



## *From the Heart of Your Shepherd*

**“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36**

The month of July is all about independence. The fourth of July is the event that everyone will notice this month. We love to go see fireworks shows and display our patriotism at this time of the year. It is indeed appropriate that we should celebrate the freedom and blessings that we enjoy as American citizens.

For us as Lutherans, the month of July brings certain things to mind. We are reminded of the tremendous privileges that we still enjoy by being citizens of this country. While we think of and celebrate the blessings that we receive as American citizens, we think of the greater blessings that we receive from being citizens of God's kingdom. We think of the true freedom that we have received in Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who makes us truly free. His death and resurrection give us the assurance that we have been freed from the burden of our sin and its guilt. We are free from the fear of death. We are free from the impossible task of trying to earn our salvation and given the assurance of heaven through faith in Him.

It is during the month of July that, as Lutherans, we reflect in a special way on what we call the doctrine of the two kingdoms. This refers to the reality that as Christians we live as citizens of two kingdoms. These are referred to as the kingdom of the right and the left.

What this means is that God rules over us in two different ways in this world. He rules by His Law through the civil government. In other words, God uses our secular government to provide law and order. He uses our secular rulers in order to keep us safe and provide us with an orderly society. In this realm, law and punishment play a necessary role.

The kingdom of the right refers to our true citizenship. It refers to the fact that through faith in Jesus as our savior we are citizens of God's kingdom. We are, in a very real sense, living as resident aliens here in this world. We look forward to the day when we will live only as citizens of God's kingdom in heaven. It is in the kingdom of the right that God rules us through the Gospel. He offers us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. There is no punishment in this kingdom because Jesus has taken the punishment that our sins deserve to the cross. Therefore, we do not receive the punishment that our crimes deserve.

As we wait, and look forward to the day, when we will live only in one kingdom, God's kingdom in heaven, we celebrate the blessings that we receive through the kingdom of the left. We celebrate all that it means for us to live in a land where we enjoy so many privileges. We celebrate how God provides us with safety and security through our civil rulers. We celebrate our freedom as Americans and are reminded of the greatest freedom that we have in Jesus.

In His service,  
Pastor Olson

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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 Lutheran School

*Excellence in Christ-centered Education*

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran School is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with students, staff, families, our congregation, and community. We provide opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social growth in a Christ-centered environment.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Vacation Bible School: July 6-10

**2014-2015 School Year:** The 2014-2015 school year is now past. It was a great year filled with God's blessings. St. Paul Lutheran Church was once again given the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus through our school ministry. What a tremendous blessing!

**Awards:** The school year finished out with our chapel service thanking God for His blessings through the year followed by the presentation of various awards. Students were recognized for high honors, honors, perfect church attendance, and excellent church attendance.

**Goodbye to Miss Bernau and Mrs. Dart:** We said goodbye to Miss Bernau and Mrs. Dart as they move on to new endeavors. We thank them for their service to St. Paul Lutheran School. They will be missed.

**Hello to Mrs. Laura McClellan:** We rejoice that Mrs. Laura McClellan will be joining our faculty. She will be our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She is a graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin and comes to us with many years of teaching experience. She also has experience teaching in a multi-grade classroom. Her husband, Jim, is the principal at NEW Lutheran High School in Green Bay.

**4K Teacher:** We expect to have a 4K teacher in place very soon, possibly by the time this article goes into print. The board of education has been working on getting a highly qualified teacher secured for this position.

**2015-2016 Enrollment:** We are already looking ahead to the next school year. Please help spread the word about our school.

## **Sunday School & Chapel Offerings**

During the past school year, the Sunday School and Day School offerings were designated to several organizations on a quarterly basis. The following donations were sent:

Heifer International - \$581.19

Rev. Dr. David A. Faulkner – Books in Spanish - \$515.41

Freedom House - \$318.62

Camp Luther - \$564.05

Compassion International (a monthly amount to sponsor a child in Africa) - \$501.69

Thank you for your support.

## Christian Service Guild News:

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage & Bake Sale is only a month away! The rummage sale season is in full session. If a family member or neighbor is having a sale, ask if they would like to donate their "leftovers" to our sale. Pick up and storage is available. For any questions, call Renette at 866-9594, Faye at 845-5808, Lois at 609-1354 or Bonnie at 680-3020. The majority of the proceeds will go towards resurfacing the parking lot.

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Help Wanted: Someone to help come up with ideas and plan youth activities. Sherry Byrne is looking for someone to help implement some new fresh ideas in working with the youth of St. Paul. With more school and family responsibilities, Sherry is not able to spend enough time planning activities. Sherry will still be involved, but needs a helping hand. Please contact Sherry Byrne @ 920-606-2000 if interested.

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## Stewardship News & Views

Jesus reminds us that we are His, that we are a lot like sheep. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10:27. Like sheep we can easily lose our way. We wander from the church, from the truth, but it is the voice of truth and grace, His voice which calls us back. Our world is constantly changing, filled with much sin, our God doesn’t change and His voice continues to call out to us.

As followers of Jesus (His flock), we live our lives as a response to what Jesus was done for us, being good Christian stewards. Following Jesus is not easy, but we know it’s worth it. Our Shepherd knows what is best for those He loves.

Let’s continue to pray and reach out to fellow members and our community thru His church. May God continue to bless “our flock” here at St. Paul’s thru His word and sacraments.



Yours in Christ,  
The Board of Stewardship

Paul Janda, Sue Heim, Don Mullen



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### St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund

*The endowment fund receives financial gifts and invests them. The principal is kept intact and the interest is used. It is a gift that keeps on giving.*

**Question: May I leave the remaining balance of my qualified retirement plan to benefit the church?**

**Answer:** Yes. In fact, if you leave your qualified plan balance to someone other than your surviving spouse or charity, it could be subject to income and estate taxes. The amount of tax depends on the balance in your qualified plan, the marginal income tax bracket of the beneficiary and the marginal estate tax bracket of the decedent. The current rules regarding required minimum distributions from qualified retirement plans often result in plan balances upon the death of its owner. It is projected that ninety percent of the people who attain ninety years of age will have 150 percent of their original retirement plan contribution remaining to be distributed upon their death.

If you have planned to leave a portion of your estate to your church’s endowment fund, you might want to consider naming the church’s endowment fund as a beneficiary of a portion or all of the balance in your qualified retirement plan to fulfill this bequest. The church’s endowment fund would not have to pay income taxes on qualified plan distributions, while qualified plan distributions to your children generally would be considered taxable income subject to their individual income tax rates.

Endowment brochures and envelopes are available in the narthex. To obtain the Endowment Bylaws or if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact an Endowment Committee Board Member:

Kevin Dahlke 536-0274, Jean Doell 845-5162, Steve Doell 471-7580,  
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# Holy Humor



"I know we're trying not to be stuffy around here, but let's not refer to 'A Mighty Fortress' as 'Martin Luther's Greatest Hit.' "

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American Concert

**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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