



APRIL EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)

APRIL 2018



From the ECC Director

Christine Flores

Easter and Spring remind us of new beginnings. The snow is melting and new life will soon be sprouting! Here at St. Paul's Early Childhood Center, we are excited for many new beginnings coming soon! We have been hard at work, with the help of our families, to raise money for several projects in our center. We are continuously looking for ways to improve ourselves and become the best we can be for our children and families.

Our purpose at the ECC is to serve families and children to the best of our ability, raising them up with the love of Jesus. We consider St. Paul's one, giant family so we are always looking for ways to strengthen our family.

Communication is key in all relationships and is a key focus this year. We are researching childcare software that will allow our center to communicate electronically, in real time, with parents. Parents will be able to download an app or visit a webpage that will contain their family's profile. Their profile will include daily communications about their child's day, photos, reminders, billing and much more. We are excited to take another step in creating stronger alliances with our current and future families.

For the past two years we raised funds to replace our current lockers. They have served us well, but are no longer in the best shape. We are thrilled that through the success from our silent auctions and generous donors, we will be replacing our lockers in the very near future! We are moving from white composite lockers to natural birch lockers. We are looking forward to the pop of color and nature it will bring.

We will also be working on sprucing up the ECC main entrance, where you enter from the parking lot. Keep an eye on out! We want everyone who uses the entrance to feel St. Paul's the moment they walk through the doors. We have a fabulous artist who has agreed to use her talents and visions to make the entrance come to life! The theme of our coming entrance centers around the verse 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

Along with strengthening our current relationships, we are striving to add to our family and spread the St. Paul's love. Help us in sharing in the joy of our new beginnings. God's blessings to you with yours! God is good!

Yours in Christ,

Christine Flores

ECC Center Director

St. Paul's Ballot for Nominations

This ballot is used to recommend individual(s) within the congregation for a leadership position.

The process consists of:

1. Fill out the ballot with the name of the individual you are recommending and for what position within the St. Paul's organization. Individuals being recommended are expected to currently be involved in Worship, the Lord's Supper, and Bible Study.
2. Turn the ballot in by way of the offering plate or return the ballot to the church office **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH**.
3. The ballots are turned into the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will review the recommendations for the best ministry opportunity based on skills sets of the individual and the needs of the respective committee. Upon approval from the committee for a position, nominee will be contacted by a committee member to inform them of they have been chosen to be a candidate for a given office.
4. Nominees are asked to prayerfully consider the position. If they request additional information the Nominating Committee will supply the duties of that position, board or committee.

Nominee: _____ Position or Board: _____

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(see below for open positions in "CANDIDATE" column)

GOVERNANCE MODEL

2018 Leadership Positions

POSITION		CURRENT	Term Ends	CANDIDATE	Term Ends
President		George Menden	2018		2020
Vice President #1		Al Mueller	2018		2020
Vice President #2		Dave Meyer	2019		
Treasurer		Jon Schmeling	2018		2020
Education Committee, Director		Darren Ratzow	2019		
Operations Committee, Director		Scott Kalien	2019		
Board of Elders	1	Rick Zastrow	2019		
	2	Wilbur Pieper	2019		
	3	Erik Benes	2019		
	4	Todd Leonhardt	2019		
	5	Tom Trueebenbach	2018		2020
	6	Arno Kirchenwitz	2018		2020
	7	Mark Thurow	2018		2020
	8	Josh Oddsen	2019		
	9	Chad Eberhardt	2019		

PRAISE TEAM MUSICIANS NEEDED!

Our St. Paul's Praise Teams, who assist in leading the music for the contemporary worship services, are looking for musicians to join them. **Look2Him** Praise Team is in IMMEDIATE need of a lead guitarist. They practice every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm in church.

In His Light Praise Team is looking for a drummer, a keyboardist and a violinist to fill out their team. They practice on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the church.

Whether you play one of the above instruments or any other instrument, or if you are a singer and you would love to help lead the congregation with contemporary style praises to our Lord, please don't be shy about sharing your talents! It would be great to have enough people come forward to fill out the needs listed above and to also put together an "alternates list". Alternates would be musicians and singers that the teams could call on for occasional participation when a need arises.

Other opportunities to help: a few more people to learn to run the sound system and the power point for the 10:30 contemporary services. Training would be provided.

If interested in using your God given talents here at St. Paul's for our contemporary services, please contact Linda Leidel (Look2Him) via phone 262-569-2933 or email laleidel@gmail.com or contact Michelle Oddsen (In His Light) via phone 262-434-0439 or email michelle.oddsen@gmail.com. "Rise up and praise Him!"

