



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

# News N' Notes

## Fall—A Time to Grow and Share

September means that many things like gardens, vacations, and more leisurely schedules are basically over and new things start up again—day school, Sunday school, confirmation classes, Bible studies, and mission and ministry efforts at St. Paul's. It is a time to reconnect with our fellow St. Paul's members and with the means by which Jesus brings to us His love, forgiveness, and spiritual strength He earned for us by His death and resurrection; namely, His Word and Sacraments.

Allow me to introduce a very special small group fellowship ministry entitled Loved and Sent that will be starting this fall. Here's the background: As Christians, we often stutter when someone asks, What do you believe? or Why does it matter to you? We get a unique opportunity to share our heart and we end up saying the wrong thing – or nothing at all. If this kind of thing has happened to you in any way, rest assured that it has also happened to your fellow St. Paul's members.

This very special Bible study/fellowship group ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is based on a book by Pastor Jeff Cloeter of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Louis, entitled Loved and Sent. The book can be summed up in this statement, "You are loved more than you can imagine and sent with more purpose than you thought." Pastor Cloeter states: "I've come to know who I am in two words. They guide everything that I believe, think, and do. I am **loved** by God in Jesus. I am **sent** by God into the world."

Here's how Loved and Sent small group ministry will work. Each week participants will read a short chapter of Loved and Sent and then meet for a sixty minute Bible study, fellowship, and prayer time. The small groups will meet when and where it is most convenient – in homes or at the church; in the morning, afternoon, or evening; and during the week or weekend. There will be two six week sessions held in the fall and during Lent.

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A major goal of this ministry is that active St. Paul's members will become involved in one of the groups and invite non-active members and unchurched people to attend as well. If you have a desire to connect with your fellow St. Paul's members and with your Lord Jesus, please prayerfully consider joining one of the groups. Signup sheets with time and locations will be located in the narthex at the back of the church.

Below is also partial list of other activities and resources available to us in our Christian walk this month. Have a great September!

God's Richest Blessings!  
Pastor Dan Decker

**Regular worship schedule** – Our summer worship schedule of combining the two Sunday services into one 9a service will end on Sunday, September 3. Beginning on Sunday, September 10, two Sunday services at 8 and 10:30a will again be held.

**Sunday School Rally Day** – On Sunday, September 10 at 9:15a. Please prayerfully consider sending your children to Sunday school. While they are being blessed by God's Word why not join our adult Bible class at 9:15a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) so that you can, too!  
**For more information contact Kathy Pingel at 754-4471 ext. 306 or [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com)**

**Sunday morning Bible class:** This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation of the Church as led by the Lord of the Church through the efforts of Martin Luther and others committed to a Bible-based Christian faith. Events of the Reformation and the major teachings of the Biblical Lutheran Faith will be examined. For more information contact Vicar Marin at 754-4471 ext. 301 or [mcerchez@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:mcerchez@stpaulsjanesville.com) The class will begin on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15a in the church basement.

**Love and Logic®** teaches parents to "lock in our empathy, love, and understanding" prior to telling kids what the consequences of their actions will be. *Love and Logic®* teaches parents how to hold their kids accountable in this special way. This *Love and Logic®* method causes the child to see their parent as the "good guy" and the child's poor decision as the "bad guy." When done on a regular basis, kids develop an internal voice that says, "I wonder how much pain I'm going to cause for myself with my next decision?" Kids who develop this internal voice become more capable of standing up to peer pressure. So, why not join the *Love and Logic®* class on Sunday, September 10 at 9:15a in the Science Room (Room 205)! Registration is necessary, so contact Elizabeth at (618) 973-5791 or [edecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:edecker@stpaulsjanesville.com)

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**Public School Confirmation** will begin on Sunday, September 10 from 4:30-6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). The class will be taught by Pastor Decker and Vicar Marin. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300, 322-5839, or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

On Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) our **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will begin a study of the **Gospel of Luke**. Luke, a detail oriented Greek physician will lead us into a closer walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Decker at-office: 754-4471 ext. 300 or cell: 322-5839 or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**Taste of St. Paul's** – Do you remember the good food and fellowship last year? Please join us again in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 1, right after the late service. All proceeds will go to *Housing for Homeless Vets* and St. Paul's parking lot. If you would like to host a food table or have questions, please contact Jack and Brenda Eden at 751-3228 or [jackeden@charter.net](mailto:jackeden@charter.net)

**Stephen Ministry** –This year our third class will be trained on how to provide a loving, caring, and confidential ministry to hurting people within and outside St. Paul's. Currently a new class is being recruited and will start this fall. If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry or have any questions, please contact Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300, 322-5839, or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

**The Art of Living by Faith** is an adult confirmation course on the Bible-based teachings of the Lutheran Church. The theme that runs through the six chief parts of the Small Catechism and the Bible itself is *Faith*. This class is designed for you to get a deeper grasp of what faith is and how faith is lived out in your daily life. If you are wishing to join St. Paul's or are already confirmed and looking for a refresher course on the Lutheran faith then *The Art of Living by Faith* is for you. Classes will begin in the church conference room from 3-4:30 p.m. each Sunday beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you need child care or have any questions, please contact the church office or Pastor Decker at-office: 754-4471 ext. 300 or cell: 322-5839 or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

# Welcome to a New School Year!

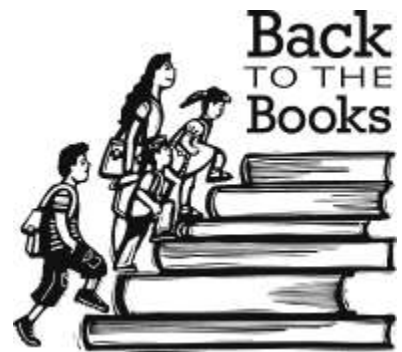
School is here! We have a lot of new opportunities to be excited about. The middle school is starting our 1 to 1 Chromebook program which will allow us to better prepare our students with the skills they will need to be successful. This is something that we have wanted to do for quite some time, and we are blessed to be able to do it.

Our theme this year is “Walk by Faith”, and we are looking forward to Walk by Faith in September.

As we start this year we are also looking forward to next year. We are considering entering the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2018-2019 school year. As we prepare for that decision we are holding informational meetings. The next meeting is August 28 at 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). I hope to see all of you there!

Finally, we are blessed to have the school we have, and if you would like to volunteer or be involved in our programs please let me know. We would love to have you!

Principal Rob Lunak



## Sewing to Serve Others

St. Paul's Women in Mission (LWML) workday was a success!

A group of 22 women, including 4 girls, spent a fun day together working on three projects. The Fellowship Hall was abuzz with activity as we completed a small staff appreciation project, collected and assembled school kits for Orphan Grain Train, and worked to assemble pillowcase dresses.

We completed almost 40 dresses in that one afternoon, putting us around 75 (the rest had been pre-made prior to the work day, Thank You!)

We are all eager to meet again on September 19 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Join us for laughter, fellowship, and service to our Savior!





## Comfort Dog Ministry: Sharing the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ

The Comfort Dog Ministry team was busy over the summer. Seven team members attended the two day National Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Conference in Northbrook, Illinois, in July. We all came away so inspired by the speakers, worship sessions and the opportunity to share ideas with over 400 ministry team members from around the country -- and hangout with almost 100 Comfort Dogs!! We hoped that one of the dogs-in-training that we met may be the dog eventually assigned to St. Paul's.

In August team members attended National Night Out for the Janesville Police Department and Rock County Sheriff Department. We were able to share information about our ministry with the communities and also many social service agencies that could benefit from the services of our comfort dog. Team members also had a booth at the Tallman Art Festival in August. Three Comfort Dogs in training from Illinois and their handlers joined us at the event. Keith and Judy Stanton and Kare-9 Comfort Dog Butch also drove from Freeport to help us promote our ministry. The ability the Comfort Dogs have to reach out to people was so evident by the number of people attracted to our booth. We wrapped up the summer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Comfort Dog Corn Fest. At the time of the writing of this newsletter article we are hoping for a great turnout for this event and expecting at least five Comfort Dogs to be in attendance.

