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Newsletter



St. Paul Lutheran Church



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and all those who dwell therein...” Psalm 24:1

Psalm twenty four points out what we as Christians know. The psalmist points out for us that everything in the world belongs to God. We look around at the beautiful harvest at this time of the year and everything else that we see. We immediately know that it all belongs to God. Not only do all of the things of the world belong to God, but we ourselves belong to Him. We think of all of the things that are in our possession. We think of our gifts and abilities. We think even of our time. We know as Christians that it all belongs to God. This is our starting point for stewardship.

We thank God for all of the things that He has placed in our care. Everything that we have in this world is entrusted to us for a time. That’s what a steward is: one who has been entrusted with very important things. What an incredible privilege it is to be made stewards by God Himself.

It is unfortunate that the terms “steward” and “stewardship” are given such bad press in our world today. The term “steward” is no longer used in our society. Even, the people on planes no longer like the term. I heard a speaker at a conference last year saying that we should not use the term “stewardship” in the church. The reason was that the term “stewardship” has very negative associations. When people hear the term “stewardship” they immediately think that the church is going to shake them down for their money. This speaker suggested that the church talk in terms of being generous. The idea was that people don’t want to be seen as stewards but want to be seen as generous. That kind of thinking is truly sad.

We realize that the term “steward” is a beautiful term. We are glad to be known as stewards because we know that God is the one who has made us stewards. God has entrusted you with some incredibly important things. He has entrusted you with great wealth. He has entrusted you with incredible skills that those around you need. He has entrusted you even with the Gospel message. What will you do with all of these things? Will you be selfish with your wealth and use it only to indulge yourself in the things of this world? Will you use your time only to pursue those activities that you believe will entertain you? Will you be selfish with the talents that God has entrusted to you and use them only to serve yourself? Will you keep the good news of a Savior who has paid for your sins to yourself?

God has made you a steward. He has entrusted you with very important things. We realize that everything that we have is ours only for a time. We have the privilege of using our time, talents, and treasures in service to Jesus. We use all that God has entrusted to us in this world to serve Him by serving those around us. God loves us enough to entrust us with important things in this world and give us the promise of things eternal when our stewardship in this world ends. What an incredible blessing it is to be a steward!

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.

October Sermon Themes and Texts

September 29 & October 2: We will begin a three week stewardship series titled: God's Abundant Blessings. The sermon title for this week will be "God's Abundant Blessings: Entrusted with Much." Our text will be Luke 16:1-13. Jesus has entrusted us with the greatest things imaginable. You have been entrusted with faith in Jesus. It is when we understand that we are stewards of all that we have in this world that our view of our lives is changed. On this day, we consider our view of money in particular.

October 6 & 9: The sermon title for this week is "God's Abundant Blessings: From Here to Eternity." Our text will be Colossians 4:5 and Luke 12:13-20. This is the second of our three part series on stewardship. We will continue to discuss what it means for us to be stewards. We will discuss in particular that we are stewards of time. Time is a gift that God has entrusted to you. It seems as if time is something that is often in short supply for people today. We understand how precious a gift time is. While the amount of time that we have in this world is limited, we know that through Jesus we have time eternal.

October 13 & 16: This will be the 3rd sermon in our three part series. The title will be "God's Abundant Blessings: The Joy of Investing Yourself." The text will be Matthew 25:14-30. We will focus on the skills or talents that God has entrusted to each of us. We will be talking about stewardship of our talents. God has entrusted you with great talent. How would God have you use your talents?

October 20 & 23: After the fall into sin, Adam and Eve had a son named Cain. Eve thought very highly of Cain. She thought that he might even be the very Messiah. Well, we know that Cain ended up murdering his brother Abel. Eve would go from thinking that her son was the Messiah to seeing him become a murderer. That's the way it can be at times for parents. They have such high expectations for their children, but children sometimes fall short. But through it all, Eve still has the promise that the Messiah will come. He will be the perfect Son of God who will pay for the sins of all God's children. Our text this week will be Genesis 4:1-15 with the title "Raising Cain."

