



APRIL EPISTLE

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

APRIL 2017

Greetings Mighty Warriors!

We are having a fantastic month this month, and year. St. Paul's Lutheran School is thriving! And it is my pleasure to share it with all of you, yet again. We have all sorts of things happening in the classrooms, as well as on the administration side!

To start out, in the classrooms, we have lots of great things going on. For example, on March 12th, we hosted the Rock River Region Lutheran Spelling Bee. Our students have been a part of this bee for 3 years now. This year, for the third year in a row, the Warriors brought home the hardware! Yes, we were once again champions of the Spelling Bee! For each of the three years that we have been involved, we have been in first place! How awesome is that!?

Not to mention, last month, both the boys and girls basketball teams had participated in the State Tournament! We are truly blessed by the Lord with groups of students who are both academically as well as athletically talented. This shows through each and every day with our students. They never seem to get enough. Enough gym time, enough class time, enough time with teachers and coaches.

The greatest thing about our school is not all of these earthly things, but a heavenly thing. Our students can't get enough Christ! Christ is at the forefront of everything we do. Each class each and every day, we teach Christ! No matter the subject, all of our students learn all their lessons from the Christian perspective with God at the center of it all.

To accomplish this, all of the families who send their children to St. Paul's desire a Christian based education. They want their children to be in a place where Jesus is at the center of it all, just as He should be. This is also accomplished through a fantastic and dedicated staff of teachers. These teachers are the best that I have ever worked with, and I have been around a lot of Lutheran Teachers! None of this would be possible without the immense support through prayer, time, talents and treasures of all of you, the congregation. St. Paul's is truly blessed to have such an awesome group of God's people working at spreading His Word in so many areas!

All of this, of course, comes with some problems and issues. The biggest issue for us is finances. There just never seems to be enough money to make life easy. Not that God ever told us it would be easy, but it would be nice once in a while... We have been blessed with more students, and we have also increased our tuition prices. With that, however, we have more people that have financial need. This means that we have a huge need for more funds in the Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family, to be able to provide these fantastic, Christ-centered services to more and more people, allowing us to keep fulfilling Jesus's command that is represented in the

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window over the balcony- Go and make disciples... This leads us in to the next major need- more students! We want everyone to be able to partake in the Christ-centered learning that takes place in each class, every day. Please share St. Paul's Lutheran School with your friends and neighbors, keeping in mind that we are a Lutheran School from Birth through Eighth Grade!

That brings up the last thing I would like to note. You will be seeing some changes coming soon. Last year, with the change of Constitution and Governance model that we went through, St. Paul's School and Kinder Place were combined. We have been working on and wrestling with several different potential changes. We've had many meetings, a task force of people who work in the area of Preschool, and much time spent pondering and working out solutions. For the 2017-2018 academic year, you will see us beginning to shift from the Kinder Place name to St. Paul's Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center! All of the same great service and excellence you have seen and love, just under a new name. There are some other internal things that are happening, such as some teacher adjustments, adding the 4K to the already successful Wisconsin School Choice Program that the school has been in, and some room changes and updates, too! Lots of excitement around all of this, and we are really looking forward to bringing the staff, curriculum, and students closer together with each other, and Christ.

Thank you for all you do to support St. Paul's Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center. May you be blessed each day as you are a blessing to others!

Serving the Master Teacher,
Principal Jon Pickelmann



**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League
Lutheran Women in Mission**

St. Paul's LWML will be hosting the annual **Zone 17 Spring Rally** on **Tuesday, May 2nd**, (our usual meeting night). Registration and refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m. with program to follow. Our speaker will be from **Family Promise** of Western Waukesha County. Come learn more about this program. We will be collecting an ingathering of the following items for them: **ball point pens, tabbed file folders, gas cards, detergent pods, dryer sheets, mops, sponges, baskets/buckets with cleaning supplies in them.** Place items in the bin marked "Family Promise" on the table across from The Bookstore.

Female Church Worker Grant Applications from LWML are due April 30th. Forms and information can be found at **LWML-SWD.org**

Help is needed for simple sewing of quilt tops or backs. Material and thread is available. Contact Pat Menden (262-646-3508) if you would be willing to help.

Youth LOCK-IN april 7th

A game night for 5th and 6th graders from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m.

A lock-in for 7th and 8th graders from 5 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.

Admission: 5th/7th - A snack or dessert item to share

6th/8th - A beverage to share

Sign up in the Narthex or the School Lobby

If you have questions or are interested in helping with the lock-in, please contact Wendy Petersen (WNPETERSEN@gmail.com).

Let's Talk! The Pastor Is In.



NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT!

