



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

As we turn the pages of the calendar, there are certain things that come to mind. That is certainly true for the month of May. We think about yard work and outdoor activities that now present themselves to us. Graduations and the parties that go with them become very important for many. In the church, we turn the pages of the church calendar, and there are many things that come to mind for us. It was just last month that we celebrated our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead. We heard the good news that Christ rose from the dead just as He promised. We were once again given the comfort that because Jesus has risen that sin and death have been overcome for us.

This month we mark several important events in the church calendar as well. The first thing that we focus on is the Ascension. After Jesus rose from the dead, He made various appearances to His disciples and others giving them the assurance that He had indeed risen from the dead. Forty days after His resurrection we are told that Jesus ascended into heaven. The Ascension of Jesus does not get a great deal of attention in the church today, but it is an important part of our Lord's work. Jesus' ascending into heaven is of great importance for us. In John fourteen, Jesus tells us that He has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us in His Father's mansion. What incredible comfort to know that Jesus has gone ahead of you and gotten a place ready for you in heaven! There is a room waiting for you in heaven!

But Jesus' Ascension also gives us the assurance of His presence with us now. That sounds like a strange thing that Jesus would ascend; but yet, He would be with us more fully than before. Jesus' ascending into heaven means that He has taken His rightful place of authority. He is now fully present with us at all times. We will have a special Ascension Day service here at St. Paul on May 14 at our usual 7:30 time. This will be a joint service with our sister congregation, Faith Lutheran, in Green Bay. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together with our fellow believers from Faith as we celebrate all that our Lord's Ascension means for us.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit. It is on Pentecost that we celebrate the Holy Spirit being poured out on the church. The work of the Holy Spirit is critical in our lives. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to create and sustain faith in our hearts so that we might believe in Jesus as our Savior. The Holy Spirit is stilled poured out on the church today. The Holy Spirit is poured out on us through God's Word and in the Sacraments. The Holy Spirit comes to us through those Means of Grace and keeps us strong in our faith in Jesus.

It is also in the month of May that we observe the rite of confirmation. This is an important event in the lives of our young people. It is on Confirmation Sunday that we will celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our confirmands. It will be a special time for them to recall all that the Holy Spirit has done for them in the past particularly in the waters of Holy Baptism. It is also the day when they will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's Work among us!

So, we turn the page in the calendar once again. We are reminded of how God has worked powerfully among us in the past, and we look forward to Him sustaining us in the future. On May 3, we will remember in a special way how God has worked among us for the past one hundred and fifty years as we have the cemetery walk. We will remember those who founded St. Paul Lutheran Church some one hundred and fifty years ago. We will see how the Holy Spirit worked in their lives, and we will be encouraged by their example.

In His service,
Pastor Daniel 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 News

"Excellence in Christ-centered education"

Upcoming Events:

- May 8-9 Softball Tournament
- May 14 Ascension Day
- May 15 Bonduel Track and Field Day
- May 17 Confirmation
- May 25 Memorial Day-No School
- May 31 8th Grade Graduation
- May 31 Church/School Picnic

Registration for the 2015-2016 School Year: Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is open. St. Paul Lutheran School provides excellence in Christ-centered education. Students at St. Paul receive an excellent academic education and also have the opportunity to have the Word of God integrated into their education. You can contact the school office with any questions (920) 845-2095.

Softball Tournament: St. Paul will again be hosting a softball tournament on May 8-9.

A Night at the Wax Museum: Congratulations to the students and staff of St. Paul for an outstanding musical production. Thank you to all the parents and others who donated their time to make the event such a huge success. Thank you to Mrs. Pahnke and Mrs. Dart for directing the program.

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Students: Mason Lukes and Ashley Siegmund will be graduating from St. Paul Lutheran School. We thank God for the time they were able to be a part of St. Paul Lutheran School, and we wish them God's blessings as they continue their education.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Annual Picnic: The church/school picnic will take place after church on May 31. There will be lunch, carnival games, and other activities.



4K: Whooooo's Wondering What's Happening in 4K?

