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Newsletter



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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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.

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

I hope that you have gotten in your last family summer vacation, road trip, or other summer activity by now. We all know that September marks a major transition in our lives. September means that the long lazy days of summer are over for the kids. It's back to school and getting up and going to bed at regular times. Of course, all of that marks a major transition for parents who now have to be more vigilant of the schedule that their children keep. September also marks major changes for us in the church. September is not marked by any liturgical or biblical festival on the church calendar. However, we know that it brings many significant things with it. September is a time when we focus in a renewed way on Christian education. People are no longer coming and going so much on the weekends. Church attendance becomes more predictable and with that our education programs start up.

We are reminded in Deuteronomy chapter six of how important it is for us to teach God's Word. Parents are reminded of the responsibility that they have to see that their children are constantly hearing God's Word. Too often, parents develop the thinking that they have fulfilled their obligations if they bring their children to Sunday school (though we know that many parents no longer consider this to be necessary). Some parents feel that if they bring their children to confirmation instruction when the time comes they have fulfilled their obligation (though we know that some parents no longer consider this to be necessary).

Such thinking misses the point of what God tells us in Deuteronomy six. We are told in Deuteronomy six that we are to be constantly teaching our children the Word of God. We want them to learn from the earliest of ages about God's love for them. We want them to grow up knowing that they have a savior who loves them and gave His life for them on the cross that they might have the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. We want them to be brought up with faith in Jesus. The message of the Savior Jesus Christ is something that children are to hear at all times.

But how can parents bring their children up in such a way? It is only when the Word of God is central in our lives can we teach our children accordingly. We want that Word of God to be constantly found in our lives. Our faith in Jesus Christ is not something that we confine to one a week on Sunday morning. It is something that defines and guides our very lives. I pray that as we enter September you will focus on keeping God's Word central in your life. St. Paul offers many opportunities to be involved with the study of God's Word. I hope that every member will take advantage of these opportunities.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

St. Paul Lutheran School News

2015-2016 Theme: Saved With Amazing Grace (SWAG)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith.” Ephesians 2:8

First Day of School: The 15-16 school year will begin on September 1. We will have our opening chapel service at 8:30. We will begin the year by thanking God for His blessing of Lutheran education and asking His blessing upon the school year. Remember, after the opening chapel service, chapel is held on Wednesday mornings at 8:15. All members of the congregation are invited to attend chapel services. It's a great way to have another opportunity during the week to hear God's Word and encourage our young people in their faith.

3rd Annual Walk-a-thon Fundraiser: The 3rd annual Walk-a-thon will take place on September 25. The students at St. Paul will join together with other area Lutheran Schools as together they walk to raise money for their prospective school. Last year, this event raised over \$12,000! Please contact the school office if you need more information on how to contribute to this event. Remember, this event is one of only two fundraisers that the school does each year. Its success is very important to our school.

Rededication of Staff & Christian Education Sunday: On September 20, the staff of St. Paul Lutheran School will be rededicated and the school children will sing. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the blessings of Christian education that God gives to us. After the service, there will be an open house at the school and a book fair will be taking place in the fellowship hall. The Board of Christian Education will be preparing a meal that can be purchased.

Time Capsule: The time capsule from the old school will be opened following the service on Christian Education Sunday. This was discovered this past summer when the old school building was torn down.

Upcoming Events

September 1	First Day for Students, Opening Worship at 8:30
September 7	Labor Day, No School
September 10	Library Day
September 15	Picture Day
September 18	Fit & Fun Walk
September 20	Christian Ed Sunday/Book Fair
September 22	Health Day
September 25	NEW Walk-A-Thon

The first adult choir rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 pm in the church meeting room. If God has blessed you with a good singing voice, please consider joining the adult choir. We rehearse for about an hour on Tuesday nights from September through May. Anyone who is in 7th grade or older is eligible to join the choir.

You may join anytime during the year. We thank God for our faithful members, and we look forward to welcoming all of them back. We also hope to see some new faces. We have two special services coming up-- the 150th Anniversary Service on October 11 and the Veteran's Service on November 8. If you cannot commit to singing the entire year, perhaps some of you could come and sing with us for these special services.

Hope to see you on September 8.



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

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.

Time for a Checkup?

We all know the importance of regular checkups and preventative medicine to remain healthy. Estate plans also require checkups and adjustments to remain viable and healthy. If it has been more than a few years since your attorney has reviewed your will, living trust or other estate plan, it may be time to schedule an appointment.

Life changing events can impact your estate plans. Marriage, divorce, the death of a spouse, child or loved one, the birth of a child, grandchild, or other addition to your life can change the intent or effectiveness of your estate plan. That is why it is important to remember to include a visit to your lawyer when major changes occur in your life. It is also a good time to remember St. Paul Lutheran in your will or estate plan.

