

# News N' Notes



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

## What's Happening in St. Paul's

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

By the time you read this article St. Paul's School year will be over. With the end of this school year Mrs. Sue Benedict will be completing her service as one of our beloved school teachers. We will miss seeing her at school but am blessed with so many fond memories of her fine service. Her retirement is well deserved and may God richly bless it! Please join us on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for a service of recognition at 9 a.m. and reception to follow in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

On the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Missionary Shauen Trump as our guest speaker. We have had a long and blessed relationship with the Trumps. Also on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> our High School and College graduates will be recognized. A reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

The end of June will also mark the end of Jared Stiek's service here at St. Paul's. He has been such a rich blessing to St. Paul's and so we wish him all of God's richest blessings as he heads off to become Professor Stiek at Concordia University— Chicago. A farewell reception for Jared will be held at the Decker home at 4242 Saratoga Drive from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (in case of bad weather, the reception will be held in Fellowship Hall).

Again, this summer we will hold one service on Sundays at 9 a.m. from Memorial weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup> , through Labor Day weekend,

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September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Lord's Supper will be offered on those Sundays that follow Saturday services in which the Sacrament is not offered. Thursday and Saturday services will continue to be offered at their regular times.

Again, may each of your days this month be filled with the Cross-empowered and empty tomb-based love, forgiveness, and hope of our once dead but now living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He is risen!

God's Blessings!  
Pastor Decker

## What's Happening in Music Ministry

Sisters and **B**rothers in **C**hrist,

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." *1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)*

The way God brings His people together as His body to serve the world is truly amazing. God could certainly carry out His work without us, but He chooses to work through us to share His Word and love with the world. It has been a joy to serve alongside you in that work here at St. Paul's.

I have received, and accepted, a request to serve in a called position at Concordia University — Chicago. While it is difficult to say goodbye and leave my role at St. Paul's, the Coordinator of Lutheran Teacher Education position is an opportunity to encourage, shape, and prepare future educators for lives of faith and service, which is both humbling and exhilarating. I do plan to continue being active in the music ministry of the church by participating in campus chapel music and congregations in the Chicago area.

The three school years I have been in this congregation have been a tremendous blessing as I have served with you, and been served by you.

My work at Concordia will begin July 1 with preparations for the fall semester. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this transition.

Your fellow servant in Christ,  
Jared Stiek



## What's Happening in School Ministry

Is it May already?

The school year is quickly coming to a close, and it has been a great one! There have been field trips the students won't soon forget, concerts and performances to be proud of, and, above all, learning and sharing about Jesus Christ!

We have a few events coming up that I want to invite everyone to. St. Paul's 8th Grade Graduation will be on May 31st at 6:30 p.m. Our closing chapel will be on June 2nd at 2 p.m. I hope to see you at one of these events.

Thank you for supporting what we do here at St. Paul's.

Rob Lunak

## 2017-2018 National Junior Honor Society Officers

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Congratulations to these students who have been elected Officers for St. Paul's National Junior Honor Society.

President:

Katie Leach

Vice-President:

Abby Radtke

Secretary:

Adison Slama

Treasurer:

Olivia Cox

## Youth Mission Opportunities

### *Youth Mission Trips*

St. Paul's youth will be participating in our summer mission trips. In June, some youth are going down to Louisiana to help clean out homes for flood victims. Others are going up in Wisconsin to help out a church with service projects. Please pray for both trips to go well and for the youth to grow with in their faith walk with Jesus.

### *Jr. High Mission Trip*

We are hoping to take a Junior High mission trip to Chicago again this year. Last year, as a youth group, we went down to St. Andrews and with their youth group helped the organization, "Feed My Starving Children". We are trying to arrange another trip for the month of July. Keep looking in the weekly "Opportunities" for any updates.

## What's Happening in Youth Ministry

John Mueller



### *Fun Activities*

Our Youth Group has many fun activities planned for this summer: Pool parties at different youths' houses, a trampoline park, going to volcano falls, attending LifeFest on Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be putting all of the activities in the "Opportunities", so please check there for details.

### *Youth Communication*

During summer we will be trying to use an app called "Remind" to send out reminders to youth and parents about different events and meetings. This will begin during month of July. If you have any thoughts, please talk to John Mueller.

### *Working Wednesdays*

Various Wednesday of summer we will focus on service projects. Time will change depending on the project we are doing. Projects will be around St. Paul's and around the city of Janesville. If you have any project ideas please let John Mueller know.

### *Youth Group Meetings*

Our Youth Group will meet throughout most of summer, on Sundays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym or in the youth room. Youth Group is open to all those entering 6 to 12 grades this fall. Friends are invited, too! Watch "Opportunities" for details.

## Youth Bible Studies

### *After Youth Group Sr. High Bible Study on Sunday Nights*

We are planning a time just for the High Schoolers of our congregation to come together for fellowship and to be in God's Word together. We will meet from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. in the gym. I hope you can make it.

