

AUGUST EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND KINDER PLACE

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UPON THIS ROCK, REPENT, CONFESS, REJOICE

"Upon this Rock, Repent, Confess, Rejoice" was the theme of this year's triennial Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod's National Convention. I was blessed to be one of those selected to represent the South Wisconsin District as an Advisory Delegate this year. Not only was I a part of the delegation, but I was even more blessed to be able to serve on a floor committee. Before I get into any details, I would like everyone to know that you can access all of the resolutions, as well as the minutes of the convention, by day, at the LCMS website (www.lcms.org/convention).

This year, as is often the case, the opening service was wonderful. To hear something like 2500 Lutherans sing the hymns, and then participate in the Lord's Supper is truly a site to behold. The 3rd Floor of the Wisconsin Center was transformed into a wonderful church sanctuary for this service of word and sacrament. The only other service that compared to this, in my opinion, was the mid day service on Wednesday, which included mention of the faithfully departed pastors and teachers in the last 3 years. This, of course, included my dad, whom I had been blessed in attending the previous 2 conventions with.

During the sessions on Sunday through Thursday, the business of the LCMS was conducted. This year was the first year that the synod had doubled the number of floor committees. There were 18 committees this year, each with several different resolutions (or proposed rules, or rule changes, or changes to the synod's constitution and bylaws). Almost all of the resolutions brought before the convention were passed this year, with only one being declined (that was to change from a 3 year between conventions to a 4 year cycle).

Not only were new resolutions brought forward by the individual floor committees, but several different elections were held, as well as introductions of leaders of different Lutheran bodies from around the world. There were recognitions of past LCMS presidents, as well as our missionaries and our military chaplains. It was a grand event, and it was a blessing to be a part of it.

Yet, the question that remains is this: What does all this mean? Or, better yet, what will come of all of this? Well, we will be seeing several different task forces coming out with reports to help guide us through some of the sticky societal issues that we face. One societal issue I worked on and recommended, was on the matter of scouts, for example. Other things, such as dealing with ecclesiastical supervision, took more time and many changes, but they were passed as well.

All in all, this was a great National Convention, and I hope you will join me in prayers of thanksgiving for all of the delegates, their time from home, and their thoughtful and prayer filled deliberations regarding the resolutions. Let's not forget those delegates that spent Memorial Day weekend in St. Louis working on the 18 committees, and who put much thought and prayer in to developing the resolutions. Last, but certainly not least, thanks be to God for our Synodical leadership with President Harrison, his Vice Presidents and regional Vice Presidents, all of those in the International Center in St. Louis, and all of the volunteers that came downtown to help all of us at the convention (Cheryl Tesch, and the O'Donnell Family, and the Allen's were ones that I saw).

Please take some time to look at all of the business that was conducted during the convention. May you be blessed as you are a blessing!

Serving the Master Teacher,

Jon Pickelmann, Principal



Harrison Responds to SCOTUS Abortion Decision

Synod President reflects on High Court ruling invalidating Texas law protecting the health and safety of expectant mothers and their babies.

The United States Supreme Court ruled today that 58 million aborted babies is not enough. Our national sin of abortion now dwarfs the atrocities of the genocide of 6 million Jews by the Nazis, and the extermination of 20 million Christians by the Soviet Union. I can find no other words to describe this disgrace than those of Hermann Sasse directed at the Nazi regime:

The lie is the death of man, his temporal and his eternal death. The lie kills nations. Through their lies, the most powerful empires of the world were laid waste. History knows of no more unsettling spectacle than the judgment which comes to pass when the men of an advanced culture have rejected the truth, and are now swallowed up in a sea of lies. As was the case with fading pagan antiquity, where this happened, religion and law, poetry and philosophy, life in marriage and family, in the state and society, in short, one sphere of life after another, fell sacrifice to the power and curse of the lie. Where man can no longer bear the truth, he cannot live without the lie. Where man, even when dying, lies to himself and others, the terrible dissolution of his culture is held up as a glorious ascent, and decline is viewed as an advance, the like of which has never been experienced. *Union and Confession*, 1936.

O Lord Jesus, author and source of life, cast us not away because of our sins. Change the minds and hearts of the people of this nation, waning under moral ambiguity. Uphold your Church wherever it stands for life. Give us repentance where Christians have failed to speak and act and vote for life. Help us to continue to care for the least, the last, the needy, the downtrodden, and especially those who have succumbed to the lie. We plead it for your sake. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

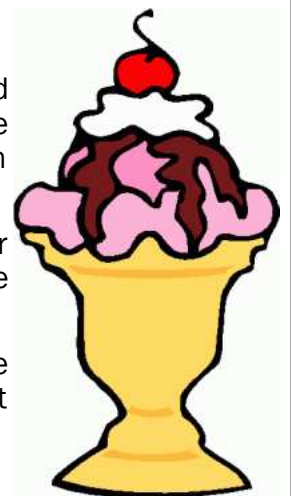
A THANK YOU CELEBRATION!

