

May 2017
Newsletter



St. Paul Lutheran Church



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” Luke 24:27

We just celebrated Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead. We gathered together during Holy Week to observe all that our Lord did to accomplish our salvation. We focused on His passion Good Friday as we saw Him pour out His blood on the cross for our sins. We left in darkness and returned on Easter Sunday and greeted each other with the words, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!"

What happened later that day on the first Easter? We see that two of Jesus' disciples were walking together and talking about these things on the road to Emmaus. Jesus catches up with them on the road. We see that Jesus teaches from the Scriptures. Jesus teaches them from the Word of God what all of these things mean. He teaches them what it means that He has died on the cross and risen from the dead. He teaches them the good news of salvation.

Jesus still comes to us in His Word and teaches us today. Teaching the Word of God is a central part of what the church does. We teach God's Word to all people that they might know Jesus as their Savior.

A little over a year ago, St. Paul requested a Director of Christian Education (DCE) intern. There were none available last spring. However, I was notified last month that St. Paul will receive a DCE intern. I was at the DCE orientation conference at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska last month. I met with the intern who has been assigned to St. Paul. His name is John Ketterer and his fiancé's name is Kaitlyn. They will be getting married on June 25 and will arrive here sometime in late to mid July. He is originally from Warren, Michigan and is looking forward to serving here at St. Paul.

John's major area of focus will be in working with junior and senior high youth. St. Paul Lutheran Church is blessed to have many young families as part of our congregation. We as a congregation want to provide the best Christian instruction that we can for all ages. We want to especially focus on keeping young people involved in the life of the congregation beyond junior confirmation. Currently, Sunday School ends once an individual is confirmed. This gives the impression that once a person is confirmed they have "graduated" from church and their time of instruction in God's Word has ended. This is one area where John will be focused.

I would encourage you to keep John in your prayers as we look forward to him arriving this summer. I will provide further information to the congregation as we get closer to his arrival. During these Sundays of Easter, we rejoice that Jesus comes to us and teaches us. He teaches us of the salvation which He has won for us.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

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Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming
the saving
grace of
Jesus Christ
to all."*

Sermon Texts and Themes for May

April 30: This is the 3rd Sunday in Easter. Our text is from Luke 24:13-35. The title of the sermon is "Resurrection Hope." This is the account of two of Jesus' disciples on the road to Emmaus. This event takes place on the afternoon of the very first Easter. We see that Jesus comes to these disciples and teaches them from God's Word that these things had to happen. Jesus comes to these disciples and gives them the hope that comes from knowing that Jesus has risen from the dead.

May 7: Our sermon text for the 4th Sunday of Easter is from John 10:1-10. The title of the sermon is "The Abundant Life." Jesus tells us in our Gospel reading for this day that He has come that we might have life and have it abundantly. Often, people feel as if they are living anything but the abundant life. Jesus comes to us in our Gospel reading and offers us the abundant life that only He can give.

May 14: We will be celebrating Confirmation Sunday on this day. Our text is John 14:1-14. The sermon title is "You Know the Way." Jesus comes to us in our text for this day and tells us that we know the way to heaven itself. Jesus comes to us and offers us the direction that we so desperately need in our lives. We, as a congregation, look forward to hearing the confirmands publicly confess their faith in Jesus on this day. We are also encouraged in our own confession of Jesus as our Savior.

May 21: We observe 8th grade graduation on this Sunday. It is a time when we focus on the wisdom that God gives to us. Our text on this Sunday will be Luke 12:13-21. The text of the sermon on this day will be "Don't be a fool!" Jesus talks about the foolishness of getting rich in the things of this world while not being rich in the things of God. Jesus tells us what it is that makes us truly wise. Jesus comes to us and makes us wise unto salvation.

May 28: This day is the 7th Sunday of Easter. Our epistle reading is from I Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11. Here the Bible talks about the benefits of suffering. Our text talks about good suffering. Our world sees suffering as something that is to be avoided at all costs and can have no value. The Christian looks at suffering differently. We ultimately look at suffering and are reminded of the suffering of Jesus. We see that it was through Jesus' suffering on the cross that good comes to us.



St. Paul Lutheran School News

Excellence in Christ-Centered Education

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year: Registration for the coming school year is open. St. Paul Lutheran School is a fully accredited school. We offer an excellent academic education grades 4K-8 with the Word of God integrated into every subject. St. Paul students have the opportunity to receive an excellent education in a Christian setting. There are still a few 4k spots left. St. Paul offers a full day 4k program with morning and afternoon busing. You can contact the school with any questions (920)845-2095.

Softball Tournament: The softball tournament is on May 12 & 13. Thank you to Steve Doell for once again organizing the softball tournament! There is a lot of time and effort that goes into putting this very special event together. Please come and check out this event.

Musical: Congratulations to the students and staff for an outstanding musical performance last month. Thank you to Mrs. Pahnke for coordinating the musical. Thank you as well to all of the people who donated with their time and in various other ways to make this event such a great success. This event wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the efforts of so many who give of their time from serving food, setting up the stage, and in so many other ways. Thanks to Janda's for providing an excellent dinner on the Saturday evening. It was a great program with a great message.

Confirmation: Confirmation Sunday is on May 14. Public questioning will be the Wednesday before at 5:30 pm. It is great to see the students who are being confirmed demonstrate their knowledge of God's Word and confess their faith in Jesus.