October 27 & 30: On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He was protesting the idea that a person could purchase a piece of paper called an indulgence to earn the forgiveness of sins. This event would mark the beginning of the Lutheran Church. We still proclaim the good news today that we are saved purely by God's grace. Reformation Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday closest to October 31. We will focus on Ephesians 2:8 under the theme of "Proclaiming the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ to All."



St. Paul Lutheran School News

“Shine: Living in God’s Light” Matthew 5:16

2016-2017 School Year: The year has gotten off to a great start. Our theme this year is “Shine: Living in God’s Light.” Our theme this year is based on Matthew 5:16. We live in a world that is often filled with darkness. We also understand the darkness of our own sin. However, we are able to rejoice that Jesus the light of the world shines in our lives. He gives the light of sins forgiven and shows us the way to heaven. It is an incredible blessing to be a part of a school where we are able to proclaim the light of Christ.

Walk-a-thon Fundraiser: Thank you to all who supported the walk-a-thon fundraiser. The walk-a-thon was held on September 23. Donations are still coming in at this time. Details regarding the walk-a-thon will be included in next month’s newsletter.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat is set for October 23. Every year families are invited to decorate the trunk of their vehicle with fall/festive decorations and hand out treats to the children as they travel through the parking lot. The children will gather in the gym after church (roughly 10:45) for a devotion before beginning. Please consider decorating your car for this event. There are always some very creative designs.

Calendar

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| October 6 | Midterms |
| October 7 | Picture Day |
| October 13 | Library |
| October 21 | No School |
| October 23 | Trunk or Treat |
| October 28 | Fall Party |

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This October, our congregation celebrates the 151st anniversary of its founding. Historical books celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Paul are still available for \$15. The book consists of 167 pages of our church's history and contains color photographs, and the births, deaths, marriages, and confirmations of St. Paul over the past 150 years. If you are interested, please contact Steve Doell at (920) 471-7580 or sjdoell71@gmail.com.



4K: It has been a busy start to our month! As you enter our classroom, you come into a cave theme. We kicked off our year in this ‘dark place’ as we learn that Jesus is our light! We have met some cave dwelling animals who have helped us learn what it means that Jesus is our light and that we shine for Him in the things we say and do. We have also begun our journey in learning as we have begun exploring our numbers, shapes, what a graph is and how to tell time. In reading our stories this month have focused on starting school, making friends, and learning about ourselves. It has been fun getting to know the little personalities of our class... and this class has a whole lot of personality! In science, we have put our senses to the test tasting different foods, smelling good things and not so good, using our sense of touch with our mystery bags, and putting our sense of hearing to the test! We have enjoyed some fun projects, silly songs, and games! We are off to a great start!

5K: 5K is letting our light shine this year. We have 11 students and have been very busy learning new things. We have enjoyed learning Bible stories about creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah. We have used pattern blocks and linking cubes for math lessons. We are learning about our bodies and five senses in science. We are reviewing letters and learning about nouns in reading. We are ending our month with the Walk-A-Thon at N.E.W .Lutheran High School. It is our biggest fundraiser and a great way to earn money for our school. Thank you for all your support. I also want to thank the entire school body for singing their praises of “On Eagle’s Wings” at my dad’s funeral. My family who all went to St. Paul and my mom and I who have taught at St. Paul appreciate this wonderful and thoughtful expression of love. The children were able to “Shine” Jesus that day!

1st and 2nd grade: Welcome back to another new school year! I am looking forward to my 10th year here as a part of the ministry at St. Paul! Ten years sure does fly by and I am thankful for all of the blessings that God have granted in those years. In 1st and 2nd Grade we are excited about all of the fun we will have and all the learning that will take place. We have been learning our Bible stories from the book of Genesis and practicing the books of the Old Testament for memory. In science we have been using our expert skills to learn how to investigate the world around us and perform meaningful experiments. In Social Studies rules are important. We have learned that rules are important in school, at home, in our community, and in our country. It is going to be such an exciting year and I can't wait for all of the adventures that await!