### *Sunday Morning Bible Study*

We will be continuing our Sr. High Bible study, "Can I Ask That?" throughout summer. We'll meet after the 9 a.m. church service (around 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.) on Sundays in the youth room. If you have been attending, I hope you can continue to join us. If you haven't yet tried the Bible Study, I hope you join us to find out more!

# What's Happening in Sunday School

We would like to thank our wonderful Sunday School teachers and staff for their dedication and service to sharing the love of Christ with the children of St. Paul's each and every week.

Please include a prayer of gratitude and share personal words of thanks for these men and women. For 1-5 years of service: Carmen Huenerberg, Arica Bock, Gracie Kruger, Bethany Laatsch, Kim Spira, Vicar Ethan Spira, Brooke Lunak, and Jake Verbeten. For 6-10 years of service: Amy Jo Verbeten, Dianna Treinen, Stephanie Hanson, Lisa Stanton, Lisa Wier, Mike and Heather Sullivan, and Joanna Jalosynzski. For 15 years, Mark and Mary Toberman. For 25 years, Deb Natz. For 30 years of service, Steve Everts. And for 37 years of service, Linda Renk. We thank God for each and everyone of you!



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*Sunday School closed with an end of year celebration.*

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# What's Happening in Family Ministry

Kathy Pingel

## *Sunday School*

Sunday School closed with an end of year celebration. Children participated in game stations that reviewed lessons from the entire year, learned about ways to stay in the Word during the summer, and were introduced to this year's Vacation Bible School theme.

## *Family Ministries*

Several St. Paul's families joined together with other families from area Parochial schools at St. John Vianney to watch a documentary called, "Screenagers". This was followed by discussion on how screen time affects children and adults. It was an opportunity to learn from other Christian families as we discussed technology issues that we face on a daily basis.



# What's Happening in Finance

## *Vicar Funding*

As we approach the end of a very successful year with Vicar Ethan Spira, would you consider making a designated donation to the 2016/17 Vicar fund, or even an additional donation if you have already donated? We anticipate a short fall of \$7,250 by the end of the fiscal year, if no further donations are received. If you would like to make a donation, you can designate "VICAR" on one of your special envelopes and drop in the offering plate.

You might recall that the Vicar program was not included in the budget for the year ending June 30, 2017, as we did not know at budget time if we would be assigned a Vicar. The Vicar program is now included in the 2017/18 proposed budget.

Our new Vicar, Marin Cerchez, arrives in mid July. If you have any used furniture that you would be willing to donate, please let me know. To minimize his move, he will donate whatever furniture he doesn't need to bring along to the seminary coop when he leaves Fort Wayne.

If you have any questions about the Vicar program, please talk to Pastor Decker. If you want more information specifically on the costs, contact me at 608-754-4471 ext. 307 or [cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com). Thank you so much for your support of this important program!

## *Job Opening*

To better serve the financial needs of St. Paul's, we are moving our bookkeeper position onsite with regular daytime office hours. For the past 15 years, Jill Elliott has been fulfilling these duties evenings and weekends, in addition to working an almost full time day job at Summit Accounting. She is unable to transition to daytime hours, as they would conflict with her other job. Please join me in thanking Jill for her many years of service to St. Paul's, and for her willingness to train a new employee and help us through this transition!

We are looking for someone to work 15-20 hours per week with daily daytime office hours. Summer hours can be more flexible. Accounting education and/or experience is preferred, but we would be willing to train someone with good numerical aptitude, attention to detail and the ability to maintain confidentiality. Primary duties are accounts payable, payroll, general ledger accounting and assisting with budget preparation and reporting. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email me at [cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:cperkins@stpaulsjanesville.com).

Blessings,

Cindy Perkins

## LWML/Ladies' Aid Picnic



The Ladies Aid and Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will be hosting a picnic on Tuesday, June 20 at Skelly's Farm Market, 2344 S. Hayner Rd, Janesville. EVERYONE, women, men, and families are invited to bring a salad and join us at 12 p.m. for a salad potluck. You do not have to be or become a member of LWML or Ladies' Aid to attend. Brats, hot dogs and table service will be provided by the ladies of the two organizations as well as strawberry sundaes!

So we have an idea of how much food will be needed, we ask that you RSVP to Cheryl Skelly, [cmskelly77@gmail.com](mailto:cmskelly77@gmail.com), or text/call Cheryl at [608-322-1536](tel:608-322-1536) by June 16.

Then at 1:00 p.m. we have a very special speaker, Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities from Northbrooke, Illinois. LLC is a RSO (Recognized Service Organization) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. They have become more recognized in recent years because of the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, but they minister in many other ways.

We will be doing an in-gathering of items for two of these ministries: Military Outreach USA (serves veterans exiting homelessness) and Exodus World Services (Welcome to America! Packs). Please bring a donation from the following items:

Basic personal hygiene items

Basic kitchen and bathroom cleaning needs

Basic kitchen cooking and eating utensils

Blankets, sheets, pillowcases, and pillows

Bath towels and wash cloths

Paper products

Stamps, envelopes, pads of paper, writing utensils

Join us for lunch at 12:00 p.m., Tim Hetzner's presentation at 1:00 p.m. or both. If you would be interested in child care during the presentation please indicate this when you RSVP to Cheryl. If you need directions to Skelly's please call Cheryl or go to [www.skellysfarmmarket.com](http://www.skellysfarmmarket.com).

