

GOOD NEWS



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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

1490 AM or 92.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad - 361-564-2335

Vicar: Hans Tolpingrud

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our
Faith through studying God's Word and
Worshipping God.*



**Cradle
Workshop**

Cradle Workshop will meet Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Join us as we continue to work on Gabriel Project baby blankets.

Children's Music Ministry and Chime Ringers will begin rehearsals September 6. Children's Music Ministry at 4:00 p.m. Chime Ringers at 4:45 p.m. Children must know the colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, aqua, and purple.





From the Pastor

Summer vacation time is over for many – school doors have swung open. Elementary and High Schools have begun another season. Colleges are readying for the onslaught of students for the fall semester. The great responsibility is thrust upon the many teachers and administrators to provide an education for the youth of our nation. Like in a great relay race, one generation passes the torch of knowledge on to the next generation. Through education, our youth become heirs of the knowledge and skills learned before.

But education is more than of the mind. The heart and the will must grow, too. Knowledge and skill are but tools, and it depends then how these are used. If the end of education is only to make a nation strong in battle, rich in trade and lavish in pleasure, then our goal of education is really betraying the people. But it is when the mind and hands are trained to be tools for the high purpose of justice, respect, freedom, and concern for others, that education fulfills its real function. The well-being of people – people created in God's image – is the objective.

Such high purpose cannot be achieved without God. Thus, we cannot expect the full purpose of education to be achieved in the public schools, but it also depends on our homes, and our church to instill these values in our youth. We are in this together and all of us have this responsibility.

Sunday School is for everyone. If we are going to teach our youth the truth we treasure, then adults need to be there, also. Sunday School is not just for kids but learning continues for a lifetime. If we wish to pass on the knowledge we learned in school and the wisdom we have gained through life and faith, adults, too, need to continue to grow.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



Sullivan 198
"This is a sermon on death,
Emily -- stop thinking about the
kids going back to school."

FROM THE



Some folks have been checking their calendars recently and have started asking me several questions which I wanted to help answer. The first answer is that Anne and I do not know where we are heading to next or when we are heading there. Being in the process of looking for a call is part of becoming a pastor, and I will continue to be

looking for a call in the near future. Right now, Anne and I will be staying here in Yorktown for the immediate future during the search for a call.

The second answer is that, no, I'm not a pastor yet, and I don't know when I will be ordained. For Lutheran churches in North America (NALC, LCMS, LCMC, ELCA etc) the overwhelming tradition and practice has been to link ordination to call. As such, our practice is not to ordain anyone as a pastor unless they have a call to a parish or a specialized ministry (such as chaplaincy). In other places or in some other Christian traditions (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Christians) the practice of ordination has been that clergy are ordained when their bishop decides its time for them to be ordained, whether or not they have been called to serve a parish. As of the 27th of August, my internship has been officially completed, and I finished my degree before I came here last fall, but I cannot be ordained as a pastor until I have received a call to a parish in the NALC.

All of this means that, though we don't quite have a date, there will be a time when Anne and I need to leave, but I want everyone in this parish to know that I am incredibly thankful for the way that you have welcomed Anne and I into this community. I will always be thankful for having been able to come to this parish and I know that you will have a positive effect on my ministry no matter where I go from here.

Vicar Hans

2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT - Bill Klaevemann – 649-2753
SECRETARY - Dorothy Mayfield - 550-9136
PARISH ED - Rebecca Innocenti – 649-6163
STEWARDSHIP - John Frels – 550-7382
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CHRISTIAN LIFE - Linda Hurta - 564-2363
PROPERTY – Raymond Lange – 571-7629
SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894
YOUTH - Beverly Bruns – 564-9115
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Lois Kelch - 361-401-0150



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 17, 2017

Bill Klaevemann, president, called the council meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church, to order for the August meeting. Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Vicar Hans, Bill Klaevemann, Christopher Gohmert, John Frels, Beverly Bruns, Judy Taylor, Linda Hurta, Lois Kelch, Raymond Lange, Rebecca Innocenti, and Dorothy Mayfield.

Devotion - Raymond Lange gave the devotion.

Minutes – With no changes or corrections, the minutes of July 13, 2017 stand approved as printed.