In 1886 Mrs. F. Gunter, the pastor's wife, formed a ladies group called "Frau und Junghaven Vereins." (eventually becoming known as St. Paul's Ladies Aid) To celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ladies Aid members will be sponsoring an ice cream social in September.

Join us on Saturday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. or on Sunday, September 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sandwiches and ice cream treats will be served free of charge to thank all of you for your support over the years.

Services that weekend will acknowledge our 130 years of service. Information will be shared on all the things the group has sponsored and supported. You will be amazed at everything a small group of women can accomplish when there is a need.

Put the dates on your calendar and plan to join us!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Hirt

August 1st

Shirley Smart

August 5th

Marilyn Runyard

August 6th

Lucille Campbell

August 11th

Doris Rupnow

August 16th

Donald Groose

August 31st

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Ruth Borgman	\$185.00
Grace Wilhelm	\$20.00
James Wilson	\$285.00

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

210 E. Pleasant Street

Oconomowoc, WI 53066-3050

262-567-5001

WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:00 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am
Bible Class	9:15 am

Pastor Lance Armstrong O'Donnell 567.5001 x217

Pastor Steven Schamell 567.5001 x216

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001

Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001 x251

Principal - Jon Pickelmann 567.5001 x213

FAX 567.1207

Website: www.splco.org

RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship

Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM

& www.wtkm.com

THE KINDER PLACE

Christian Pre-School & Day Care

Director Christine Flores 567-4881

Epistle Editor-Heather Scheuer

Newsletter deadline for articles,
announcements and features is the
2nd Wednesday of the month

PLEASE ADVISE THE CHURCH OFFICE OF
ANY ADDRESS CHANGES

Please join us for an enriching experience at the
St. Paul's Marriage Retreat-Love, Respect and Forgiveness



November 11th - 13th, 2016 at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan



Cost per couple is \$350 this includes a 2 night stay and a Saturday night buffet dinner for two.

For details and a registration form visit www.splco.org

Questions? email- stpaulmarriage@gmail.com

call or text Linda Hertneky 651-206-8497 or Angie Schamell 920-285-1264

We will have a table set up at our "Back to School Service" on August 28th to answer questions and register couples.

On that day ONLY, when you register and pay, we will honor the Early Bird price of \$325.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptisms

Adalyn Jane, daughter of Ryan & Jennifer (Kirchenwitz) McMillen
Colton John, son of John & Rebecca (Stucky) Kuester
Evan Ray, son of Nick Garbisch & Kate Lange
Evan Lloyd, son of Edward & Sheri (Thompson) Kranick
Chase Michael, son of Michael & Amy (Velic) Lauber
Kennedy Jade, daughter of Sophie Krueger & Alex Knebel
Evan Thomas, son of Erik & Anna Tinus

Received by Affirmation of Faith

Erik & Anna Tinus, Addison
Donnalyn Habeck
Marilyn Peterson

Adult Baptism

Kristin Lange

Received by Adult Confirmation

Jim Duggan

Peacefully released

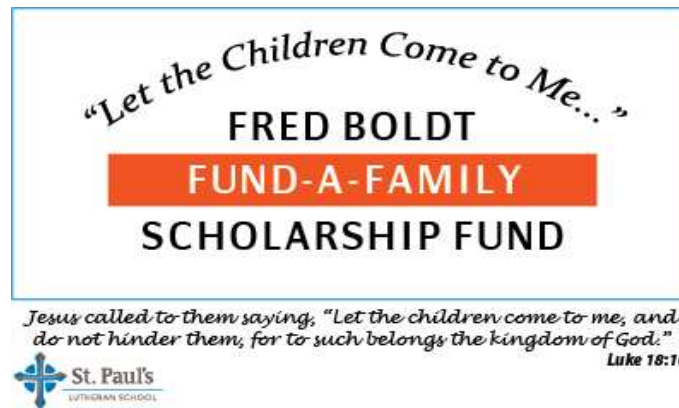
Les & Cindy Lippert – Shepherd of the Hills, Hubertus, WI

Death

James Wilson
Erika Reiner

Baptized 1809 Confirmed 1076

FRED BOLDT FUND-A-FAMILY BENEFIT DINNER WRAP-UP



In May, 75 people attended the Fred Boldt Fund-Fund-A-Family Scholarship Fund Benefit Dinner held at the Red Circle Inn. The total raised, including donations from sponsors and donors is more than \$27,000! We are so grateful to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests who helped make this possible!

