



## *From the Heart of Your Shepherd*

**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16**

It is difficult to overstate the importance of music in worship. Music is one of God's greatest gifts to His church. Martin Luther talked about music as being next to the preaching of the Word of God in importance. It is through the songs of the church that the truth of God's Word is sung into our hearts. Through the songs of the church, we offer up our sacrifices of thanks and praise to God for all He has done for us through Christ Jesus.

St. Paul has been blessed with a very long history of a rich music program. One of the first comments I made upon my arrival at St. Paul was, "This is a musical congregation!" We have a beautiful pipe organ and have been blessed with talented musicians to play it. We have a strong choir filled with gifted singers. We have a band that adds great richness to many of our festival services through the year. We have been able to pull off cantatas at times in the past and are even now looking at adding hand bells. All of this is good. It adds greatly to our worship and outreach. It enlivens faith and is God pleasing.

Much of the direction of our music program over the years has been provided on a volunteer or near volunteer basis. The contributions of Mrs. Jean Doell to the depth of our music programs over the past many years cannot be overstated. However, the way that things have been done in the past is not always indicative of how they will need to be done in the future. Jean is wanting to step back from some of the demands that she has fulfilled in the past. If we do not plan for the future now, we could find ourselves facing a greatly diminished music program in the future. This would indeed be a tragedy that would have an adverse effect upon our congregation's worship, the very core of our congregational life, and growth.

I have discussed this with the Board of Elders and Council over the past many months. We have identified two key areas of concern as we look to the future as a congregation: music and youth. John has done a good job of getting our youth programming up and running this year; however, there is more to do in this area. To that end, it was recommended to the voters in January, and approved by an overwhelming margin, that the congregation will seek to call a fulltime music and youth director.

I have contacted our Concordia University system to locate an individual who can fill this important position. None of the Concordia campuses were able to provide an appropriate individual at this time. However, it is anticipated that such an individual will be able to be placed in time. The voters had decided that we would get another DCE intern in the meantime. Unfortunately, that will not be possible this year. We will continue to contract with John in the coming year on a month to month basis so long as that is possible.

We will continue to pray that God will eventually provide us with the right person to fill this position. I will keep you updated on this process as we go forward.

In His service,  
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### Mission Statement

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

## Sermon Texts and Titles

**May 3 & 6:** We continue our celebration of Jesus' resurrection in the Sundays of Easter. This week is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter. Our text is the Gospel reading for the day, John 15:12-17. The title of the sermon is "BFF." It is in our Gospel reading that Jesus bestows us with the honor of being His friends. What does it mean for us that Jesus would consider us His friends?

**May 10:** Forty days after His resurrection from the dead our Lord ascended into heaven. We will celebrate our Lord's ascension on the Ascension. As you recall, this is a joint service with area LCMS congregations. There will be the combined choirs and special music. It is a true festival service and an appropriate reflection on all that our Lord's Ascension means for us.

**May 13:** The Gospel reading for Easter 7 is John 17:11-19. The title of the sermon is "In the World but Not of the World." Jesus tells us that we will be in this world. At the same time, Jesus tells us that we are not to be of the world. The sermon this week will explore what it means for us as God's people to be in this world but not of the world.

**May 17 & 20:** Confirmation Sunday falls on the Day of Pentecost this year. That would seem like an appropriate thing since Pentecost is all about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We will celebrate on Confirmation Sunday how the Holy Spirit has worked in the lives of those being confirmed in the past. We will pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be poured out upon them through Word and Sacrament in the future. The text of the sermon will be Mark 9:23. The title of the sermon is "The Faith of a Confirmand."

**May 24 & 27:** Most people think of Trinity Sunday as the day when we use the really long creed. It is certainly the one day of the year when we confess our faith using the words of the Athanasian Creed. It is more importantly the day when we focus on the fact that God reveals Himself to us three persons but one God. We celebrate on Trinity Sunday that God has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The text for the sermon this day is John 3:1-17, the Gospel reading. The title of the sermon is "God is Love." We see how God has revealed His love to us in showing us who is.



### *Ascension Ice Cream Social*

There will be a joint church Ascension service on Thursday, May 10th. Following the service there will be an Ice Cream Social in the school gym. Please join us for worship and stay for dessert!