Our ministry is also hoping to attract current or retired law enforcement officers as well as Veterans to join this ministry. Anyone who would like more information please contact Cheryl Skelly or Kathy Overley at [comfortdog@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:comfortdog@stpaulsjanesville.com).



## Family & Women's Ministry

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School, Maker Fun Factory, was a huge success this year. We welcomed 245 children and 75 volunteers into our church for a week of learning that we were created by God and built for a purpose. We learned that God made us; God helped us just like He did Rahab; God is always with us just like he was with Gideon; God sent His Son, Jesus, to save us. His love will never end and now we can go and tell that wonderful news to our family, friends, and neighbors. We enjoyed wonderful activities, skits, songs, videos, and crafts that helped reinforce the idea that we are His and He will always love us no matter what. We want to thank all of our volunteers for their commitment of time and talents to our children and for sharing that wonderful Gospel message with them.

Ladies Bible study, "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply," finished its summer sessions. We learned how Jesus is our friend and the Lord wants us to come to Him in His Word. There we learned we are vessels created and chosen by God, redeemed in Christ, and ready to be filled for His purpose. Wonderful study, fellowship, prayers, and friendships were enjoyed while sipping our favorite beverages.

Kathy Pingel



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

### What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

### What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

# Official Acts

## Baptisms:

- 06-24-17 Sierra Jade Moen  
Parents: Jacob & Renee  
(né Cooper) Moen  
Sponsors: Derek Cooper  
and Bethany Moen
- 06-25-17 Ava Roselyn Olson  
Parents: Anthony Olson  
and Abby Barker  
Sponsors: Kelly Pfaff  
and Doreen Mann
- 07-01-17 Daisy Catherine Ramos  
Parents: Christopher &  
Wendy (né Rummelhoff) Ramos  
Sponsors: Dirk & Liz Soergel  
and Ben Soergel
- 07-02-17 Maya Josephine Verbeten  
Parents: Jacob & Amy Jo  
(né Kenevan) Verbeten  
Sponsors: Travis & Jennifer  
O'Connell and Cole Ruthe
- 07-06-17 Madalyne Danielle Snow  
Parents: Duane & Dawn  
(né Grissom) Snow  
Sponsors: Heidi Raether and  
Jason Snow
- 07-08-17 Annaliesa Summer Taylor  
Parents: Matthew & Michelle  
(né Rickard) Taylor  
Sponsors: Bert & Nadine Stacks
- 07-20-17 Attilie Jeanette Quinn  
Parents: Devin & Johanna (né  
Wedel) Quinn  
Sponsors: Josh & Lisa Wedel;  
Dave & Nicole Cox; Jackie Pham
- 07-22-17 Sadie Helen Santas  
Parents: Aaron & Amy  
(né Hansen) Santas  
Sponsors: Jenny Hansen and  
Nick Gibson
- 07-23-17 Harper Rae Hill  
Parents: Eric & Makenzie  
(né Ebsen) Hill  
Sponsors: Connor Ebsen and  
Ashley Stephenson
- 08-06-17 Kaia Jade MiAe Adamski  
Christopher & Jessica (né Oas)  
Adamski  
Sponsors: Andy Wilkiewicz, Tim  
Wilkiewicz, Steve Osmanski,  
Jennifer Oas, Alicia Bae and  
Gi-Hyun Bang.

**Adult Confirmation:** 07-20-17: Doug Hawthorne; 07-22-2017: Heather Heflick and Jjulianna, Justin & Lindsey, Kobe and Kingston Winters, Jody Olson, 07-23-17: Barb Cooper; Kim Whitford and Addison Kitzman.

