

September 2016

Newsletter



St. Paul Lutheran Church



From the Heart of Your Shepherd

**“And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.”
Matthew 5:3**

BACK TO SCHOOL

It is at this time of the year that our attention inevitably focuses on education. Students in Wisconsin generally return to school in September. I assume that's because the summers here in "God's Country" are so wonderful that people want to be able to enjoy them for as long as possible. Nonetheless, it is in September that the students return and our attention is focused on education. Why? Because we understand the importance of education. We understand the importance of acquiring knowledge.

Here in the church we also see a renewed focus on education. Sunday school will resume. Adult Bible study will start a new section. Confirmation classes will be underway. Why? Because we understand the importance of acquiring knowledge. See in Matthew 5:3 the people gathering around Jesus. What does Jesus do? He teaches them. We see that Jesus is always concerned about teaching people God's Word. However, Jesus teaches the people the greatest things. He teaches the people of God's love for them and the way of salvation. So it is here in the church. We are concerned about teaching people the most important things. We are concerned about teaching people of God's love for them and the way of salvation.

Jesus wants to teach you. He wants to come to you in the Word of God and teach you the most important things that you can know. Are you willing to learn? Are you willing to receive the Words of love and salvation that He offers to you? I hope that all of the members of our congregation will have a desire to gather together to study God's Word. I hope that parents will bring their children to Sunday School to learn from Jesus. I want to encourage all of you to gather together for the study of God's Word.

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.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND THEMES

September 1 & 4: Jesus comes to us in Luke 14:25-35 and tells us to consider the cost of being His disciple. Jesus talks about taking up our cross and following Him. Jesus holds out to us the glory of heaven that is ours because He carried His cross on our behalf. However, in this world, Jesus tells us that we will face challenges as His people. He encourages us to consider the cost of following Him.

September 8 & 11: Luke fifteen is sometimes referred to as the lost and found chapter of the Bible. Jesus comes to us in our Gospel reading for this day and tells us about God's love for the lost and His desire that they be found. Our Gospel reading for this day is Luke 15:1-10. We see how Jesus came into the world to search for sinners who were separated from God by their sin. We are told that there is joy in heaven when a single sinner repents.

September 15 & 18: Have you ever wondered why we do things the way we do in the worship service? The Lutheran Church is what is called a "liturgical" church. That means that our order of service follows the historic liturgy of the church. But what does it all mean? Every part of the service is intended to focus our attention on God's gifts that are given to us through His Word and the Sacraments. The service on this day will be a little different as we will focus on how we are pointed to Jesus through our liturgy. We will go through and learn what each part of the service teaches us.

September 22 & 25: We will be celebrating Christian Education Sunday on September 25. We will be celebrating the blessings that God gives to us through Christian education. Our theme for the school this year is "Shine: Living in God's Light". Our focus is on Matthew 5:16. We see how the light of Jesus shines through us to the world around us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever heard of the Augsburg Confession? If you look at some of the older Lutheran Churches, you will sometimes see the letters "UAC" on the cornerstone. Those letters stand for "Unaltered Augsburg Confession." The Augsburg Confession is the confession that the Lutherans presented nearly five hundred years ago at the time of the Lutheran Reformation. It was a confession of what God teaches us in the Bible. It is an extremely important document for the Lutheran Church even today. Our pastors and teachers are still required to teach according to Scripture and the "Confessions." The Augsburg Confession is an important statement about what God teaches us in His Word. Beginning September 11, we will be studying the Augsburg Confession in adult Bible study. Adult Bible study meets in the school library and begins at 8:30. You are invited to attend this study!



St. Paul Lutheran School News

2016-2017 Theme: Shine Living in God's Light." Matthew 5:16

First Day of School: The 2016-2017 school year will begin on September 1. Our opening chapel service will be at 8:30. We live in a world that is filled with so much darkness. We saw that this past summer with so many police officers being targeted and rioting in cities across the country. We understand how much our world is in need of the light of Christ. Our school theme this year focuses on shining that light of Christ in our world. We have the privilege here in our corner of the world to be able proclaim that light of Christ into the darkness of our world.