Imagine yourself sitting in a rocking chair on your front porch with your favorite beverage and Pastor O'Donnell sitting across from you, and he's answering all of the questions you have about anything you can think of. Sounds pretty great, right? Well, now you can send us those questions and our guest pastors will answer them on our program, "Let's Talk!" You can listen each Friday at 2:00 pm CST on kfu.org. You can send your questions to letstalk@kfu.org.

CHURCH CLEANING

On Saturday, April 8th, at 9:00 am, please join a group of women from Ladies Aid and LWML to help clean our church sanctuary. This is our spring cleaning before Easter, which is a wonderful way to express our love for the wonderful blessings God so richly promises. Some cleaning supplies will be available, but feel free to bring paper towels, rags, garbage bags and/or Murphy's Oil Soap for the pews. Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptism

Theodore Joseph, son of Jeremy & Kristin (Hertneky) Guza

Received by Affirmation of Faith

John & Maggie Johnson, Madeline & Liam

John & Andrea (Bolson) Wagner, Lydia & James

Robert & Debra Karius

Reinstated

Timothy Bratz

Baptized 1854 Confirmed 1091

Life Together Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings

April 26, May 3, 10, 17

Life Together is advanced, group-study oriented Bible Classes for adults, each Wednesday from 6:15 pm—7:15 pm. Please come join us!

Evangelism and Outreach

Led by Pastor Scharnell

In the Great Commission Jesus told us to do 4 things: Go ... make disciples ... baptize them ... and teach them to obey. Why is this? This is because salvation is the most important thing there is. It is so important that God sent His only Son to die for the whole world, and He did, guaranteeing salvation for all who believe. The work of salvation is done, and yet not everyone is saved. This is because salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ. No one comes to the Father except through the Son. Salvation is ONLY through faith in Jesus Christ. This faith only comes through the Word. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. That is it.

The problem is that the devil does an amazing job in convincing people that salvation can be achieved in a number of ways, i.e. "all roads lead to heaven." This is why we are called. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all, because God wishes all to be saved. We have a huge mission field right outside our doors.

Does your heart break when you think about all of the lost? Is your prayer that all the lost be brought to faith? Are you intimidated and/or confused with the myriad of religions and beliefs out there? Are you afraid that you won't know what to say to someone when they question your faith? Then please prayerfully consider the next Bible study I am offering.

This Spring I will be offering a study on evangelism and outreach. The topics of discussion will include:

- † All Places Are Mission Fields
- † Reach Your Community
- † Reach Out to Different Cultures and Ages
- † Get to Know Unbelievers
- † Help Others to Repent
- † Touch Broken Lives

Please join us as we discuss the current issues and obstacles in reaching out and serving those in our own community. As the children of God, you have the greatest gift to share. Be an active member of the body of Christ through serving others.

Stay tuned to the bulletin and announcements in church for the details. Feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

Pastor Steve Schamell

PARENTING DIGITAL NATIVES: Resources and Discussion for Parents

Led by Rev. Lance O'Donnell and Dr. David Schlomer

Pastor O'Donnell and Dr. Schlomer will present information and suggest resources for parents to manage the dangers and benefits of small screen devices. A resource officer from the Oconomowoc Police Department will also be present for one of the May sessions.

Format will be brief presentation and roundtable discussion with parents in attendance. Goal is to be more aware of critical issues and better prepared to guide our children in healthy digital behavior.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:00 am Traditional Worship 8:15 am Public School Confirmation 8:15 am Time to Grow (Sun Sch) 8:15 am Bible Study 8:20 am Blood Pressure Screening 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>3 5:30 pm Lord's Open Party 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>4 7:00 pm LWWL 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>5 12:00 pm Lenten Hymn Sing 12:15 pm Lenten Worship 5:20 pm Parish Choir 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 5:15 pm Lenten Hymn Sing 5:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 7:00 pm Financial Cmte. Mtg. 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>7 5:30 pm Youth Lock In</p>	<p>8 7:30 am Journey Men 5:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:00 am Church Cleaning</p>
<p>9 8:00 am Traditional Worship 8:15 am Public School Confirmation 8:15 am Time to Grow (Sun Sch) 8:15 am Bible Study 8:00 pm Contemporary Worship 9:00 pm Sunday Night Alive (5th-12th)</p>	<p>10 12:15 pm Holy Week Worship 7:00 pm Holy Week Worship</p>	<p>11 12:15 pm Holy Week Worship 7:00 pm Holy Week Worship 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>12 12:15 pm Holy Week Worship 7:00 pm Holy Week Worship 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church Leadership Team Mtg.</p>	<p>13 12:15 pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship 8:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>14 12:15 pm Good Friday Chieft Service 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae</p>	<p>15 12:15 pm Holy Saturday Worship NO EVENING WORSHIP 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>16 6:00 am Sunrise Worship 7:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Meal 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>18 NO SCHOOL 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>19 5:20 pm Parish Choir 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 7:30 am Journey Men 8:00 am Stephen Ministry Training 8:30 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
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New Women's Bible Study Beginning May 6th!