After a fun and successful musical, April was a month for the 4K students to get back into the classroom routine. We started off the month by preparing for Easter and learning how Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. After a short Easter break, we came back to school and celebrated that He is Risen! We have also been learning about the season of Spring and what happens during this great season. To celebrate Earth Day, we spent a week learning about Johnny Appleseed and all of the wonderful things he did for our environment. We read many stories about him and even had an Apple Party so we could try many different treats that are made from apples. To do our part for Earth Day, we helped clean up around the school grounds and made some fun treats for the birds and other wild animals. We are looking forward to the end of the school year and all of the fun field trips and activities that are yet to come.

5K: The 5K rejoiced at the beginning of the April, celebrating Jesus resurrection!! We have been busy with coin identification and counting money in math. We continue to work on our reading skills and tried writing our first report on an animal. In science, we are exploring fabric- the kinds and materials used in fabric. We had our Earth Day clean-up of the school and church grounds and we made seed balls of wildflowers. We will end the month of April with our PALS test, which is a state wide, testing the children on their phonetic/language skills.

1st and 2nd grade: 1st and 2nd Grade are quite excited to be heading into the last month of school. It has been a pleasant spring so far and we are looking forward to all of the excitement the end of the year will bring! In religion we are learning about the job that we have been given to spread the good news to all nations! In addition, we are working hard to memorize the Apostles' Creed. We ended the month of April with a celebration of our world. Each student in 1st and 2nd grade chose a country that they wanted to learn about and created a poster and a presentation to share with the class. To end our celebration we all had a taste of yummy treats that were native to each country. What a great way to learn about our world! These presentations tied in perfectly to our school's celebration of Earth Day. We all pitched in to clean up our school grounds to help do our part for the planet. We are continuing our unit in science about living organism. We have planted pumpkins, sunflowers, and peas and they are all growing great! It is so exciting to watch the process and learn what plants need to grow and survive. We thank you for your continued support as we continue to learn and grow as well!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: It is hard to believe we are down to having just about one month of school left. In science class, we have been adding many plants and animals to our aquariums and terrariums. We planted mustard seed, grass seed, and alfalfa seed in our terrariums. In our aquariums, we added duckweed, algae, and myriophyllum plants as well as snails and guppies. The students have enjoyed watching many changes take place, and we are looking forward to adding a few more animals to our terrariums in the coming weeks. What a great way to observe God's creations. We also recently worked on a habitat project in science. Each student researched a different animal to answer key questions, and they also designed a shoe box habitat including things the animal needed to survive and other animals that live in the same area. In language arts class, the 3rd-4th graders have been working on capitalization and punctuation in quotations as well as proper usage of commas in direct speech and compound sentences. The 5th-6th graders have also been working with commas in compound sentences, appositive phrases, listed dates and places, and direct addresses. The classes enjoy using our PolyVision Eno board to correct sentences and practice these skills hands-on. We are thankful for the technology we are blessed with here at St. Paul to help bring learning to life!

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: This month we had the opportunity to attend Mind Trekkers at Southern Door High School. Engineers from Michigan Tech and the community came and demonstrated/helped the students with many scientific activities to encourage a love of Science, technology, engineering and Math. Our students really enjoyed walking on water, the welding lab and, of course, the ice cream made with nitrogen. The 7th and 8th grade finished the book The Sign of the Beaver. This year we read many books about survival and they had to complete a project about being alone in the wilderness for a month. They shared some very interesting ideas of what they would do. The students are getting very excited for track and field day. At recess they are busy practicing softball, long jump and running. Hopefully, the Lord continues to bless us with more beautiful weather.





St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund

The endowment fund allows individuals to give a gift that keeps on giving even after they have passed away. Our endowment fund receives financial gifts and invests them. Recently, the Endowment Committee met and decided to invest the \$1,700 in our funds into a senior note, similar to a preferred stock, that will earn a 7.5% return in October 2017.

Our endowment fund is set up so the principal is kept intact and the interest is used. This way, the funds donated aren't touched and support St. Paul year after year. It also provides a way for motivated members to continue to support St. Paul's ministry from heaven without jeopardizing any support to their loved ones.

St. Paul has the following three funds that gifts can be designated towards:

- **General Church Endowment Fund**—this fund will be used to assist with general operating expenses associated with the operation of our Church.
 - This account currently has \$1,300 in it.
- **General School Endowment Fund**—this fund will be used to assist with general operating expenses associated with the operation of our Lutheran Day School.
 - This account currently has \$400 in it.
- **Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund**—this fund will be used to provide financial assistance for tuition first and foremost to congregation members whose children attend St. Paul Lutheran School and secondly to nonmember families in financial need whose children attend St. Paul Lutheran School.