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade: It is hard to believe that the first month of school is over. September was full of activity. There was the excitement of a new school year and catching up with friends. We were busy getting back into the routine of a school schedule again. And we did lots of walking! We had our “Fit and Fun” walk where we talked about what foods are healthy for our bodies and then we walked to help our bodies be healthy. Then we went to NEW Lutheran High School for our annual walk-a-thon. It was great physical exercise for our bodies and a great way to help raise money for our school. Then our school was taken over by pirates and ships for our book fair. The students had fun helping decorate the school and looking at all the books. We were even able to have a penny war. All the students are off to a great start! God has blessed us with a great beginning to our school year!

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: Before going into the start of the school year, I wanted to tell you all a little about myself. My name is Tim Eigenfeld and this is my first year teaching, having just graduated last December from Concordia University Wisconsin with a Bachelor's Degree in Lutheran Secondary Education Social Studies. I grew up in Roselle, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, moving then to Green Bay this past summer. A lifelong Lutheran, I attended several Lutheran schools in the Chicago area through middle school. In October of this year I will be getting married to my fiancée, Katie, also from Roselle. Both she and I are looking forward to getting to know the people of St. Paul and exploring all that the area has to offer. In my spare time I enjoy fishing, hiking, traveling, and cheering on my Chicago Cubs! I am thrilled to start my teaching ministry here in service to Christ, the students, and families in the Church.

As for 6th, 7th, and 8th, we have had a wonderful start to the school year! Classes are in full swing and students have been learning much the last few weeks. In science this year, for all grade levels, the focus is on God's wonderful creation of our earth and how we are to best serve him by being good stewards of all that He has provided. We have already done a lab collecting different types of plant life around school and there are many more upcoming. Reading and English classes have been busy learning best practices for writing and working through "The Diary of Anne Frank." In each class we have been working on building off of last year's lessons and starting off strong to make this year even better yet! I can't wait to see how far we come by the end!

Stewardship News & Views

Pastor Olson will be focusing on stewardship this month, take a moment to pray about ways that you can serve the Lord with your time, talents and treasures. St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "for we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it." (1Timothy 6:7) what we do between our birth and our death is the measure of our stewardship. We should not view stewardship as a task that we have to do, but rather something that we get to do with the understanding that, Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Yours in Christ,
Sue Heim, Don Mullen, Cindy Doell

Christian Service Guild News:

Seven college students have been "adopted" by the Christian Service Guild for the coming year. We hope it will be an enjoyable interaction between both students and Guild members.

On October 5, 2016 at 7:30pm we will have an "evening of music" performed by Ruth, Anna and Jane Olson and accompanied by Mrs. Phillips. All are welcome to attend this program held in the church. Guild meeting to follow.

Upcoming Events:

October 2: LWML Sunday

October 6: Volunteer at Bethesda, Contact Dianne Zeitler if interested

October 23: Trunk or Treat

Stamps for Missions:

Remember to continue to save cancelled postage stamps for missions.



Lakeshore Lutherans for Life News

Crafting to Care- An all time high of 42 frames were completed on Sept 17th and will be distributed to the Green Bay and Manitowoc Ultrasound Clinics. Thank You to all our Volunteers who helped. The next Crafting date will be on Saturday Nov 12th from 8:15am-10am at St. Paul to decorate picture frames for Life. We are in need of more frames to decorate, If anyone would like to donate frames(used or new) we are in need of frames that are approximately 4x6 or 5x7 inches. Any questions please contact Dianne Zeitler 845-2840 or Nola Duescher 845-2196.

Cans for LIFE- Lakeshore LFL continues to collect Aluminum Cans. If you are a walker or runner and see cans on the roadsides or if you have some to clear out of your garage consider saving for our can project. Any donated cans need to be bagged before placing in the labeled collection bin behind St Paul's Lutheran School .Thank You to all who have helped support LFL with your donations in the past.

40 Days for Life The upcoming 40 Days for Life fall campaign of prayer, fasting and vigil for an end to abortion and healing for all those wounded by abortion will begin at midnight on September 28 and end at midnight on November 6. From Sept 28 through Nov 6th, you are invited to join other Christians for the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 2605 S. Oneida Street in Ashwaubenon. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to walk and pray for a 1 or 2 hour interval, please contact Nola Duescher 845-2196 or Dianne Zeitler 845-2840. Check out the website for more information at www.40DaysforLife.com/greenbay

What Goes Around.....A Lifedate Newsletter article (Summer 2016) by Dr Jean Garton. Dr Garton was the first Lutheran For Life President and is scheduled to speak at the Oct 2016 National Convention in MN.

