed down the Roe versus Wade decision which legalized abortion. We think of the millions of unborn children that have been murdered with complete legal impunity since that decision. As Christians, we grieve deeply at this senseless destruction of life. This current decision by the Supreme Court, redefining an institution that was established by God and has been understood throughout the history of civilization, will have very far-reaching consequences.

This decision is troubling for many reasons. Anytime sin is legally sanctioned, it will lead to an increase in the sinful behavior. We also know that this new understanding of marriage will be vigorously taught to students in schools throughout our land, even more than it already has been. We rejoice that here at St. Paul families have the opportunity to enroll their children in a Lutheran School. At St. Paul Lutheran School students are immersed in the teachings of God's Word. We also know that this decision will be used to target Christian citizens in order to remove our views from the public square and will ultimately be used to persecute the church directly.

We have already seen numerous examples of Christians being punished in the public square because they refuse to compromise their Christian beliefs. We can expect that these attacks will eventually focus on the church very directly. It is certainly possible that in the future churches that are faithful to God's Word will lose their tax-exempt status and other things. Many people have expressed concern about what the future holds in this regard. There have been questions about making changes to our congregational constitution in order to protect the church from lawsuits and so forth. As a congregation, we are always paying attention to what our synod's legal department advises us in this regard. The officers of the congregation will constantly monitor if there are changes that we can or should make that would be helpful. However, I would point out that for the moment St. Paul is as protected as I believe possible. The reason for this is because we as a congregation have always held a very high view of marriage. It has never been my policy to marry any Tom, Dick, or Mary that asks for a church wedding. Marriage is to be held in high esteem even when it is properly defined. Even when it is one man and one woman who are requesting a marriage, there are high expectations of those who desire to enter the bonds of marriage. This will provide our congregation some protections at this time. However, we should never fool ourselves into believing that the situation as it exists today will remain the same tomorrow.

I do not place much confidence in constitutions and things for protection. We look to God's Word for our security. Jesus tells us that there will be many in the last times who will turn from the truth and follow their own desires. However, we have God's promise that even the gates of hell shall not prevail against Christ's Church.

The sign of the rainbow is a beautiful sign that God gives to us. It is ironic that this beautiful sign from the Bible has been so abused in our day. But for us Christians it is a reminder of God's grace and faithfulness. Every time we see a rainbow, we are reminded of God's promise that He is always faithful to His Word and that He is merciful. We know that God will be faithful to His Word and preserve His Church. He is also merciful to each of us. As a church, we hold forth the message of God's mercy to a world that is so deeply depraved. We hold forth the message of a savior who was willing to suffer death on a cross in order to pay for our sins, no matter what those sins may be, and no matter how far we have strayed from Him. Jesus kept His promise to rise after three days and overcome death for us. He still keeps His promise of mercy and forgiveness. We are reminded of His faithfulness and grace every time we see the sign of the rainbow.

In His service,  
Pastor Daniel Olson

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## *St. Paul Lutheran School*

*Excellence in Christ-centered Education*

In just another month, a new school year will begin. Preparations have been going on throughout the summer to make sure that St. Paul students are provided with the best possible Christian education. We think about all of the challenges that parents face when it comes to raising up children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. We thank God for the privilege that He gives to us in being able to provide a Christ-filled education.

**4K Teacher:** We are excited to welcome Mrs. Beth Cheslock to the St. Paul staff! Mrs. Cheslock has accepted the call to serve as the 4K teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School. She will be installed as a called Lutheran teacher. Mrs. Cheslock is a graduate of Concordia University, River Forest. She comes with many years of teaching experience, mostly at the 4K and 5K levels. She and her family are members at Hope Lutheran Church in De Pere.

**Math Aide:** St. Paul Lutheran School is looking for a part-time math aide for the upper grades. This is an aide position therefore a teaching certificate is not required. Please contact Pastor Olson if you know of someone who might be interested.

**Voucher Program:** You may be aware that under the new state budget the cap on voucher students has been lifted. St. Paul Lutheran School has several families who applied for vouchers under this program. We are currently waiting for final approval of applications from the state. The expansion of this program will give more families the opportunity to enroll their children at St. Paul Lutheran School.

**Back to School Night:** Back to school night will take place on August 25 at 6:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to talk to the teachers, put supplies into the classrooms, and receive information about the coming school year.

**Enrollment:** We are still accepting enrollments in some of our classes. Our 4K program is full for the coming year, but we are accepting names for the waiting list. We currently have an increase in enrollment for the coming school year. We look forward to providing Christian education once again in the upcoming school year.