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Baptism

Logan Eugene, son of Ryan & Rebecca (Biesiada) Tivis

Received by transfer from an LCMS church

Paul & Megan Shanks, Eleanor – Messiah Lutheran Church, Midland, MI

Received by Profession of Faith

Wesley Sytsma

Jeff Horton

Received by Adult Confirmation

Sarah Krott

Death

Duane Olson

Baptized 1890 Confirmed 1097



At our last meeting, our guest speaker, Laura Volz, discussed some very interesting information on dementia and Alzheimer's.

Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, April 5th, at 6:00 pm, as we discuss further plans for our Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet. The banquet will be on Tuesday, May 15th, at Oconomowoc Golf Club. The theme will be "Let There Be Bees on Earth." Watch the bulletins for more information as the time gets closer. Tickets will be available from any of our officers or from the church office. We will again be collecting candy for Tricia's Troops. Treats will be provided by Judy, Sandy and Sharon. Please bring napkins and papers plates to donate to church groups.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Hero Crusade

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

OCONOMOWOC LAKE CLUB

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OCONOMOWOC, WI 53066



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Visit our website
for detailed
information

DRESS: Gems & Jeans

COST: \$55/Person (3/28) early registration
deadline
\$65/Person (4/10)

Online registration opens
March 1

5:00 PM Cocktail Reception
& Silent Auction

7:00 PM Dinner

8:30 PM Live Auction

9:30 PM Social Hour

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE
TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE AND FUND-A-FAMILY

MENU

STARTERS

Bruschetta Cups, Artichoke Crostini
& Assorted Quiches

MAIN ENTREE

choice of: **Duet plate:** Beef Tenderloin &
Almond Chicken *or*
Vegetarian plate: Cheese Ravioli

DESSERT

Chocolate Mousse

Also includes

Salad, Warm Rolls & Butter,
Coffee, Tea and Milk

SUPERMAN (\$1500)

- Half page black & white ad in program
- Corporate logo on event signage
- Recognition on event website

WONDER WOMAN (\$500)

- Corporate logo in program
- Corporate logo on event signage
- Recognition on event website

Donor Levels

BATMAN (\$1000)

- Quarter page black & white ad in program
- Corporate logo on event signage
- Recognition on event website

SPIDERMAN (\$250)

- Recognition in program
- Recognition on event signage
- Recognition on event website

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 6:00 am Sunrise Worship 7:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>2 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Open Prarty 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm LWML 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>4 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:15 pm Life Together Bible Studies 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm Ladies Aid 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>6 5:00 pm Youth Game Night (5-6) Youth Lock-In (7-8)</p>	<p>7 8:00 am Women of Joy 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>8 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>9 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Meal 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm Operations Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Board of Elders Mtg.</p>	<p>11 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:15 pm Life Together Bible Studies 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>13 7:30 am Journeymen 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:30 am Journeymen 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>15 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship Hour 9:15 am Time to Grow 9:30 am Bible Study 9:15 am Public School Confirmation 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Sunday Night Alive (9-12)</p>	<p>16 5:30 pm Lord's Cupboard Meal 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>18 5:20 pm Parish Choir 6:15 pm Life Together Bible Studies 7:20 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>20 8:00 am Women of Joy 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>21 8:00 am Women of Joy 5:00 pm Traditional Worship 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>
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STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1st
LaVerne Krueger

April 3rd
Keith Hanson
Ed Krelwitz

April 5th
Richard Fredrick
Delores Schultz

April 12th
Jim Steinberg

April 15th
Grace Olson

April 18th
Albert Falstad
Kenneth Runyard

April 19th
Ruth Kern

April 21st
Lee Corneliuson

April 23rd
Virginia Meintz

April 26th
Marilyn Peterson
Arthur Schuck

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MEMORIALS

Duane Olson	\$1520.00
Jill Davy	\$65.00
Lucille Krueger	\$20.00

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WORSHIP & STUDY

Saturday	5:00 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 - Jill George 567.5001 x213
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RADIO BROADCASTS:

8:00 am Sunday Worship
Live on WTKM 104.9 FM/1540 AM
& www.wtkm.com

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ECC)
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

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**Lutheran Women's
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Zone 17 LWML Spring Rally will be hosted by Bethlehem, Wales on Tuesday, April 24th. Registration and refreshments will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the program following at 6:30. The speaker will be from Lutheran Special Schools. There will be an ingathering of items for them. Items requested are: construction **paper, writing paper, pencils, markers, glue sticks, glue bottles, storage baggies, tempura paints, Lysol wipes, card stock paper, mailing labels & Band-Aids**. If you cannot attend please place items in the bin across from Lord's Cupboard. Everyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend. Carpooling is available. Contact Kathy at 262-468-6926 for more information.

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

LWML meets Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.