

# News N' Notes



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

## What is the Best Way to Do That?

My Dear Fellow St. Paul's Members,

In Matthew 28:18-20 our Lord has laid down His commission for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School: ***Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and lo I am with you always even to the end of the world.*** By the grace of our Lord St. Paul's has been faithful to Him through the pure preaching and teaching of God's Word and the proper practicing of His Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper for the world around here for some 150 years.

The question now arises as to how St. Paul's will faithfully carry out the Great Commission to the current generation born between 1982 and 2002, referred to as *Millennials*. The *Millennials* are often characterized by the following:

A deep sense of distrust of institutions such as political parties, corporations, and the Church (for instance, it has been reported that upwards of 90% do not regularly attend any church),

- Rejection of long-held beliefs and practices of earlier generations,
- Delays in entering marriage or avoiding it altogether,
- Delays in starting a family,
- Acceptance of greater debt,
- Both parents working multiple jobs,
- Frequent job changes, and a
- Commitment to increasing openness and tolerance.

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One other characteristic that is frequently held by the Millennials . . . they are strongly committed to their children. This is the door into the life of the *Millennials* through which St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School must enter if it is to be a viable Great Commission station to that population segment in the Janesville area.

In 2017/18 St. Paul's will be asked to explore the possibility of the construction, staffing, and administration of a complete early childhood center at a later date. This early childhood center would provide a direct ministry to *Millennials* through infant care, toddler care, preschool, and daycare. The cost in terms of planning, volunteerism, and financial support would be significant and would require great faith on St. Paul's part in the One Who promises in Matthew 6:33 that if we: . . . **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

However, St. Paul's plan to reach out to the *Millennial Generation* should not be limited to just an early childhood center and its ministry. In the coming years, we should also explore worship options, alternate sites for fellowship opportunities, and mission endeavors that are uniquely appealing to *Millennials*.

For 150 years St. Paul's Lutheran School has been faithful in bringing the love of Jesus Christ to kindergarten through eighth grade students and their families. Recent times for Lutheran Schools have become challenging with heretofore un-experienced cultural, demographic, and financial obstacles. What is St. Paul's call in response to all this? We are to still bring the love of Jesus to children and their families in the Janesville area! What is the best way to do that? At the November 5, 2017, Voter's Assembly those in attendance will be asked to consider whether St. Paul's School should enter the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program. The voters will be asked to consider if doing so is the best way to ensure that for another ten, fifty, or one hundred years our children will be taught at St. Paul's School that *Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so*. If this motion is passed St. Paul's will be busy putting into place the elements of that new ministry. Please prayerfully consider attending the November 5, 2017, Voters Assembly at noon in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

God's Richest Blessings!

Pastor Dan Decker



# St. Paul's Craft & Gift Sale

Hope to see everyone on Saturday, November 4, between 9 AM and 3 PM for the Craft and Gift Sale to be held in the School Gym. Come and get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Not interested in the crafts and gifts being sold??? Well, stop by and have some lunch (hot sandwiches, chips, sweets, etc.). All profits will benefit St. Paul's School so we hope that the school families will be the first in line to help with the work and the fun.

*Help is still needed.* We can always use as many volunteers as we can get!! Many hands make work go quickly. We need help with setting up on Friday beginning at 3p and help taking things down after 3p on Saturday. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the snack area during the event. Contact Janie (Apfel) Carroll at 608-931-4854 if you can help.

Donations of baked goods (bars, cookies, cupcakes, etc.) for us to sell are also needed. Please bring your donations to the back door of school after 3p on Friday, Nov. 3 (during set-up) or between 8a and 9a on Saturday morning, Nov. 4 (before the Craft Sale opens).

Thank you for supporting our efforts.



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*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

—Colossians 3:17

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## Thanksgiving Worship

Please join us as we give thanks to our Lord for all of the blessings He has given us.

Holy Communion Worship on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion Worship on Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m.

*Please Note: There will be NO Thursday evening worship service on November 23*





Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



**What you need:**

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

## Ladies' Aid Projects

### *Holiday Bake Sale*

St. Paul's Ladies' Aid will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, following the worship services. Be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall (the church basement) and check out the baked goods ready for you to take home to your family! In addition to Holiday Goodies, there will be many desserts and breakfast foods.

If you like to bake and would be willing to help, please donate your baked goods by bringing them to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 9 after 4 p.m.

