



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

“Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 106:1

November 27th marks our day of national thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has been a part of American history since the early pilgrims had a meal of thanksgiving with the Indians shortly after arriving in America. It has also been the case that our nation's Thanksgiving celebrations have historically had a decidedly religious element to them. There has been an understanding that God is the one who pours out His blessings upon us.

It is appropriate and important that we as God's people should remember all of God's blessings to us during the past year and give thanks to Him. This is why Christians gather together for special Thanksgiving worship services. We gather together so that we might give thanks to God for all the blessings that He has poured out on us. We recognize that He is the giver of all good gifts.

Sadly, Thanksgiving has fallen on hard times in America today. A trip to the mall or any other store for that matter will show you that Thanksgiving has been skipped over in favor of Christmas (although it typically isn't called Christmas anymore either). The reason for it is obvious: the idea of giving thanks just isn't very lucrative. Our society doesn't want people to stop and give thanks for what they have and be content. Our society wants people to be dissatisfied and wanting more. Advertisers offer you all kinds of new products and promise you that if you buy them it will bring you satisfaction...at least until the next new thing comes out. All of this has an impact.

This thinking has an impact on God's people as well. We know that the church will not see overflow crowds at Thanksgiving services, but there will be lines outside the stores on "Black Friday." Many people will not have the time to stop and give thanks to God because they will be too busy preparing to get more stuff the day after Thanksgiving. Many people will buy into the lies of our society that tell them that the key to satisfaction can be found in getting to the right sale and getting more stuff.

We understand that true joy and satisfaction are to be found in the riches that are ours in Christ. We know that Jesus has made us rich through His suffering and death. He has given us the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. We stop and give thanks to God for all of the blessings that He has poured out on us. We stop and consider how God has provided for us in the past. It is in Him that we find joy and satisfaction.

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 Charger News

*2014-15 Theme: SOAR (Solid as a Rock)--“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:31*

Walk-a-Thon: November is the time of the year when we focus in a special way on the blessings that God pours out on us. We can be especially thankful for our successful walk-a-thon fundraiser. We received \$12,276 in donations to our school. This was an increase of about \$1,500 from last year. Thank you to everyone who so generously supported this event!

4K Registration: 4K registration is now open for St. Paul members for the 2014-2015 school year. You can contact the school office for a packet. If you have any questions about the program, you can contact Mrs. Tiffany Dart at tdart@stpaullux.org or call the school office. St. Paul offers a full day program five days a week. Bussing is also available at the beginning and end of the day. Registration will open to the public on December 1. Please spread the word about our amazing program!

Trunk or Treat: Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's trunk or treat event!

Veterans Service: We will be honoring our veterans at the special Veterans Day Service on November 16. The school kids will be singing at the service. This is an important opportunity for the students, as well as all of us, to learn about the sacrifices that others have made for us.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Miss Heidi Schneider our 1st and 2nd grade teacher who was married October 25! We wish her all the blessings that God gives through His institution of marriage.

Upcoming Events:

November 6: End of the 1st Quarter

November 16: Veterans Day Service

November 18 & 20: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 21: In-service No School

November 27 & 28: Thanksgiving Break No School



Thank you to the trustees for installing some new playground equipment this year! They installed a new swing set and two tether ball poles. The students have enjoyed using these immensely!
Thank you for all you do.



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

We've started to learn the letters of the alphabet. So far we've worked letters A,B,C and D. We love painting and working on a project for each of the letters including an apple, butterfly and carrot. Our Alphabet Exchange has also been helping us learn our letters. Letters of the alphabet have arrived from all over the United States and they are now hanging in the hallway outside our classroom. Feel free to come and take a peek.

5K: Our class has finished our science unit on space. We ate a space snack, worked on the phases of the moon, and made an astronaut. We are now working on pumpkin science. We counted seeds and observed that pumpkins float.

We also have been able to spend time on the laptops. It is challenging logging on and off the computer, but absolutely love being able to spend time on them!!

We have been counting and measuring with linking cubes. The picture below is our linking cubes the whole width of the room!!



1st and 2nd grade: We are having another exciting month. We have celebrated the wedding of the letters "Q" and "U". They will forever go together and promise to always make the "kw" sound in words. We also received our first letters from our pen pals! Our classroom has teamed up with Miss Amanda Kratz's class in Iowa to share letters throughout the school year. The kids are so excited to have friends in a different state and it is a great way for them to practice their writing skills as well! We have also been working very hard on memorizing our facts in math and following the journey of the Israelites through the desert in Religion.

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: The 3rd, 4th, and 5th class has had a great start soaring into the new school year. In science, we began using an Einstein kit on electric circuits. The students have enjoyed building and testing circuits. We recently tested different materials to determine if they were conductors or insulators. Additionally, we created our own models of the filament found in light bulbs and watched them glow. In writing, we are excited to be teaming up with a Lutheran school all the way down in Huntsville, Alabama this year to exchange pen pal letters. We recently sent off our first batch of letters and are excited to learn more about the similarities and differences between the two areas.



*3rd-8th grade field trip to
"The Courses" in
New Franken.*

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: October is flying by! We have been very busy in the 6th-8th grade.

