

June/July 2016  
Newsletter



*St. Paul Lutheran Church*



## *From the Heart of Your Shepherd*

**“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”  
2 Peter 3:18**

It is a beautiful time of the year here in Wisconsin. Granted, there really isn't any time of the year that isn't beautiful in Wisconsin, but this time of the year is especially so. Why is this time of the year so impressive? Because it's a time of growth! We see how the leaves are now coming out on the trees. The rolling hills on my way to church are covered in green. The lawns have become thick and full.

The color in the church now turns to green as well. We enter the lengthy “post-Pentecost” season. This is what we call the non-festival half of the church year. It is called the non-festival half of the church year because that distinguishes it from the half of the church year when we celebrate Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and other festivals. When you come into church, you will see the green paraments (special church cloths) on the altar, pulpit, and lectern. The color of the pastor's stole (what he wears over his robe) is also green. Why the color of green in church at this time of the year? We are reminded that green is the color of growth. We see how everything around us right now is turning green. That is a sign of growth. This is also to be a time of spiritual growth for us in the church. It is to be a time when we grow in our faith in Jesus as our Savior.

What is necessary for growth to take place in the world around us? Well, we know what will happen if the rain does not come: things will wither away and die. We know that everything in the world around us needs sunshine and rain to grow. The seeds that the farmers have planted need to be nurtured and watered in order to flourish. It's the same with our life in the church. Our faith in Jesus needs to be watered and nourished in order to flourish. It is through our hearing of God's Word and in the Sacrament of Holy Communion that our faith is watered and nurtured.

Sadly, we know that the temptation is for people to be less regular in church attendance during the summer. We know that there is a strong temptation for people to be less faithful in their hearing and studying of God's Word. When people do this, they cannot grow spiritually. They deprive themselves of the gifts that the Holy Spirit wants to give to them.

We understand very well the need that we have to be refreshed physically at this time of the year. It is important to take time away from our everyday burdens. However, it is even more important for us to be refreshed spiritually. It is when we hear God's Word that the Holy Spirit comes to us and removes our burden of sin. He comes to us and restores us that we might live our lives in service to Him. I hope that you will make a point of gathering regularly in worship this summer to be refreshed spiritually. If you have not been in the habit of doing daily devotions, I hope that you will start this summer. You will find that the Holy Spirit will bring forth growth in your life.

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

**Accreditation Visit Successfully Completed!** You may be aware that for roughly the last year St. Paul Lutheran School has been working toward becoming accredited by the National Lutheran School Association (NLSA). This is a rigorous process that leads up to an accreditation team visiting our school for 3 days. The purpose of the accreditation visit is to verify that we are doing the things that we say that we are doing and that we are providing an excellent education. St. Paul Lutheran School was visited on May 16-17. The team completed their work a day early citing the excellent work and documentation that was done by the school in advance. They recommended that St. Paul Lutheran School be accredited. The team listed 17 outstanding strengths of our school. The average score for all schools that go through this process and receive accreditation is 3.07. St. Paul Lutheran School received a score of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. This is a huge step for our school. The report of the visiting team now goes to the North Wisconsin District Education Committee and then to the National Education Office of our Synod. Our school will receive official accreditation this summer. What this means is that we have an outside group of professional educators declaring that we are indeed offering the excellent education that we have always known our school was providing. It should also be noted that one of the strengths of our school that the team cited was the outstanding support of the congregation for its school.

**Congratulations Graduates:** Congratulations to Jadin Girardi, Jesse Gregorich, Ruth Olson, and Becca Thiry who will finish their time as students at St. Paul on June 3. Congratulations to Ruth Olson as well on being the valedictorian of the class. We thank God for the time they spent as part of St. Paul Lutheran School and wish them God's blessings as they go on to high school.

**Test Results:** St. Paul students participated in Iowa Standardized Testing again this year. As in previous years, our students performed very well. All of our classes at St. Paul tested at or above grade level.

**Farewell to Mrs. Ludwig:** Mrs. Ludwig (6-8 grade) will be leaving us at the end of this school year as her family moves to Florida. We thank her for her service to St. Paul and wish her and her family the best as they move to Florida.

**Welcome to Mr. Tim Eigenfeld:** Mr. Tim Eigenfeld has accepted the call to serve as the 6-8 grade teacher for St. Paul Lutheran School. He is a graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin. He is engaged and has his wedding date set for October. We look forward to having Tim arrive in our area in August.

**Last Day of School:** June 3 is the last day of school. We thank God for all of the blessings that He has poured out upon our school once again this year. We pray for His continued blessings as we look ahead to the 2016-2017 school year.