REPORTS

Treasurer John reported that the change in equities, as necessitated by our by-laws, is now reflected on the balance sheet. John made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Stewardship Discussion of changes to Barbeque will be discussed in Old Business

Youth Beverly reported that the Youth Director and Family Ministry Task Force met on August 6th and drew up the following announcement

Director of Youth and Family Ministry

“Position is now open at St. Paul Lutheran (NALC) Yorktown, Texas. Please contact the Church for a job description and application at stpaulykt@sbcglobal.net or 361-564-2135”

This ad will be sent to local newspaper, Victoria Advocate, Texas Lutheran University, Lutheran Core, NALC publications, NALC Facebook sites, and other NALC sites. Victoria Advocate is going to run the ad for 3 weeks and the local paper will run it until we ask them to stop.

Worship Chris expressed his thanks to Jay and Sandra Heil for leading the worship on the Saturday when Pastor and Vicar Hans were at the convocation. Council expressed appreciation to Chris and his Dad, Larry Gohmert for handling the worship service on that Sunday morning.

Social Concerns - Judy said two people were helped in June, no one in July, and so far one person has been helped in August.

Property Raymond reported the handrails are almost finished, a toilet and faucet in Education building were replaced, parking lot is complete, wooden bridge replaced, light to front of church was concreted in and is working, the sprinkler system is back up and running, cemetery grass has been cut again, and other numerous items taken care of.

Parish Education by Rebecca Innocenti

The Children’s Sunday School teen teachers met in July to discuss Rally Day and Fall Sunday School plans. Rally Day will be Sunday, August 27th. A mini-curriculum about Martin Luther and the Reformation has been purchased for the children to study during October.

C.E.M. The report and budget from the Learning Garden are attached.

Evangelism/Outreach No report

Christian Life - by Linda Hurta

On July 30th a Pot Luck meal was enjoyed by approximately 70 people. Many enjoyable dishes were served. Many thanks to all the people who provided these delicious dishes and helped with clean-up. Final arrangements are being made for the upcoming coffee and cake reception for Pastor Tim in honor of his 30th ordination anniversary on Sunday, August 20th following the church service.

On August 27th, in conjunction with Rally Day activities, an old-fashioned hamburger lunch with all the trimmings will be served in the fellowship hall.

Cemetery - The tree conversation may be in be taken up, again in September.

Vicar Hans - Professional activities included 8 worship services, 1 church meeting, and 3 communion visits. He assisted with a funeral on July 24th. The NALC “stuff a truck” was a success. The back of a pick-up truck was filled with 3 commercial tough boxes of supplies as well as dozens of quilts to help restock the disaster relief warehouse.

Pastor Tim Pastor Tim will be having an evening class on the study of families and Martin Luther. The details are still under consideration. Pastor Tim’s professional activities during July included 10 worship services, 3 hospital visits, 6 home visits, 8 educational events, 6 church meetings and events, and 4 days of confirmation camp. Official acts include the burial of Alice Potcinske and Jessie Davis.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Bids on Covered entrance still working on details.

B. Dates for Spring Barbeque John will check with the barbequers about the date of the barbeque and the food to be cooked. A suggestion of February 4th or 11th was given.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Striping main and new parking lot The cost for adding 12 bumpers to the new parking lot and putting new stripes in the old parking lot and in the new parking lot is \$5,009. Ray made a motion to accept the bid to re-stripe the main parking lot and add stripes to the new parking lot along with the new bumpers. Dorothy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Replacement of chairs in Chapel and new pew cushions in the Sanctuary Council gave permission to Pastor Tim, Bill, and Ray to appoint a task force to look into replacing the chairs in the Chapel and cushions in the Sanctuary.

C. New members Linda made a motion to accept Tim and Jenni Diehl and Children, Kylie and Kellan as new members. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

D. Piano Beverly made a motion to give the piano, as is, in the meeting room, to a person interested. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CLOSING Linda made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Mayfield

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2017	July 2017
Income	220,379.31	32,537.45
Expenses	(209,444.30)	(30,666.47)
NET	10,935.01	1,870.98
BUILDING FUND	YTD 2017	July 2017
Income	66,620.92	3,464.66
Expense	(50,583.03)	(21,537.65)
NET	16,037.89	(18,072.99)

For Church repairs, maintenance or anything that might need fixing in or around St Paul Lutheran, please contact Ray Lange at 361-571-7629.