We enjoyed God's creation when we visited The Courses in New Franken. It was a beautiful fall day and the students went on a compass exploration and then had to go through an obstacle course.

The 7th and 8th grade has been enjoying the book *My Side of the Mountain*. It is about a boy who goes and lives in the wilderness. Many students have been really getting into it and checked out books about wilderness survival when we took our trip to the library.

We finished the first part of our Einstein Science kit about weather and are now looking at Earthquakes. The students built buildings and we tested their durability by dropping them from high places. Good thing our houses are not made from tooth picks and marshmallows.

DID YOU KNOW PARENTS CAN DEDUCT PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION?

The tuition tax deduction is new in Wisconsin and many parents may be unaware that that such expenses are deductible in 2014. Last year, WCRIS worked with legislators to make this deduction a reality for private school families. Parents/guardians are eligible for a maximum deduction of \$4,000/child in grades K-8 and \$10,000 in grades 9-12. Students transitioning from eighth to ninth grade are eligible for both deductions. Any amount spent on tuition and book fees are eligible for the deduction. All expenses incurred after January 1, 2014, are eligible for the deduction. Wisconsin now has the largest tax deduction in the country. You can find out more information about this deduction by going to the website for the Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools: www.wcris.org/tuitiontaxdeduction.cfm. Of course, it is always best to check with your tax professional with questions about your own tax situation.

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.

Q. What is planned giving?

A. "Planned giving" means creating a specific plan for future gifts to benefit our church and other charities. These gifts may be made during lifetime or at death. Many people first consider planned giving when preparing a will or along with other estate planning, but planned giving can be made part of your financial plans at any time in your life. Donors who make planned giving arrangements are usually motivated by a strong commitment to a particular project or mission of the church. Their planned gifts allow them to acknowledge their gratefulness to God and fulfill their goal of supporting charitable work important to them—work that reflects their values and commitments. In addition, donors may receive tax benefits and lifetime income through several types of tax-favored plans.

Planned gifts to St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund will ensure that the mission of the church will continue into the future.

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:

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Our annual Veteran's Day service will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m. It will be held in the school gym. All of the Veteran's Organizations in Kewaunee County have been invited. The Luxemburg-Casco Community Band will again be joining the St. Paul Band to play special patriotic music. There will also be special music by St. Paul Choir and St. Paul School children. Following the service, there will be a lunch of chicken booyah, sandwiches, and dessert for \$5. Veterans will receive a free meal. If you are a veteran and you want to march in with all the veterans, please meet in the hall outside of the gym.



Help Wanted for the Veteran's Service

Youth needed to help with the Chicken Booyah lunch on Sunday, November 16th. We need help making sandwiches, making desserts, serving booyah, and other kitchen duties. The more the merrier!! Contact Sherry Byrne for info and questions-920-606-2000.

Bible Study on Islam: Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 there has been an increased interest in the Moslem religion. This has only increased since that time due to the Afghanistan war fought against the Taliban as well as current struggles with ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) and other terrorist groups. What does the religion of Islam actually teach? Is it a religion of peace? What is it about the religion that causes people to do shocking things in the name of "Allah"? These questions and more will be explored in Sunday morning Bible study beginning on November 23.

Christian Service Guild News:

All women are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meeting of the Christian Service Guild on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:30pm in the church meeting room. Our bible study is entitled "Legacy for Life". We will also "celebrate" Veterans.

We sincerely thank all who contributed to the fabric and soap collection for World relief. Ninety-four bars of soap and 17 fabric kits were sent to various parts of the World.

St. Paul's Annual Patriotic Service will be held November 16th. The Christian Service Guild will again be collecting items to donate the Veterans Home at King.

WINGS AT KINGS **(Wings = Women in God's Service)**

WINGS AT KINGS is a committee made up of members of the North and South Wisconsin District Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

THE MISSION of Wings at Kings is to prayerfully seek to inform our Sisters-in-Christ in the North and South Wisconsin District Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the many opportunities for service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and unite them in voluntary service to the residents at the Veterans Home at King, WI.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Since 2009, **WINGS** has focused its Gift Distribution on helping the Veterans Assistance Program by providing personal hygiene and laundry items for the veterans in the homeless shelter located on the Wisconsin Veterans Home grounds at King. **WINGS** has also provided special Christmas gifts. Currently we are in need of the following items:

GIFT NEEDS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

- Small, medium or large boxers or briefs
- Medium and large t-shirts
- Flip flops/shower shoes ALL sizes
- Twin comforters
- Twin sheets
- Shower gel/body wash
- Wash clothes and towels
- Q-tips
- Finger nail clippers
- Socks
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Drink mixes- Kool-Aid/Crystal Light
- Sugar packets
- Snacks

Holy Humor

A VBS teacher was talking about God and Jesus to her pre-school class. An unchurched neighbor of mine, age 4, was listening with furrowed brow, since much of what she said was new to him. But when she asked the kids if they knew who angels were, his eyes lit up with recognition, his whole body filled with excitement, and he shouted out, "Yes! They're a baseball team!" It took the teacher quite a while to compose herself...

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Sunday School Grades 1-8

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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