### Help with Quilting in June

You're invited to join us in making quilts for those in need. It's easy and doesn't take any special skills—we'll show you what to do!

We'll quilt on Wednesday, June 14, from 9a to 3p and Thursday, June 15, from 9a to noon, in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Bring a sack lunch and join us for an hour or the entire time. See you there!



## Comfort Dog Update

Your Comfort Dog team is trying to be patient as we let the months go by, waiting for the word that we have been assigned our dog. The bulletin board in the Narthex has pictures of some of the puppies in training. One of these puppies could eventually be our dog! All the puppies in training have Facebook pages, so if you enjoy Facebook, check out some of the puppies by going to the Lutheran Church Charities page. You should be able to find the links to this page and YouTube videos on the Comfort Dog page on our church's website—we are working to get more information on this page.

Our Handler and Caregiver candidates are waiting for their interviews by LCC to confirm their assignments. In the meantime our team is working to promote the ministry in the community. Several members attended a Regional Meeting in Belvidere with other ministry teams from Wisconsin and Illinois. We are also looking forward to the National LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Conference in July in Northbrook, Illinois. Eight members of our team will be attending the conference.

Keep in mind the following dates for our ministry:

On Sunday, August 6, members of our team and hopefully teams and dogs from Illinois and Wisconsin will have a booth at the Tallman Art Festival, Rock County Historical Society Campus, 426 N Jackson St, Janesville.

On Sunday, August 27 we will have our second Corn Roast/ Comfort Dog Promotion and Fund Raiser at Skelly's Farm Market, 2344 S Hayner Rd, Janesville.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and the ministry team as we move forward to use this ministry to the glory of God.

## In Sympathy

Please continue to prayer for all those who mourn. We remember:

Leonhard Gehrke on the loss of his wife, Joyce Gehrke; Kathy Punzel and Jill, Joseph, & Ryan Trumpy on the loss of mother/grandmother Delores Churchill; Jodi Hendrikson on loss of grandfather.



# HYMN SING

## For the Cause

At first glance the title “For the Cause” may not seem like the title of a Christian song, but it is a very fitting title for the Keith and Kristyn Getty’s newest song.

*For the cause of Christ the King we give our lives, an offering  
'Til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son*

*For the cause of Christ we go with joy to reap, with faith to sow  
As many see and many follow Jesus the Son*

*Christ we proclaim, the Name above every name:  
For all creation, every nation,  
God’s salvation through the Son!*

*For the King once lifted high to cries of rage, of ‘crucify!’  
Endured the cross as every sin was laid on the Son*

*To the King who conquered death to free the poor and the oppressed  
For lasting peace for life and liberty in the Son*

*Let it be my life’s refrain: to live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, take up my cross and follow the Son*

This modern hymn will be sung in many languages in congregations around the world on Sunday, June 25. Last year’s “global hymn sing” included more than one million believers joined in song. St. Paul’s will be participating in the 2017 global hymn the weekend of June 25.

The Gettys are Irish song writers who specialize in modern hymns. Their compositions focus on deep theological texts, singable tunes, and flexible accompaniments making their songs adaptable to a variety of worship styles. Other Getty compositions include “In Christ Alone” and “By Faith.”

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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Thursdays at 6:30p  
Saturdays at 6p  
Sundays at 8a & 10:30a

## Official Acts

### Baptisms:

- 04-27-17 Annabelle Grace Flynn  
Parents: James Flynn & Jody Olson  
Sponsors: Kevin & Renee Clark
- 04-29-17 Elijah James Decker  
Parents: James & Danielle (nee Brock) Decker  
Sponsors: Zach & Kristi Abdullah
- 04-30-17 Arya James Burner  
Parents: Adam & Brianna (nee Deremer) Burner  
Sponsors: Niles & Amelia Boeche
- 05-07-17 Everett Christian Vance  
Parents: Jonathan & Karolynn (nee Wynstra) Vance  
Sponsors: Jesse Geiken and Rebecca Greco
- 05-14-17 Benzi Rae Doyle  
Parents: Mitch & Brittany (nee Woods) Doyle  
Sponsors: Nick & Melissa Demrow
- 05-14-17 Deakon Ryan Doyle  
Parents: Mitch & Brittany (nee Woods) Doyle  
Sponsors: Kevin & Amanda McCann and  
Matt Doyle
- 05-14-17 Dax Michael Doyle  
Parents: Mitch & Brittany (nee Woods) Doyle  
Sponsors: Nick & Katie Doyle
- ### Deaths:
- 05-02-17 Joyce E. Gehrke
- ### Membership Changes:
- Members transferred to LCMS Congregations:*
- 05-16-17 Mary Clay transferred to St. Mark the Evangelist,  
Janesville WI
- 05-16-17 Judy McDonald transferred to St. Mark the  
Evangelist, Janesville WI