**Wedding:** 06-24-2017 Megan Zandler and Samuel White

## Deaths:

- 06-16-2017 Linda L. De War  
07-12-2017 Patrick K. Terry  
07-24-2017 Gaylord G. Berg





## *Taste of St. Paul's*

We are planning "Taste of St. Paul's" fundraiser for Sunday, October 1, following the 10:30a service in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). Funds raised will be divided between, St. Paul's parking lot and Rock Valley Community programs: Housing4OurVets.

We are looking for individuals and/or families to donate their "Go To" specialty recipe or a new recipe you want to try. You would need samples for 100 people. What does that look like? One large crock pot, three 9x13 pans, or 100 snack size baggies filled with cookies or trail mix.

Some of the food items that are planned include: Brenda's chocolate covered cherries; lone's butter horns; Lois's spinach lasagna; Elizabeth's Jambalaya; Donna's Chicken casserole; Carmen's Mac and Cheese; Joanna's sourdough bread; Other food idea's breakfast food, soups, BBQ, salads, appetizers, etc. Any and all food is welcome.

Tickets cost: \$10.00 12 & up; \$5.00 ages 4-11; 3 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased in the church office, after church services starting September 21st, and at the door. Make sure to invite your family and friends to taste the good cooks of St. Paul's.

If you are willing to help please contact: Brenda Eden [608-751-3228](tel:608-751-3228) or [57b.eden@gmail.com](mailto:57b.eden@gmail.com) or Donna Pfaff [608-884-4747](tel:608-884-4747)

## Orphan Grain Train

We thank God for using us to reach out to assist many families and individuals with the hardships of everyday life. We also thank the many members of St. Paul's congregation and the surrounding area for contributing to this service project.

We averaged 18 volunteers who gave 826 volunteer hours to pack 942 boxes. The items packed included: clothing, bedding, quilts, medical supplies, hygiene items, soap, shampoo, miscellaneous items and some small appliances.

Our boxes go to Westfield, Wisconsin, and from there are shipped to the needed here in America and 34 different countries. Everything is shipped in the name of Jesus Christ who loves all people and asks that we reach out to others in love.

We meet the second Saturday, every other month, from 8 to 11a in the church basement. We encourage all of you to join us for a couple of hours as we reach out to others.



# Official Acts— Membership Changes

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## Regular Worship Schedule:

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

## Members transferred from LCMS Congregations:

- 06-29-17 Nikki Ruger  
Transferred from St. Mark Lutheran  
Church, Janesville WI  
1212 Bennett St, Janesville 53545
- 08-08-17 Timothy & Katharine Huie (baptized Emily)  
Transferred from St. Luke Lutheran Church,  
Itasca IL  
3718 Goldenrod Pl, Janesville 53546
- 08-14-17 Rhonda Schulze  
Transferred from Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
Sheboygan WI  
2305 Rutledge Ave, Janesville 53545  
920-946-7417

## Members received by Affirmation of Faith:

- 08-07-17 Diane Feggstad  
443 S Fremont St, Janesville 53545  
608-290-1969

## Members Released to Other Lutheran Congregations:

- 06-29-17 Mike, Terri, Ashley and Ryan Kelly

## Members Removed at their own request on 08-08-17:

Dennis Dopkins, William & Ardis Brandt; Richard & Lori Alwin  
(baptized Brian); Virginia Muenchow; Emily Seeman.

## With Sympathy:

Our prayers are with Jason Lauer on loss of step-mother, Judy Lauer; Kathy Hudy on loss of mother, Julie Ingham; Richard and Erick De War on loss of wife/mother Linda De War; Randy Stephens on loss of mother, Sandy Stephens; the family of Patrick Terry (daughter Kennalyn, parents Dan & Lori and brother Andrew); lone Erlien on loss of brothers Gaylord Berg and Raymond Berg; Lisa Wedel and children Kalli, Kaitlyn, Jaxton and Kinzie on loss of father/grandfather Dave "Midnite" Hansen; Corrine Hendrikson on loss of brother Ted Bartel; Paul "Skip" Schulz on loss of father Paul Schulz; Robert Burton on loss of sister Bernice Cox.