We are excited to begin a brand new women's Bible Study that will begin Saturday, May 6th, and meet the 1st & 3rd Saturdays (alternating Saturdays from Journeyman). The vision for this group is to grow into a ministry like that of Journeyman. As women in the Word, we will gather to lift up and encourage one another through Bible study and fellowship.

All women of confirmation age and older are invited to join us. (You do not have to be a member of St. Paul's.) We realize that schedules are busy, and that you may not be able to attend all the time, but please don't let this discourage you from attending at all.

Our first study will be 6 sessions using the book, *More to Your Story: Discover Your Place in God's Plan* by Max Lucado. Following that study, we will begin an 8 session study using the book, *Living the Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma.

Start Date:	Saturday, May 6
Time:	7:30 AM
Location:	Whelan's Coffee Shop (in the loft) 163 E Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc
Registration:	None needed – just come and join us
Purchase the book:	Barnes & Noble online, or Amazon
Prepare:	Read the Introduction and review the Session 1 Study Guide (<i>in the back of the book</i>)
Facilitated by:	Sara Junio: 262-490-2879 or sarajunio527@gmail.com Cheryl Tesch: 920-285-3628 or cheryl.tesch@ymail.com

St. Paul's Ladies Aid

First of all, we wish to give all of you who helped in any way with the "Fish Dinner" a very, very special "thank you" and God bless all of you. We wouldn't have been able to do this without you. You are all a special blessing to St. Paul's.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Kelling will be our guest. Join us as we hear about Jesus and His walk before Easter.

We will also talk about the Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet which will be held on Tuesday, May 16th, at the Oconomowoc Golf Club. Tickets will be available starting at our April meeting and anytime thereafter. Call one of our officers or the church office (262.567.5001) if you'd like to purchase tickets. Watch for more information in the church bulletins.

Please remember to bring a food item for our Lord's Cupboard. Thank you and have a very blessed Easter.

CHURCH CARPETING

St. Paul's Ladies Aid has a goal of replacing the carpeting in church this year. They have pledged \$10,000 of their own money towards the project. To date they have received \$3,635 in donations from members. As the Church Properties Committee has offered to help remove the old carpeting, in order to save on the cost, we are already over halfway there.

A SAMPLE OF THE NEW CARPETING IS ON DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX. Please take a second to view the sample. **If you would like to offer your confidential opinion on the sample, you may do so by contacting the church office at 262.567.5001 or heather@splco.org. All opinions will be taken into consideration at our next meeting on April 6th.**

As we still need about \$6,365, we are asking members to prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's Ladies Aid with a memo of "Carpet Fund".

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1st
LaVerne Krueger

April 3rd
Ed Krelwitz

April 5th
Richard Fredrick
Delores Schultz

April 12th
Jim Steinberg

April 15th
Grace Olson
Keith Williams

April 18th
Albert Falstad
Kenneth Runyard

April 19th
Ruth Kern

April 21st
Lee Corneliuson

April 23rd
Virginia Meintz

April 26th
Marilyn Peterson
Arthur Schuck

April 27th
Robert Tetzlaff

For our members 70+ years



MEMORIALS

Kathy Paar	\$575.00
Marilyn Largent	\$25.00
Robert Georgen	\$45.00
Steve Schultz	\$25.00

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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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 Steve Scharnell 567.5001 x216

Pastor Emeritus Dr. Paul Borgman 567.5001

Organist/Choir Director- Diane Bleke 567.5001

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

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LENT ~ HOLY WEEK ~ EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, April 5	Midweek Lenten Worship	12:00 pm	Hymn Sing
		12:15 pm	Worship
	Baked Potato Bar sponsored by PTO	5:30 pm	Baked Potato Bar
	Midweek Lenten Worship	6:15 pm	Hymn Sing
		6:30 pm	Worship
Monday, April 10	Holy Week Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Tuesday, April 11	Holy Week Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Wednesday, April 12	Holy Week Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Thursday, April 13	Maundy Thursday Worship	12:15 pm & 7:00 pm	Worship
Friday, April 14	Good Friday Worship	12:15 pm	Chief Service
	Good Friday Worship	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service
Saturday, April 15	Holy Saturday Worship	12:15 pm	Worship
Sunday, April 16	Easter Sunrise Worship	6:00 am	Worship
	Easter Breakfast	7:00 am	Breakfast served by Youth
	Easter Traditional Worship	8:00 am	Worship
	Easter Contemporary Worship	10:30 am	Worship