What goes 'round, comes 'round- By Dr Jean Garton



There is hardly an action – no matter how revolting, immoral or violent – that doesn't have defenders who will say, "But we can't really judge others unless we've walked in their shoes" or who will go even further to charge those who refuse to agree that all things are relative with intolerant "judgmentalism."

Other people go further still! They argue that some behavior that seems unloving to one person may actually be a loving act when someone else commits it.

Amazingly, one of the latest lines of defense of abortion is to go on the offensive: adopt that bizarre notion that the act of taking your unborn child's life is really an act of love.

Some abortion providers now urge women to write love letters to their children before aborting them, simultaneously an act of co-opting criticism and ennobling the ignoble. One such form letter was published in a city newspaper and began with the words, "Dear Baby...."

"Dear Baby: I believe you will be better off in heaven. I am not sure I could provide you with a stable and healthy environment. I do not feel that emotionally or financially I could care for your every need. "In forecasting my future, a dismal and grim picture is all that I can imagine. I hope you can understand my reasoning and can forgive me. I will see you in heaven. Love, Mom."

Women are sometimes coerced into having an abortion to maintain the love of the father (who more often than not will abandon her after the child is dead). Others convince themselves that the abortion is done for the good of the baby, another act of love.

One thing is certain, however, is that it is an instructive act, behavior that sends a message.

For example, what lesson might other children in the family take away from that violent “solution”? As the years go by, what conclusions do they gradually come to, based on a decision made many years before?

Imagine that some sixty years have passed since their mother’s “loving” act of aborting a child. Now a sibling of that aborted child is writing a “love” letter of her own to their mother. It could go something like this:

“Dear Mom: I believe you will be better off in heaven. I am not sure I could provide you with a stable and healthy environment. I do not feel that emotionally or financially I could care for your every need. “In forecasting my future, a dismal and grim picture is all that I can imagine. I hope you can understand my reasoning and can forgive me. I will see you in heaven. Love, your daughter.”

An impossible scenario? Not when you consider the growing trend to focus on end-of-life issues. Not when the elderly, the infirm, and the “non-productive” are increasingly viewed as living lives that are too costly.

Not when our population is living longer and longer. Not when euthanasia is becoming a popular discussion topic.

And surely not when you read story after story of spouses and children making the “loving” decision to “assist” grandma to commit suicide.

An abortion decision can be described as “desperate, thoughtless, selfish, or pressured .”

But never, ever call it “love.”



Shine On Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat



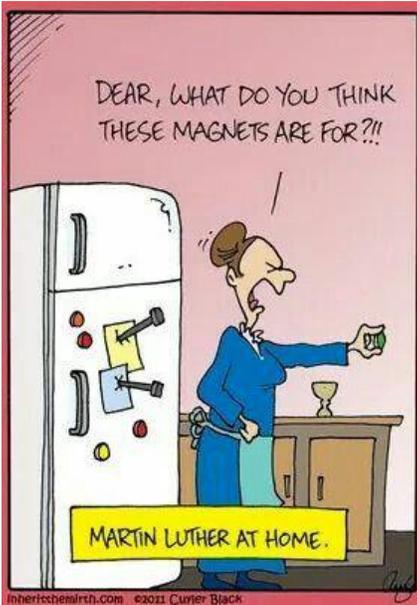
St. Paul Lutheran School is excited to host **Shine On Fall Fest** on Sunday, October 25th from 11am-12noon. This event will include a meal, face painting, trunk or treating, and carnival games. We hope you can join us for this event! We are looking for volunteers to decorate vehicles, run games, and hand out candy. If you are interested, please fill out a car that is in your family folder or in the back of church and return it. Let’s try to fill up the whole parking lot for this wonderful event. We will be getting more information out next month! Feel free to shine your light and share the word about this event with other families. We hope to see you there!

Veterans Service

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 13th. St. Paul will be honoring veterans with a special service and there will be a sandwich/booyah meal available to purchase. Veterans eat free and the meal will be \$6. We welcome all to come to this beautiful and moving service.



Holy Humor



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