Accreditation: St. Paul Lutheran School has been officially accredited by the National Lutheran School Association (NLSA). This is the result of a rigorous process that took more than a year to complete. What accreditation means is that an outside group has assessed the education that our school is providing. After reviewing our educational program, they have declared that we are indeed providing our students with an excellent education. It should be noted that St. Paul Lutheran School scored above the average of schools that have undergone this process, even though it was our first time through the accreditation process.

Annual Walk-a-thon Fundraiser: The annual walk-a-thon fundraiser will take place on September 23. The students will join together with other Lutheran schools as they walk to raise money for their prospective school. Every year, this event has raised over \$10,000 for our school! Please contact the school office if you need more information on how to contribute to this event. This event is one of only two fundraisers the school does each year.

Rededication of Staff & Christian Education Sunday: On September 25, the staff of St. Paul Lutheran School will be rededicated and the school children will sing. We will give thanks to God for the blessings of Christian education. After the service, there will be an open house and book fair at the school. The Board of Education will be preparing a meal that can be purchased as well.

Installation of Mr. Tim Eigenfeld: Mr. Tim Eigenfeld will be installed as our new 6-8 teacher during the service on September 25. Please welcome Tim to St. Paul!

Upcoming Events

September 1	First Day of School, Opening Chapel at 8:30
September 16	Fit & Fun Walk
September 20	Health Day
September 23	NEW Walk-a-thon
September 25	Christian Ed Sunday/Book Fair



Stewardship News & Views

Giving is journey, a calling, a way of living. It's not a separate part of life -- it is life, turning your beliefs and values into action and impact.

God is currently and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, and in the field. --Martin Luther

Use your God-given talents to serve others. -- 1 Peter 4:10

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.
-- Micah 6:8

Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love, or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.

2016 FALL WISH LIST

If you would like to donate items for the lord's work in the church and school---here's your chance. Donations will help defray costs for items used at the church and school. Donation slips will be posted in the narthex by August 18 and will remain posted till September 11. There will be more information listed in the weekly bulletin also. This is a wonderful and inexpensive means of stewardship---"your labor is not in vain in the lord." 1 Cor. 15:58

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



FIRST REHEARSAL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7:30 P.M.

Use the talents that you possess--for very silent would the woods be if the only birds that sang were those that sang the best.(Anonymous) If God has blessed you with a good singing voice, please consider joining the senior choir. We rehearse on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. during the months of September through May. The rehearsals are held in the church meeting room. In January and February, we only rehearse twice a month. We sing for the church services two or three times per month. Anyone who is in 7th grade or older is eligible to join the senior choir. You may join anytime during the year. If you have any questions, please call Jean Doell at 845-5162. Besides singing together, we also enjoy Christian fellowship. We look forward to welcoming back all of our faithful members, and we hope to see some new faces! Remember! The voice you are born with is God's gift to you; the use of your voice is your gift to God!

Orphan Grain Train Mission Trip

Thank you to everyone that donated items for hygiene kits for my Mission Trip to Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in Norfolk, Nebraska on July 25-27. I appreciated the wonderful response and the outpouring of support. OGT is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 64 countries including the United States.

The following is a list of items that were donated that I took to OGT in Nebraska:

Bath Towels: 31
Hand Towels: 3
Wash cloths: 52
Bars of Soap: 88
Toothbrushes: 58
Stick Deodorant: 31
Combs: 69
Toothpaste: 2