Our work is not done. As our school continues to grow, so will the need for financial assistance. No child will be turned away from St. Paul's Lutheran School because of financial hardship. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcomed throughout the year. There are several ways you can contribute. Annual, weekly, or monthly donations can be made on our secure online donation page. Make checks payable to "Fred Boldt Fund-A-Family Scholarship Fund." Memorials and planned estate giving are also ways to help assure that all children can attend our school.

There is a rigorous, confidential application for families requesting assistance and families must provide proof of financial need. Church and school families can feel confident that those who receive assistance are truly in need.

You can help assure that no child will be turned away from a Christian education due to financial hardship, and donate to the Fred Boldt Fund-A-Family Scholarship Fund today.

Thank you all of our volunteers, sponsors and donors!

Mr. & Mrs. John Abel
Mr. & Mrs. James Abel
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Allen
Barnes Jewelers
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Boldt
Nicky Bratz
Mr. Robert Bratz, Sr.
Henrietta Brehm Trust
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Mrs. Ann Duggan
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ewald
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Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hackbarth
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Horton
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Johnson
Mr. Scott Kalien
Pastor & Mrs. John Kelling
Ms. Lisa Martin
Mr. John Melvin
Mrs. Brenda Nagel
Tom Oberhaus
Pastor & Mrs. Lance O'Donnell
Michelle Pagenkopf
Mrs. Vicki Paul

Mr. Jon Pickelmann
Red Circle Inn
St. Paul's Classroom Parents
St. Paul's Journeymen
St. Paul's Ladies Aid
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schoenherr
Sonoma Cellars
Mr. & Mrs. James Steinberg
Mrs. Dina Tanner
Vino, Etc.
Mrs. Vicki Walteman
Mr. & Mrs. Travis Wiedenhoef
Mr. & Mrs. Nate Zastrow

Tee It Up!

for St. Paul's Lutheran School Athletics



**Warrior
Golf Outing**

Golf & Fellowship
Monday
August 8, 2016
Ironwood Golf Course
Sussex, WI

Scramble Format

Check-In and Lunch (Cookout)..... 11:00 am - 11:50 am
Tee-off, shotgun start..... **NOON**
Social Time..... 4:45 pm
Dinner (Rosati's)..... 5:15 pm
Awards..... **Following Dinner**

Registration & Sponsor Information ~ Warrior Golf Outing - August 8

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

____ I'm not a Golfer, but I want to support this event!

I'm coming to the 4:45 pm Social Hour and Dinner; my \$8 **per person** is enclosed. (____ number attending)

____ **Individual Golfer** **\$75** (includes golf, lunch and dinner)

____ **Foursome** **\$300** (includes golf, lunch and dinner)

____ **Corporate Foursome** **\$550** (includes golf, lunch, dinner, plus hole sponsor signage*)

*Hole sponsorships are 100% deductible.

For more information or to find out how to sponsors one of our pastors, faculty, staff member or teacher, please call Ben Mueller at 262-370-6575.

Check one:

- Assign me to a foursome
- I will be playing with 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please contact me about:

- Hole sponsor signage - \$250 donation
- Donating a golf event prize
- I cannot attend. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ in support of St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Please send registration and checks, payable to:

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School
210 E. Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry	2 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	3 5:30 pm Lakeside Worship	4 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	5	6 5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
7 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Living as a Minority Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	8 11:00 am Warrior Golf Outing 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	9 6:30 pm Board of Elders 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	10 5:30 pm Lakeside Worship	11 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	12	13 7:30 am Journeymen 5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting
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21 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship Hour 9:30 am Living as a Minority Bible Study 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	22 6:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.	23 7:00 pm Church Leadership Team 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	24 5:30 pm Lakeside Worship 7:30 pm Confirmation Meeting	25 6:00 pm SPLS Move-In Night 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	26	27 7:30 am Journeymen NO 5:30 PM SATURDAY SERVICE 8:30 pm AA Meeting
28 NO 8AM SERVICE 10:30 am BACK-TO-SCHOOL UNIFIED WORSHIP	29 SPLS First Day of School	30 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice	31 5:30 pm Lakeside Worship		29	

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL ALL CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE

August 28th

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

During this special Worship Service, we will ask God to bless the upcoming school year and have a special *blessing of the backpacks service* in which ALL school-age children (St. Paul's and all other schools) will have the opportunity to have their backpacks blessed.



This will be the only worship service that weekend and will be followed by our annual picnic which will be a fundraiser for the 7th graders to earn money for their South Dakota trip in fall of 2017.