We turn to our church for solace when we lose a loved one. We celebrate the birth of a child or blessed union of two people in our church. Nearly all the important events in our lives become a part of our church worship and experience. Isn't it appropriate to make the church a part of the legacy you leave after your life? Consider including a portion of your estate for St. Paul's Endowment Fund. It not only benefits St. Paul, it is also a definitive act of communal stewardship, which will shine a light for others to follow for many, many years on down the road.

So plan a checkup with your legal advisor and be sure to remember all the blessings you have enjoyed in your life. Remember St. Paul Lutheran when you plan. Keep in mind; there are many giving options and trained professionals to help you with estate planning and charitable giving. Brochures and envelopes about including a bequest to St. Paul Lutheran Endowment Fund 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:

Kevin Dahlke 536-0274, Jean Doell 845-5162, Steve Doell 471-7580,
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BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible study will be resuming on September 13. We will meet this year in the school library. This is a great opportunity for the confirmed members of the congregation to continue to grow in their knowledge of God's Word while Sunday school is in session. It is also a great opportunity for parents to continue their Christian education while they wait for their children who are in Sunday school. It is a great opportunity for all of the members of the congregation to be deepened in their faith in Jesus Christ. If you have never come to Bible study, this is a great time for you to start. We will begin this year with a short study titled "The Bible and Same-Sex 'Marriage'".

Christian Service Guild News:

September 2nd is the Service Guilds "Guest Night". This year Rev. Dr. Daniel Olson will present a program on "Land of Luther". Our program begins at 7:30pm in the church meeting room and refreshments will be served. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend. A short business meeting will follow.

2015 Church and School Rummage Sale

Thanks to the tremendous giving of the people of St. Paul Church and School, the Service Guild made a profit of \$2,466.05 at their August rummage and bake sale. Of this amount, \$2,000 will be given toward resurfacing the parking lot and \$466.05 will be used for Service Guild Mission projects.

Remaining items were donated to the service guild quilting project, Lakeshore Lutherans for Life, Kewaunee County Friends of the Library and Easter Seals of Wisconsin, Fox Valley Region. We are very grateful to all who donated items for the sale and those who donated bake sale goods. We also have to say a big "thank you" to all who loaned us clothes racks, set up tables, helped us unpack all the treasures, check out girls, food servers, those who helped shoppers and take down people: Steve Doell, Larry Lannbrecht, Jordan Ortiz, Brad Dahkle, Leslie Patrycia, Yvonne Janda, Bev Graunke, Pet Velchek, Jean Doell, Katherine Brand, Jeanette Blum, Jessica Brand, Maria Ortiz, Kaye Kratz, Amy Prah, Don Mullen, Ron Janden, Nola Duescher, Julaine Mueller and to Jenny Tenor for making posters. And to the ladies of the Guild who spend hours and hours making the sale happen: Chris Bairl, Jackie Duescher, Arlene Gruetzmacher, Dianne Kilgore, Tina Peterson, Dianne Zeitler and Sedonie Zeitler.

Thanks to all and God Bless!

Faye Dahlke, Renette Brand, Bonnie Kratz, Lori Prah, and Phyllis Lannbrecht

Personal Care Kits

The Christian Service Guild is again collecting "Personal Care Kits" and bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief by October 1st. The kits should include the following items:

- One light-weight bath-size towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars(4-5oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers(attached file optional), remove packaging

Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons of yarn.

Lutheran World Relief accepts any brand of soap in its original wrapping.
There will be containers in the back of church to collect the kits.



Stewardship News & Views

For the last several months we have been watching things in nature grow. Some of us may have vegetable gardens or farm fields. We have been picking and eating delicious fruits and vegetables. Farmers have been harvesting crops, and soon the growing season will be over and vegetation will go dormant. Thanks to God for all the blessings.

At this time another growing is about to start. Children and adults are getting ready to go back to school. Here at St. Paul we have a wonderful blessing of a Christian Day School and Sunday school, where children can grow in knowledge and most of all learn about Jesus. We all have the opportunity to grown in faith. As we grown in faith let us use the gifts God has blessed us with to bring others to faith. This is Christian Stewardship. Thanks to God that we are His children(crop) until the day He will take us home(harvest).

Remember October 11th, St. Paul 150th Celebration.

Yours in Christ,
The Board of Stewardship

Paul Janda, Sue Heim, Don Mullen

Christian Education Sunday will be held on September 20.

Following the church service, there will be an open house at school, a book fair, a meal available for purchase, and ceremony will follow the meal where the time capsule from the 1950 Building will be opened.



Holy Humor

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."

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American Concert

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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