CONFIRMATION CLASS

On **Sunday, September 10, after Sunday School**, Pastor would like to meet in the basement of the church with the parents of those who will be beginning Confirmation Classes this fall so that we can discuss the confirmation program for your child. We will talk about what we will be doing, what the program includes, what supplies are needed, and when the class will meet. Pastor will also try to answer any questions that you might have. Please bring your personal calendars with you because we will be looking at dates.

The Confirmation Class will consist of mainly of students going into the 6th and 7th grades, although there might be exceptions. We will meet during the next two years at a time to be determined by you, the parents and Pastor.



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COFFEE AFTER CHURCH –

Please consider providing cookies for Sunday coffee if you come partake on Sunday morning. Store bought are fine. The freezer is empty!!!



Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

The deadline for the October Newsletter is Monday October 23. Please plan ahead and submit your articles to the church office early.



AFTERNOON MOVIE

Everyone is invited to a movie presentation on Sept. 24th starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing the movie “The Money Pit” starring Tom Hanks and Shelley Long. It is an outrageously entertaining comedy about a couple who buys what looks like the home of their dreams – only to find themselves saddled with a bank-account-draining nightmare. Popcorn and soda will be provided during the movie and afterwards enjoy a chili dog. So mark your calendar for a Sunday afternoon of entertainment and fellowship.

Words of Wellness –SEPTEMBER 2017 Fall Equinox



OK, here’s a trick question. In what month does the summer equinox occur? If you guessed June, or any other months, then you were, in fact, tricked by the question. There is actually no such thing as a summer equinox. There is a summer solstice, which of course does occur in June, but equinoxes only occur in spring or fall. In fact, this year’s fall equinox occurred just this week on September 22nd.

The easy way to remember that an equinox only occurs in the spring and fall (never in summer or winter) is to understand the etymology of the word equinox. The word comes from the combination of two Latin words that mean equal and night. Each year in both the third week of March and the third week of September there is a point at which there is an equal amount of light and darkness, equal amounts of day and night. From the time of the fall equinox through to the winter solstice the nights get longer and the

days get shorter, a fact that is reversed between the time of the spring equinox and the summer solstice.

I love the season of fall and not just because I enjoy football, apple picking, the stunning colors of the changing leaves, the World Series, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. I also love fall because it is a time when I find myself turning inward, reflecting on the changing nature of life in general, and on my life in particular. The poet Bonaro Overstreet says that autumn is “a symphony of permanence and change.” Turning inward to reflect on what has changed, or what is changing, also provides the opportunity for me to focus on that which is changeless, that which is permanent.

Fall is a time of transition. It’s not just the trees that are transitioning here in the northern hemisphere, the geese and other wildlife are preparing for the impending winter months as well. The geese as well some other animals move great distances, making an external, literal transition of place. Trees and other animals stay and make an internal transition as they shift their energy from external growth and creation to various expressions of internal protecting and stewarding.

I find that I too benefit from doing a similar kind of interior transitioning in the fall, as I both let go of what has been, and hold fast to what remains, learning to be appreciative of both. Another quote from Bonaro Overstreet comes to mind as I do this, “Autumn asks that we prepare for the future – that we be wise in the ways of garnering and keeping. But it also asks that we learn to let go-to acknowledge the beauty of sparseness.”

Our lives indeed are comprised of equal parts light and shadow, a balance of day and night, an ongoing “symphony of permanence and change.” As we begin the transition of this fall season, may we all be wise in the “ways of garnering and keeping” and also in the ways of letting go and discovering the “beauty of sparseness.”

Your Wesley Nurse,

Reference: LivingCompass.com.

Samaritan Family Wellness Foundation. 500 W. Silver Spring Dr.
K270 Glendale, WI 53217



Tuesday, September 5, 2017

<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Study Leader</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
FAITH	9:00 a.m.	Sandra Heil	Donna Seidel
GRACE	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Janssen	Luellen Smiley
JOY	2:30 p.m.	Janet Lambrecht	Meeting Room



Members of St Paul Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support of the DeWitt County Gabriel Project. It is a blessing to live in a truly Pro-Life community. The generosity of your members is another reminder that we are all united by our desire to support expectant mothers and defend the unborn. Please know that your contribution will help provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of expectant mothers.

With gratitude,

The Members of the DeWitt County Gabriel Project.



God's left hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left had to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."