**4K:** Greetings Everyone! As we approach the end of this year I will admit I have mixed emotions. I fully understand most of you reading this don't really know me as I am not a member of St. Paul Church. But what you should know is I deeply love and care about the children that came into my classroom. How can you be sure??? - If you asked me about any child I could give you a brief but concise synopsis of what they like and don't like. I could tell you how they handle sadness, or how they show excitement, or what makes them scared or even what they love about school. Why? Well because teaching is way more than giving them knowledge, - it is about teaching to the total child. That means for me, it is even more important leaving class with more than the proper level of knowledge for the grade they are in" (that is a no-brainer for any teacher). At St. Paul I have found, and am so proud to be a part of a place - a staff that wants the "total best" for every student. I have had great fun this last quarter seeing how much each child in my class has grown academically, as we did lots of testing. But what makes my heart smile more than their academic achievement -is the small blessings of this year. What are those blessings? Let me share some of the joy I have found in this year with you... Nothing is sweeter than a child reminding their teacher to pray for a friend who is sick, or a classmate that lost someone they love. Nothing brings greater joy to my heart as a teacher than a student who asks you to pray for a family member who doesn't know Jesus. Not enough to melt your heart? How about the student that tells you that they know "that you (me) love the teachers you work with" simply because they see how you interact. The reality is - I have taught for 17 - now almost 18 years and I am still learning not from a textbook or a class that costs lots of money... no my best lessons and really so many times the most impactful lessons come from 4 and 5 year olds. When Jesus said, "We should have faith like a child" - I see that daily. As you ponder why you support St. Paul - let me leave you with just a few reasons: \* Teachers at St. Paul care about their students and pray for them \* Teachers at St. Paul care about each other and it shows...St. Paul is a place that not only achieves academic greatness but also teaches to the heart.\* You can see plainly that Christ is central to the teachings and day to day interactions of what takes place at St. Paul. As I close out this year, I just want to sincerely thank St. Paul and it's members, as well as the amazing staff for welcoming me in and helping me feel a part of a wonderful school. It has been a great year and I could not be more thankful! Have a great Summer!

**5K:** The end of the year is always a whirlwind. We have been busy with end of the year assessments. Everyone has grown so much physically, mentally, and spiritually. It always so good to see how much the children have developed during the school year. We had some wonderful events this last month....we went to the Algoma library and stopped at Kewaunee Custard for a yummy treat. We had the Luxemburg-Casco track and field team along with Mr. Neil Seering come to St. Paul and lead a great track and field day. Stacey Jauquet with the Kewaunee County Dairy Board came to St. Paul and gave a presentation about farm living and dairy products. We will end our school year with a field trip to the Green Bay Botanical Gardens and Pamperin park. We will be ending our year with 4K and 5K Graduation Service on June 3rd. I wish everyone to have a restful and blessed summer!

**1st and 2nd grade:** The time has come once again to close out another school year! We have learned so much and had tons of fun. This past month has held many exciting events. We got to stop for ice cream after our last visit to the library. We enjoyed some dairy presentations and dairy treats! We also took an all school trip to Botanical Gardens and even raised our very own butterflies right in the classroom! This class was an excellent group of kids and they are looking forward to their summer break. It is very well deserved. Thank you to all of the parents, families, and congregation members for you continued prayers and support. I pray that everyone has a restful summer. God's Blessing.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** It is hard to believe that May is over. It has been a very busy month, but very fun and active! We started the month with the St. Paul Luxemburg softball tournament and our team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then on May 20, our 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades participated in Bonduel Track and Field day. There the students participate in running events, field events, softball games, and a tug-of-war. The students enjoyed the beautiful day. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades were able to attend the Rural Safety Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>. This was a great event and the students were

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reminded how to be safe in different activities. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the whole school was able to attend the Green Bay Botanical Garden for programs on butterflies, Wisconsin Weather and water, and Trees. It was very interesting! The Lord has blessed our school with a great year! May God bless your summer and keep you safe!

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** I can't believe the year is coming to an end. I have been blessed to work with 8 amazing students! This past month was busy, trying to get in all the lessons we needed to. In Science, we ended the year doing a little dissecting. We received a science grant from WPS which allowed us to purchase some dissection kits and other science materials. The students were able to look at a worm, perch, crawfish and frog. We enjoyed our day at Bonduel for track and field. The students did an amazing job and we were blessed with wonderful weather. God Bless our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates! I am very proud of Jadin, Jesse, Ruth and Becca. God has given each of them special talents and I hope they use them to their fullest. Thank you all for your support these past two years. It is been a joy teaching at St. Paul and I will miss it dearly.

## Stewardship News & Views

Children of a Sunday school were asked to explain stewardship in their own words. One child wrote: "Stewardship means that life is like a great ship loaded with cargo to be delivered to many people in many places. God is the owner of the ship and its cargo, but He has made me the captain." All that God has placed aboard the ship of life---time, talents, treasures, ability to think and to work---all is God's cargo to be delivered according to His will.