# St. Paul Lutheran School News

## Excellence in Christ-centered education

**Registration for the 2018-2019 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.

**Spring Cleanup:** Spring cleanup is scheduled for May 4. We are always glad to have help as we get things cleaned up after the long winter.

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

**Softball Tournament:** The softball tournament is on May 11 & 12. Thank you to Doug Doell for once again organizing the tournament! There is a lot of time and effort that goes into putting this very special event together. There are many volunteers that are needed. Please consider volunteering as you able. Come and check out this event!

**Musical:** Congratulations to the students and staff for an outstanding musical performance last month. Thanks especially for everyone working with the schedule change this year due to the weather. It was still a great dinner show on the Tuesday evening following. Thank you to all 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 Mrs. Pahnke for directing again this year. It was a great program with a great message.

**Principal for the Day:** Congratulations to Jade Kröll who will be serving as principal for the day on May 9. 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!

**Calendar:** There have been questions about the calendar due to the snow days in April. Our calendar still meets our required hours of instruction. At this time, no additional days will need to be added. The last day of school will still be June 1...assuming there are no more snow days this year.



**4K:** Well, it is quite an odd start to spring... so much for warm weather days and outdoor fun! As I write this I am looking out my classroom window at heaps of snow at my class happily climbing huge snow hills making it hard for me to even fathom that we are in our last quarter of school! As we enter these last weeks we will be busy reviewing all we have learned, continue to work hard in reading, and enjoy some last projects and activities to finish out the year. We are in the ocean now in 4K learning about all kinds of amazing creatures that God created to live in salt water! We have enjoyed some great books like the Pout Pout Fish, A House For Hermit Crab, and The Rainbow Fish! We have made some fun projects, sang some silly songs, and played some fun ocean themed games! In Bible, we have enjoyed learning about what life looks like for the disciples as well as for us after the resurrection. We have had some great discussions about heaven, and how it is important for us to stay connected to Jesus and share Him with others. If you came to the musical this year - you saw how bright these sweet four and five year old children shined for Jesus! Watching them sing about their faith truly makes my heart smile! As the end of the year is nearing there is still so much leaning to do! This class loves to learn and works hard - making each day a treat to teach! It is such a joy to see how much they have learn and hoe much they have grown... as we near the end we will finish strong! I hope you all have a wonderful spring - that is of course if it decides to come!

**5K:** It is hard to believe it is the end of April, feels like the end of January!! What a month! We started our April is celebration of Jesus resurrection! We have an awesome God who sent His Son to die for us, so we can have everlasting life! We presented a fantastic musical called "In The Big Inning" which had a baseball spin. Our class went to see the production of "Moon Mouse" at the Weidner Center and it was superb. 5K was lucky enough to get a Virtual Reality Kit from CellCom which includes 15 phones, Virtual Reality headsets, and a few Merge cubes. We had alot of fun with going on roller coasters, going under water, and going into space. I want to thank CellCom for allowing our class to use these items for a few weeks. We will finish our school year strong with our work in reading and math. We will be starting our standardized testing and seeing how our children progressed this year! The students have worked hard!

**1st and 2nd Grade:** Well spring has sprung...or forgotten to show up?! :( Despite the confused weather we have been having our class keeps trucking along toward the end of the year, eagerly learning along the way! Most of this month was spend preparing and performing the musical "In the Big Inning" Thank you to all who attended for your support. I am always in awe of the talents of our awesome kiddos and the way their faith just shines through as they sing about their Savior! In the classroom we have just begun an exciting unit on the human skeletal system. We even had a visit from "Mr. Bones", an awesome skeleton, to teach us all about how God puts our bodies together. In Religion, after celebrating the glorious resurrection of our Lord, we are now learning about the Ascension and Pentecost. We are also digging into some great books in our literacy time. Everything from pioneer days to animal families keep us excited about reading! This month we also had the privilege to attend a performance of "Moon Mouse" at the Weidner theater. It was a lightshow theater production! What a phenomenal show and great experience for our students. Only one month to go!

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! Happy spring! We have had an exciting beginning to spring. We worked hard preparing for the musical, In The Big Inning. The students did an excellent job sharing the Good News, even with moving the final performance 3 nights later due to a blizzard in the middle of April! We learned about the Divine and Human natures of Jesus. That Jesus had to be true God and true man to complete His task of saving us from sin, death, and the devil. Third and fourth grade students learned about the 5 regions in Wisconsin and the state's interesting geography. We are all looking forward to being outside without having to put on our snow clothes! God's blessings to you this month!