### **Calendar**

August 25    Back to School Night (supplies can be dropped off at 5:30 mandatory parent meeting at 6:00)  
September 1    First Day of School

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Thank you to everyone that helped make Camp Discovery VBS a great success! An average of 55 children attended, and enjoyed Bible storytelling, Bible memory verse challenge, music, crafts, games, and of course-snacks! Twenty three youth and adults helped during the week, and several others helped set up and tear down. Whether you helped out during the week, generously purchased supplies, brought kids to VBS, or remembered VBS in your prayers, your efforts are truly appreciated!

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## Christian Service Guild News:

“Little Sue Servanthood” is the title of the skit to be performed at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the church meeting room. We will also reflect on our gifts from God. All ladies of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us in working together for God’s glory.

### Rummage and Bake Sale

We invite the congregation to support the Christian Service Guild in their efforts to raise money for service projects to raise money for service projects such as resurfacing the church and school parking lot by attending our rummage and bake sale. Donations are still being accepted with set-up to begin on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The sale begins August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am-2pm. Donations for the bake sale are appreciated and can be dropped off at the school on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> before 3pm or on the day of sale.

On Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> our sale runs from 10:30am to 2pm with a plate lunch of ham or turkey sandwich, chips, pickle, dessert and a beverage for \$6.

If you have a question or wish to donate your time, please contact a committee member: Faye at 845-5808, Lori at 609-1354, Renette at 866-9545, Bonnie at 680-3029 or Phyllis at 845-2058.

### Personal Care Kits

The Christian Service Guild is again collecting "Personal Care Kits" and bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief by October 1st. The kits should include the following items:

- One light-weight bath-size towel, dark color recommended
  - Two bath-size bars(4-5oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
  - One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
  - One sturdy comb, remove packaging
  - One metal nail clippers(attached file optional), remove packaging
- Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons of yarn

Lutheran World Relief accepts any brand of soap in its original wrapping

There will be containers in the back of church to collect the kits.

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**Christian Education Sunday** will be held on September 20.

Following the church service, there will be an open house at school, a book fair, a meal available for purchase, and ceremony will follow the meal where the time capsule from the 1950 Building will be opened.



**\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations!\*\*\*\*\***

Pastor Batiansila's grandson Keaton Christiansen was ordained into the Holy Ministry on July 12, 2015....He is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN. Pastor Christiansen will serve at Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) in St. Francis, MN. Thanks be to God!

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## Stewardship News & Views

A Pastor recalled an elderly parishioner who had amassed considerable assets during his life, however the man was generally considered an unhappy person, and also was noted for rarely sharing his many gifts.

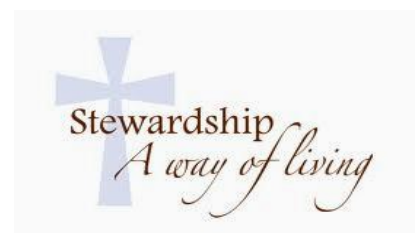
The man's health had severely declined, and the Pastor invited him often up to when he passed away. During that time the man did not change and remained quite unhappy right up to his death.

Looking back the Pastor regretted that he had not spent more time with the man about sharing some of his extensive gifts. By not having done so, he felt he failed to help the man discover the joy of giving, and the happiness that it can bring.

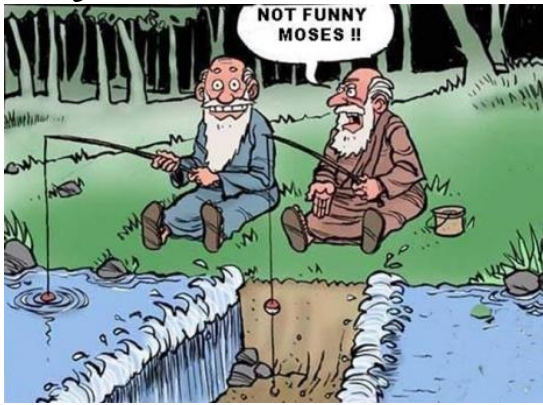
In our lives, some of our very best "feel good" moments are when we are sharing our God-given gifts. Don't miss out, experience the joy and delight that sharing your gifts and talents with other can bring.

Yours in Christ,  
The Board of Stewardship

Paul Janda, Sue Heim, Don Mullen



## Holy Humor



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VBS

**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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