May is teacher appreciation month. The Sunday school teachers and helpers were recognized with a gift for their dedication to teaching our children about Jesus.

May God bless our newly confirmation class.

Jesus says: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

Sue Heim, Don Mullen, Cindy Doell

*Congratulations to the Confirmads!*



# Christian Service Guild News:

To encourage our need to continually study Gods word and do His will through Bible study and use of our time talents and treasure, seed packets with the message "Sprout New Growth" were given randomly to ladies of the congregation as our servants project for May. We hope to see a few new faces at our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our Bible study will be the Friend Factor. The meeting starts at 7:30pm in the Church meeting room.

## Upcoming Events:

Church Picnic – June 5<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer at Bethesda – June 9<sup>th</sup>

Special Guild Group Activity—"Picnic on the Farm" on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 National Picnic Day

IGA fundraiser – June 25, 2016

LWML District Convention – June 23-25, 2016 Eau Claire, WI

Blood Drive—July 5<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer at Bethesda—July 14<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Anyone who would like to volunteer at Bethesda can contact Dianne Zeitler at 845-2840.

The July monthly meeting of the Christian Service Guild will be held July 6, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Church meeting room. Our Bible study will be "An Age of Grace". All ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to come.

## **Stamps for Missions:**

We again can save cancelled postage stamps for Missions (No Christmas Stamps!). Trim ¼- ½ inch around stamp and place in stamp box in back of church (box opens from the back). You may also place your stamps in Dianne Zeitler's pigeon hole.

## **Rummage Sale:**

The dates are set – Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm and Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-2pm. Sunday is ½ off or fill a bag for \$5 day. A plate lunch will also be served Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> consisting of a brat or hamburger, chips, fruit, cookie and a drink for \$6. Extra items can be purchased at additional cost. A bake sale will be held both days. Now, all we need is rummage!! No TV's or computers please. All items can be dropped off at school Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3pm and Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm or anytime the office is open after July 20<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars and start collecting. Questions: Call Lori Prah @ 609-1354, Faye Dahlke @ 845-5808, Renette Brand @ 866-9545 or Dianne Zeitler @ 845-2840.

## **LWML Convention:**

The LWML Convention will be held in EauClaire on June 23-35. We will be collecting items for Bethesda in Watertown. If you would like to donate any items, please put them in the box in the narthex.

Items needed (New Items):

Batteries AA, AAA + C

Religious Movies

Kitchen Towels & Dish Cloths

Bath Towels & Wash Cloths

Personal Care Items: soft toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, hand & body soap, hand & body lotion, deodorant, disposable razors

MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) are collecting used Eye glasses – Adult & children, non-prescription sunglasses or over-the-counter reading glasses. Please no broken eye glasses. Also needed are soft eye glass cases. These will also be taken to the convention and may be put in the box in Church. Items will be collected by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much.



### **Senior High Youth Servant Event:**

Are you ready to serve? .....Servant Event trip to Confidence Learning Center in Brainerd, Minnesota. We will be leaving on Sunday, June 12, and will be returning Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Camp Confidence is eagerly awaiting our arrival with a long list of things for us to do. Our help is truly appreciated, and it will be an exciting and rewarding opportunity for our youth.

The Servant Event is open to any youth having completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Cost for the week will be covered from the youth fund and includes all food, transportation, and evening entertainment (inner tubing/swimming, night at the movies, waterpark). Those wishing to attend should pick up an application from the school office or church narthex, fill it out, and return it to Mrs. Pahnke or school office no later than Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a special meeting for any youth that are attending Camp Confidence Servant Event and their parents on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

If you're thinking of joining us but aren't sure if you really want to go, take a minute to touch base with Mrs. Pahnke. She'll be happy to fill you in on some of the highlights. You'll have the opportunity to work hard, learn new skills, and have a great time at evening recreation. Please consider making this part of your summer plans!



### **Vacation Bible School 2016**

Won't you jump in and join us for Barnyard Round-up July 18th thru July 22nd. Jesus gathers us together to hear His word and learn Psalm 23 through verses, songs, and activities. Please join in the fun as we do crafts, sing songs, and eat special barnyard snacks. Remember to get your registration forms in by June

13th. You may register online at [stpaullux.org](http://stpaullux.org) or you may fill out one of the forms located by the barn in the narthex. Volunteers are still needed. Please prayerfully consider joining us as help is needed to put on this program. It promises to be fun-filled time for all!

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The Sunday School is in need of teachers and helpers for the 2016/2017 school year. We are looking for Early Childhood and 1-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Please contact Heidi Heim or Ellen Post with any questions. PLEASE consider helping teach our youth about Christ.

# Holy Humor



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Sunday School – Early Childhood

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

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