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,
Lon Fager 360-6061, Paul Zeitler 845-2500

Vacation Bible School 2015- Camp Discovery: Mark your calendars- St. Paul Lutheran's Vacation Bible School program this summer will be the week of July 6th-10th, 2015. Throughout the week, we will explore how God worked in the lives of many people in the Bible and how He continues to work in our lives today by giving us wisdom, courage, and faith. Jesus is our “true north” who helps guide our way. Look for registration forms which will be available in the near future. We are currently looking for volunteers to help organize our games, snacks, Bible stories, crafts, music, teaching, decorations, and more. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact the office at 920-845-2095. Thank you!

Dear St. Paul Family,

First, let me say how grateful I am for your prayers, especially over the last few weeks as I have sought clarity in where God is guiding me to serve Him. I have felt so much support from you, and I am truly thankful for all your encouragement.

I have cherished being a part of the ministry here at St. Paul over the past four years, and I thank God for the roles in His ministry that each of you fulfill here as well. I have enjoyed working with and getting to know all of you. Although it has been a very hard decision for me to make, I do feel that, at this time, God is leading me to accept the call to teach at Trinity Lutheran School in St. Francis, Minnesota next school year and pursue some new avenues of service to Him.

Please know that this is a decision I did not take lightly, but, after prayerful consideration, I trust that this is all a part of God's plan. God has done great things at St. Paul, and I have confidence that the ministry here at St. Paul that you are all such a vital part of will continue, with God providing the person He has in store to teach next year and to continue to further His kingdom.

I look forward to finishing the school year here at St. Paul, and I know my ministry here is not quite complete. I will do everything in my power to help out with making the transition process as smooth as possible. Saying goodbye to a place that has become such a home for me over the past four years will be very difficult, but I take comfort in knowing that the memories I have made will live on. St. Paul will remain in my thoughts and prayers and I appreciate your continued prayers for me at this time of transition.

May God continue to bless our ministry to Him,

Miss Ruth Bernau



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

There will be an ice cream social following the Ascension service on Thursday, May 14th. **Please join us for ice cream and desserts.** All youth are invited to scoop, serve, and eat ice cream.

Christian Service Guild News:

Ladies – Join us Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7pm for movie night! We will meet in the church meeting room to watch the “Ordinary Miracles”. Our monthly meeting will follow and we will reflect on the importance of “Mom” in the family. Join us!

Our 5th Annual Rummage & Bake Sale is only a few months 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.

Stewardship News & Views

God has given different gifts to different people (I Corinthians 12:14-26), each gift or ability is important and contributes to the goodness and life for everyone. God knew when He created us that there were many jobs that needed to be done, so He did not give the same talents to all. Discover what it is that you are good at, then use it to the best of your ability. Whatever it is that you do, it is important. If we give our whole self to God and keep Him in us, we will be rewarded by Him. Even when we feel that we are swimming upstream, against the current, our efforts will be rewarded if we keep our faith and trust in God, and share our God-given abilities to serve our church, our friends, and our Lord. Giving is a privilege for Christians, not a duty.

Yours in Christ,
The Board of Stewardship
Paul Janda, Sue Heim, Don Mullen



Teacher Appreciation

Did you know that the week of May 4-8th is teacher appreciation week? We are very blessed to have these very special teachers working with our children. If you see any of these wonderful people be sure to say, “Thank You!”

Day School:

Pastor & Principal: Rev. Dr. Daniel Olsen

4K Teacher: Tiffany Dart

5K Teacher: Sherry Byrne

1st & 2nd Grade: Heidi Pahnke

3rd & 4th Grade: Ruth Bernau

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade: Sarah Ludwig

Music: Lacy Siegmund

Spanish: Jean Doell

Sunday School:

Early Childhood: Candy Krohn,
Angie Peterson, Ellen Post

1st & 2nd Grade: Jeff & Tricia Brand

3rd Grade: Mike & Sarah Cherovsk

4th Grade: Heidi Heim

5th & 6th Grade: Brian & Rachel Patrycia

7th & 8th Grade: Mary Lou Karnopp

Holy Humor



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Sunday School Early Childhood

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 21st of the month.

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