I traveled with Becky Haltaufderheid from St. John, Rankin and we met up with LWML members from North Wisconsin District in Wausau. We then traveled by bus to Nebraska. We had 51 people that were part of the mission trip. On Tuesday, July 26, we spent the day at OGT doing a packing event, taking a tour and learning more about the ministry of OGT. We worked hard unpacking, sorting and repacking nearly 250 boxes of clothing. We had several pallets of clothing from a company in Kansas that specializes in sport type clothing and they donate any clothing that is rejected by the customer. All tags had to be removed so that it was deemed as used and not new clothing. If any tags were left on a fine would be levied against OGT. Clothing then had to be sorted by summer clothing (shorts and short-sleeve and sleeveless tops) or winter clothing (long pants and long sleeve shirts, jackets, and sweatshirts). All clothing then had to be packed in special boxes and marked as Summer Clothing or Winter Clothing. When the boxes were completed, they were taken to the warehouse where it will be stored until the shipment is ready to go where it is needed. That same day we also toured Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska.



Pallets of clothing that had to be sorted.



Some of the boxes of clothing that were packed and ready for shipment.



On Wednesday, July 27 on the way home we stopped at Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa where we met with Missionary Gary Thies and he explained the work that is done by Mission Central. At this time, Mission Central has over 8,000 active individuals and families that are praying for and supporting the LCMS World Missionaries! In addition, they have over 1,100 congregations and Bible Study groups praying for and supporting the missionaries. What wonderful work that is being done to support missionaries and bringing Christ to all nations.

This was an amazing Christ-centered trip for me. What a blessing to know that we have helped others in need! It was such a blessing to be a part of the OGT ministry and to learn more about missionary work.

Thank-you for your donation and for your part in helping OGT so they can help those in need.

In Christ,
Susan Kratz

Christian Service Guild News:

The Service Guild held an “Undie Sunday”, August 18 and 21st as its servants project for August. Socks, underwear and t-shirts plus diapers were collected for Freedom House and Golden House to help with “back to school” necessary items.

As our servants project for September, the members of the Service Guild would like to “adopt” a college student for the year. We wish to have them feel connected to their church—this is done by keeping in touch through cards, “care” packages, church news and God’s word. If you would like your college student adopted, please submit their name and college address to Renette Brand either by phone @ 866-9545 or leave information in her pigeon hole at church.

September 7th, 2016 is our Annual Guest Night. The program is entitled “the Potter’s Wheel”. Our program begins at 7:30pm in the church meeting room. Refreshments will be served. Please consider attending this interesting presentation.

Upcoming Events:

Month long collection of soap and personal care kits for World Relief. Details in bulletin.
Volunteer at Bethesda , contact Dianne Zeitler @ 845-2840
National Day of Peace – September 21st.

Stamps for Missions:

Save cancelled postage stamps for missions (No Christmas stamps). Place in stamp box in back of church.

6th Annual Rummage and Bake Sale:

We are very grateful to all who donated items for the sale and to those who attended the sale. A profit of \$2,390.05 was reached. The Service Guild will purchase additional padded stacking chairs with this money.

So many people helped with this event; from those who loaned us clothes racks, helped us unpack, those who checked out, helped shoppers and to those who helped take down. Thanks so much to: Yvonne Janda, Julaine Mueller, Bev Graunke, Nola Duescher, Jessie Brand, Jeanette Blum, Sue Heim, Brad Dahlke, Kay Kratz, Pat Velchek, Steve Doell, Robb Brand, Ron Janda, Don Mullen and an extra “thank you” to Larry Lanbrecht, Orville Zeitler, and Weldon Dahlke who drove left-overs to area thrift shops.

Excess items were distributed between Kewaunee County Historical Society, Goodwill, Day by Day Discoveries Daycare, Manna for Life!, Kewaunee County Friends of the Library, Lutherans for Life and Service Guild Quilting project.

Thank you to all and God Bless from the ladies of the Christian Service Guild: Chris, Faye, Renette, Arlene, Jackie, Sedonia, Dianne K., Dianne Z., Phyllis, Lori, Bonnie and Tina.

☆ **FLOAT IN KEWAUNEE COUNTY FAIR PARADE** ☆

A special thank you to Sue Kratz for designing the mask and for creating the signs.

Holy Humor

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend,," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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Newsletter Deadline: the 21st of the month.

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