Dear Parents,
During September, our children will finish learning more about the ways members of St. Paul are able to enjoy serving others. We will be learning and growing through God's Word and hope you'll join us!
In His Service, Rebecca Innocenti

9/4 - We will visit with our Council President, Secretary, and Evangelism & Outreach Coordinator to find out about how Council meetings are run, reported, and how we can reach out to our community to share The Gospel.

9/10 - We will learn how the children's Sunday School teachers, Parish Education and Youth Committees all work together to provide a warm and loving atmosphere each week and why they love to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

9/17 - Come meet the people who work behind the scenes to take care of our life together and care for the social concerns of our community.

9/24 - Finally, we'll learn about the ways the we can be good stewards of our time and talents as we spend time with our Treasurer/Stewardship and Property Chairpersons and the Church Property Caretakers. Indoors and out, we all share in this great work.

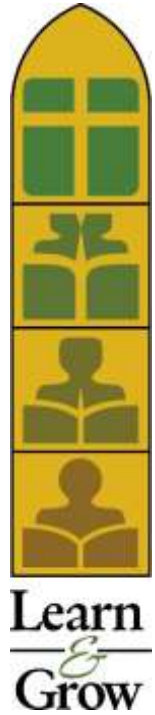
And, here's a peek at October:

To celebrate the 500th Year of the Reformation, the Children's Sunday School classes will be "encouraged to see how God can use them in His kingdom" while learning about Martin Luther's "fascinating life, influence, and teaching." If you'd like to know more about this, too, join us each of the first four weeks of October. We'd love to learn with you!



LIVING AS HOLY FAMILIES

A Bible Study titled, “In the Luther Household” will be offered by Pastor Tim on Wednesday evenings. This six-session Bible study focuses on the Lutheran understanding of marriage and family as a Christian vocation. Written by Pastor Steven E. King, based on foundational texts from Scripture, the study also draws from the real-life experience of Martin and Katie Luther, who were not only husband and wife, but also faithful parents. The study includes excerpts from Luther’s personal writings to family and friends as they face the good and bad that come in everyday living. The first session will be on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM** in the basement of the church. Babysitting will be provided if requested. Please sign-up ahead of time on the sign-up sheet in the Educational Building entrance or contact the church office (361-564-2135).



Thank you to Linda Hurta and her crew for providing a reception for the 30th anniversary of my ordination, and thanks to all who attended. Also, thank you for all your well-wishes, the cards, and gifts, and most of all I wish to give thanks to the Lord for providing the opportunity to do ministry here in this community. I pray that God will continue to bless us to do his will.

Peace,

Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad

SEPTEMBER, 2017
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, September 3, 2017 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8
Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Mathew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 10, 2017 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40
Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20



Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 24, 2017 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8
Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Jessie Davis – who passed away July 24, 2017. Services were held July 28, 2017.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.



In memory of Sharon Bethke – Building, Bert & Barbara Biemer

In memory of David Heaslet – Building, Allen Joyce Baker

In memory of Bobby Jaeger – Building, Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Norma Landgrebe – Building

Leroy Landgrebe Sonny & Betty Ann Seifert

In memory of Betty Mann & Aaron Popp – C.E.M

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Blackie Nash – Cemetery, Email & Bernice Geffert

In memory of Blackie Nash – Building

Margaret Krause & family Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

Joyce M Lamprecht Debbie & Steven Kneese

Shirley & Harvey Mueller

In memory of Alice Potcinske – Cemetery

Jay & Sandra Heil

In memory of Alice Potcinske – C.E.M.

OF & Sue Bolting Debbie & Steven Kneese

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

In memory of Alice Potcinske – Building

Allen & Patty Kolodziejczyk Janice & Dewayne Curry

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Curtis & Karen Koenig Robert & Marilyn Meischen

Roger & Deborah Geffert Cathy Moritz

Velma Lee Moritz Boyd & Pam Weise

Howard Weise Jim & Amy Mareth

Steven & Gay Hobbs Mark & Cindy Knobles

Gregg Metting Jerry Jaeger

Carlton & Sandra Bolting Daisy Borgfeld

Emil & Bernice Geffert Dan Gohmert

Ronald & Donna Matejek Jim & Judy Noster

Gary & Lana Podsim The Larry Serold Family

James & Brenda Nash Virginia R Potcinske

Mary Lou Gerhard Ricky & Judy Hilbrich

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