Pizza and Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Pick up for the pizza and cookie dough fundraiser is May 16. Parents can pick up the orders after school that day. All orders should be picked up by 4:00 pm that day. Remember, it is important that you pick up on time as the school does not have any place to store the frozen items.

Last Day of School: Remember, the last day of school is May 30. This day has been added due to the need to make up a snow day.

Principal for the Day: Congratulations to Claire and Stella Schleis who will be serving as principal for the day on May 12. This is an event that is auctioned at the annual auction each year. It is a lot of fun for the students and Pastor looks forward to having that day off!

Church Picnic & 8th Grade Graduation: Eighth grade graduation is May 21. The church and school picnic will follow.



4K: *No Report*

5K: It is hard to believe that we are to the end of April! We had a great month. The musical "Not Your Average Joe" was a big success! The acting, music, dance moves, and the gym looked fantastic and we told a great message with the life of Joseph. We also spent time in God's word talking about the Passion story and the joyful news of Jesus resurrection! We went on a field trip to the Children's museum and saw The Cat In The Hat at the Weidner Center. We talked about landforms and have been moving up in our guided reading levels. Our whole school practiced for a tornado drill and talked about safe spots in our house for severe weather. We have been working on math facts, trying to prepare for first grade work. May is upon us and we will have many fun activities for this last month of school....preparing for graduation on Friday, May 26th. He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!

1st and 2nd grade: Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! We have taken a lot of time this month to learn about the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. What an amazing God to send His only Son to suffer and die for us so that we might have everlasting life with Him. Now, we are learning the Apostle's Creed as we confess our faith in the triune God! In our Science class we have been able to work on some exciting STEM projects as well as begin a new unit on Force and Motion. We have also begun our final unit in Social Studies. This unit will focus on economics, including needs and wants, spending and saving, and having a job. Our reading groups have been diving in to some exciting new books and in math we are working hard to learn as many new skills as we can before the end of the year. This month we will also spend a week completing our standardized testing. This is a bit overwhelming, but I know these kiddos will do a great job!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: *No Report*

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: Greetings from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade! It's hard to believe that we are moving into the final month of the school. The last month has been a whirlwind of events, most notably the school musical. The students and all grade levels did an impeccable job acting, singing, and most importantly, giving praise to God. This teacher was particularly impressed by how well the middle school students did and felt it an honor to work with them to tell this incredible Biblical tale. Our time spent outside of the musical has continued to be excellent as we begin to wind down the school year. During this time we have been focusing heavily on projects in the classroom. 6th grade is currently working with the 5th graders on a diorama and presentation, exploring our various biomes, like the desert and tundra. 7th and 8th are finishing up a several week research project on important characters in pre-American Civil War history, coupled with the opportunity to cook, sculpt, or create in any fashion something that is tied to their essay's focus. No matter the class, we have been diligently hard at work trying to do our very best to finish out the school year strong.

Ascension Ice Cream Social

St. Paul is hosting the Ascension Service on Thursday, May 25th at 7:30. There will be an Ice Cream Social immediately following the service in the school gym. Please join us for worship and stay for dessert!

Please Join Us at Our Next Lutherans for Life Meeting!

**St. Paul's Church and School- Luxemburg
Monday, May 8 at 6:30PM**

For Questions Contact Nola Duescher (920) 845-2196, Dianne Zeitler (920) 845-2840 or
Brittney Duescher (920) 493-3782



Lakeshore Lutheran's for Life Roses for Mom

Honor your Mother with the gift of a Rose/ Roses on Mother's Day May 8th. **What does a rose symbolize ?** The bloom **symbolizes** love and beauty.

LFL will have available long stemmed Roses after the Church Services on Mother's Day weekend for a recommended donation of \$2.

Christian Service Guild News:

Christian Service Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:00pm in the church meeting room. Pastor Olson will lead us in a Bible Study. All ladies are welcome. Please bring your Bible.

Upcoming Events:

Volunteer at Bethesda:

Volunteers will be going on May 11 at 9:00am. Call Dianne Zeitler if interested.
Bethesda 50% off sales – April 28th and 29th.
Senior Day- Wednesday – 25% off

Church Rummage Sale

August 4th and August 5th

Are you still saving and putting aside items for our church rummage sale???

We hope so! We can use most items except TV's and computers. Please see that items are clean and working. Donations are vital to making another successful sale. June newsletter will have time to drop off donations.

Stewardship News & Views

What is your heavenly Father's will? He wants you to get to know Him better by hearing His word and receiving His Sacrament. He wants you to join with His other children regularly in worship, fellowship, and prayer. He wants you to abandon anything about your life that is selfish and contrary to His will. He wants you to know that in Jesus, He forgives your misguided desires and actions. He wants you to live, believing Jesus died and rose again to save you.

May is the month when the Stewardship Committee recognizes our Sunday School teachers and helpers for their wonderful work and effort throughout the year bringing God's Word to our young children. We are putting a small token of St. Paul's appreciation in their pigeon holes to remind them just how much we value their part in educating our youngsters! Thank you very much!

In Christ,

Cindy Doell, Linda Dahlke, Don Mullen





Join us for VBS – June 26-30 from 9am-11:30am. Registration is available online at stpauflux.org or there are paper registrations in the narthex at church.

Holy Humor

Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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Talent show

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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