Proceeds from this sale go towards improvements for our congregation. Thank you!

### *New Kitchen Flooring*

One of the many improvements that Ladies' Aid has helped with is a new, poured floor in the kitchen that was installed this past September.

Ladies' Aid would like to thank those who helped tear out the old flooring and the school lunch staff for being patient as we worked to get this put in.



## Altar Guild Needs YOU!

This is an open invitation to all members of St. Paul's, confirmation age and older, to get involved! Join St. Paul's Altar Guild and get to know fellow members. Serve with us for one month each year and help us to prepare the Altar for Holy Communion. You can even get creative by helping on a special committee—we have several throughout the year! It may seem like such a little thing to do, and it doesn't really take a lot of time away from family and friends. In fact, it's a great way to make new friends!

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library and see for yourself how much fun you can have serving our Lord.



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In the beginning  
**GOD** created  
the  
& heavens  
the earth.

Genesis 1:1

## Creation Retreat

On Saturday, November 18, from 8:30a to 3:30p we will host a special retreat for our youth confirmation students and any post-confirmation youth, parents, grandparents, and church members. We welcome Brian Young of the Creation Instruction Association (C.I.A.) who will present the truths of creation during this one day retreat. You are invited to learn how to develop a world view that sees God as our Creator and us as change agents in His creation. Cost for the retreat is \$10 per person and includes a light breakfast and lunch. For more information contact Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300 or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com).

Brian Young, an internationally known speaker and author, was a teacher and principal for ten years before becoming director of Creation Instruction Association. He has now been speaking on the topic of creation and Biblical authority for 20 years, doing debates at Universities, going into prisons, and sharing at churches, schools and camps around the world. He uses the Bible as the foundation for science and education.

What We Believe: CIA teaches and confesses the inspiration, inerrancy and authority of the Word of God, not just for theology but for our scientific understandings and morals as well. Science does not interpret Scripture, rather Scripture interprets Scripture. Though we believe the doctrine of creation is important, it is secondary to the Gospel, however, we see the doctrine of creation as a foundation for the Gospel of Christ. We hold to a young earth just a few thousand years old, a global Flood of Noah, sin, death and disease through the curse in the Garden, but salvation through Jesus. We believe all of mankind have sinned, but the Holy Spirit enables the sinner to repent and believe upon Jesus, who was conceived by the virgin Mary, was placed on the cross to suffer and die, but rose physically from the dead to redeem those who repent and call upon Him. We believe in the trinity and salvation through Jesus Christ alone and by His grace alone.

## Fall Voters Assembly

Sunday, November 5,  
following the 10:30a  
worship service (at  
approximately 11:45a) in  
Fellowship Hall (the  
church basement).

This voters assembly will be asked, among other agenda items, to elect new church council members, consider whether St. Paul's School should enter the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program, and possibly consider recommendations concerning our church and school facilities



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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

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

# Official Acts

## Baptisms:

09-24-2017 Reese Evelyn Gander  
Parents: Daniel & Anne (née Block) Gander  
Sponsors: Katherine Lyons and Daniel Erickson

09-30-2017 Flynn Thomas Harvey  
Parents: Jason & Stacey (née Peterson) Harvey  
Sponsors: Daniel & Sarah Harvey

10-01-2017 Hunter Joshua Williamson  
Parents: Joshua & Brianna (née Westendorf)  
Williamson  
Sponsors: Carissa Frank and Mike Corcoran

**Deaths:** 09-20-2017 Shirley R. Sirek

## Membership Changes:

### *Members transferred from LCMS Congregations:*

10-10-17 David & Vivian Lieske  
Transferred from Zion Lutheran, Center WI  
4466 White Oak Dr, Janesville 53545  
608-580-0296

### *Members released from other Lutheran Congregations:*

10-10-17 Jerry Manthei  
Released from All Saints Luth, Oak Creek WI (ELCA)  
3808 N Wright Rd, Janesville 53545

### *Members Received by Affirmation of Faith:*

10-10-17 Brittany Doyle  
4925 N Zinfandel Dr, Milton 53563

10-10-17 Lon & Sarah Haenel and McKenna  
4021 Wilshire Ln, Janesville 53546  
608-758-2471

### *Members transferred to LCMS Congregations:*

10-11-17 Jared Stiek transferred to Zion Luth, Marengo IL

### *Members removed at their own request:*

10-10-17 Michele Olson (formerly Baker)