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Greetings from the 6-8th grade! After a historical snowstorm it's finally starting to feel like Spring outside. For the last month the upper grade students were busy at work preparing lines, dances, and songs for the musical; they all did spectacularly and should be very proud of the their performance. Each one of them provided a valuable part proclaiming the gospel message through this fun outlet. With the warm weather thankfully here, we have now transitioned our focus on a couple of upcoming events, Bonduel Track and Field Day and the St. Paul Softball tournament. With this the students will be able to showcase of of their talents in running, long jump, softball, and many other events. Speaking of talents, there are also some students who have graciously volunteered to shared their gits at this year's church talent show. We look forward to seeing the students participate in these events to share their God-given abilities. With only one month left in the school year things are coming to a close on this year's upper grade class, but we look forward to sharing all that is still in store very soon. Until then, have a blessed ( hopefully warm) remainder of Spring!

# Stewardship News & Views

Stewardship is the comfort of knowing that everything comes from God. He gives us our clarity and the vision and character of what to be and do. We can trust in Him, and not in our materialistic goods.

Teach us good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; To give, and not count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 children. Thank you and God Bless all of you!!

In Christ,

Cindy Doell, Linda Dahlke, Patricia Brand



St. Paul LWML is collecting Food for Marv Bins Food Pantry during the month of May. Boxes for donations are in the Narthex. LC Food Pantry (Marv Buns) is located in Holy Trinity church basement and is open on:

- 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month from 12:30 – 2:30pm
- 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 9-11am

If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Kratz at 920.680.3029

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Currently St. Paul Lutheran School offers Girls Volleyball, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Boys & Girls Basketball, and Boys & Girls Softball. We are looking at expanding the extracurricular offerings further and are looking for individuals interested in coaching/advising any of the following:

- Co-Ed Soccer
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Robotics
- Junior Achievement

If you are interested, please speak with Steve Doell at (920) 471-7580



## Christian Service Guild News:

Christian Service Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at 1pm in the church meeting room. Pastor Olsen will lead us in a Bible Study, "Be Still and Know That I Am God." All ladies are welcome.

Quilting for 2018 was completed on March 16 with 275 quilts made by the quilting ladies and another 146 quilts made by Phyllis Lannbrecht and family for a total of 421! We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this such a successful project and to Phyllis for all she did. Also thank you to the ladies who spent many hours sewing all the tops. Thank you to the ladies who came faithfully each week to work on the quilts and anyone who donated items for the quilts. A special thank you to Thrivent for \$250 to help us purchase quilting materials. Some were given to Orphan Grain Train, Manna for Life, NEW Community Shelter, Freedom House, and other shelters. The remaining will go to Lutheran World Relief.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual rummage sale is set for Thursday, August 2, 4:00-7:00pm, Friday, August 3, 8:00am- 4:00pm, Saturday, August 4, 8:00am-2:00pm with everything ½ price or fill a bag for \$5.00 all day. We will take anything except TV's or computers. Please make sure items are clean and in working condition. Items may be brought July 21 or July 28. More information later.

Our next Bethesda Volunteer day is May 1, 9:00am

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## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS:**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018: We had a Bowling event where the youth got together for some fun but also got to hear some of God's word teaching them to put their focus on Christ our Head Pin. We had 18 youth show up to this event and fun was had by all we are looking forward to our next event.

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018: The youth of St Paul Lutheran Church will be serving Ice Cream/dessert social following the Ascension Joint Service on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Youth will need to bring a pan of bars, serve ice cream and coffee, and then clean up afterwards. Please let John Ketterer know if you will be able to help. The free will offering collected will help for future youth events. Please bring your sweet tooth for this event and enjoy a time of fellowship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018- SHIPWRECKED:** Mark your calendars- St. Paul Lutheran's Vacation Bible School program this summer will be the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Throughout the week, we will explore how Jesus rescues us from our sins, our worries, our struggles, and is our strength when we are weak. You can register online or fill out the registration form found on the Youth Board by the Nursery. We are currently looking for volunteers to help organize our games, snacks, storytelling, crafts, music, teaching, decorations and more. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact John Ketterer DCE Intern at [jketterer@stpaullux.org](mailto:jketterer@stpaullux.org) or call the office at 920-845-2095. Thank you!



## Holy Humor



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Easter Breakfast

**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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