



# The Flamethrower

St. Paul's Alumni Association Newsletter

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6*

## Alumni Association News

We are serving alumni from ages 13 to 101. This gives everyone an opportunity to learn something from one another IF everyone shares something about their life. In the last newsletter we reported about the alumni association from St Michael's in Milwaukee, with their school closing in 1969. Their alumni are ages 64 and older. Someone from their Board came to visit and brought a sample newsletter to share. To summarize, they mailed out 870 newsletters and heard back from 125 alumni, with about 75 giving their news items for the next newsletter. Donations totaled \$8000. Their newsletter is produced three times a year, with 8 pages in booklet format. It includes reproductions of many old photos plus news items sent by alumni, including their appreciation for the newsletter, and remembering their past. They have an annual brunch following a Sunday mass in early May.

Given this information, we also are including a form for you to fill out and either mail back or send the information via e-mail. This will save from tracking down people and getting newsletters returned due to the wrong address. If you have family or friends who have moved, please notify us.

Newsletters returned with the wrong address from the last mailing, numbered 106. Of those, all but three alums have been located, plus addresses updated for 30 more that had changed since the last mailing. This takes time, complicated by no phone numbers, not answering the phone, or not replying to phone or email messages. Please keep us updated with changes in your contact information. Need one or two contact persons for classes 1960-2018 to keep up with their classmates.



*Communication to a relationship is like oxygen to life.  
Without it...it dies!*

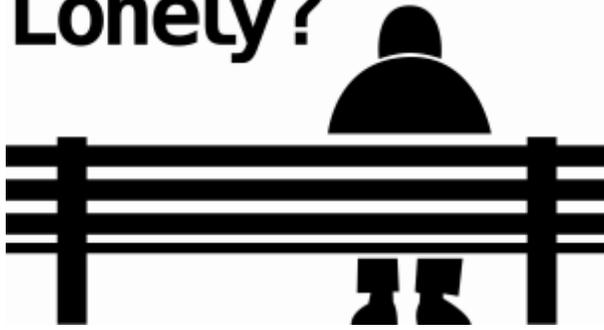


**ST. Paul's**  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

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# Lonely?



## No One Immune to Loneliness

Loneliness is on the rise in the U.S., and no one is immune. Research published earlier this year found that people 18 to 22 years old were more likely than any other U.S. population to be lonely. But new data suggests that older adults are also lonely in high numbers. More than a third of adults over 45 are lonely, according to a new report from AARP. While the 35% remains unchanged from a 2010 survey, the over-45 population has increased substantially since then, meaning about 5 million more adults, almost 48 million in total, can now be considered lonely.

Earlier this year, the BBC launched a loneliness survey with responses from 55,000 people from around the world. The 16-24 year age group was the loneliest. There is a common stereotype that loneliness mainly strikes older, isolated people—and it can, and does. But the BBC survey found even higher levels of loneliness among younger people, and this pattern was the same in every country. The years between 16 and 24 are often a time of transition where people move from home, build their identities and try to find new friends. The increase in use of technology also is a factor. The survey found that younger people felt more able to tell others about their loneliness than older people, but still many young people felt ashamed about it. Were older people afraid to say how they really felt or had they found a way of coping? When loneliness becomes chronic it can have a serious impact on both health and well-being.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up.* 1 Thessalonians 5:11

*Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.* 1 John 3:18

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* Ephesians 4:32



## Christian Character Foundation Project

A character education program that works and is rooted in Scripture was developed by Open Sky Education, a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The Christian Character Formation Project (CCFP) is being adopted by Lutheran schools across the country and around the world.

The seven virtues the curriculum highlights are responsibility, respect, integrity, diligence, justice, self-sacrifice, and courage. Self-discipline, empathy, and humility also enter the picture.





## Abortion—Where do you stand?

Where major religious groups and parties stand on abortion:

Oppose abortion rights with few exceptions: Roman Catholic, LCMS, WELS, Southern Baptist, Assemblies of God, LDS/Mormon.

Support abortion rights with some limits: ELCA, Episcopal.

Supports abortion rights with few or no limits: Judaism, Unitarian, Presbyterian (USA), UCC, United Methodist.

In a survey this year, Pew Research found most members follow their church body's official position, except for Roman Catholics, where 53% said it should be legal.

It is also divided among party lines. About two-thirds of Republicans say abortion should be illegal in most cases. By contrast, three-quarters of Democrats say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.



## Alumni in Active Military

**SSG Seth Haffery '95**  
military police in Army; base in KY; lives in Tennessee

**EM Ryan A Clauer '11**  
electrician in Navy; in Washington

**SrA Amber R Sornson '11**  
firefighter in Air Force; in North Carolina

**Spc Tyler D Morehead '12**  
military police in Army; in Washington

If you or a family member are active military, please provide us with this information.

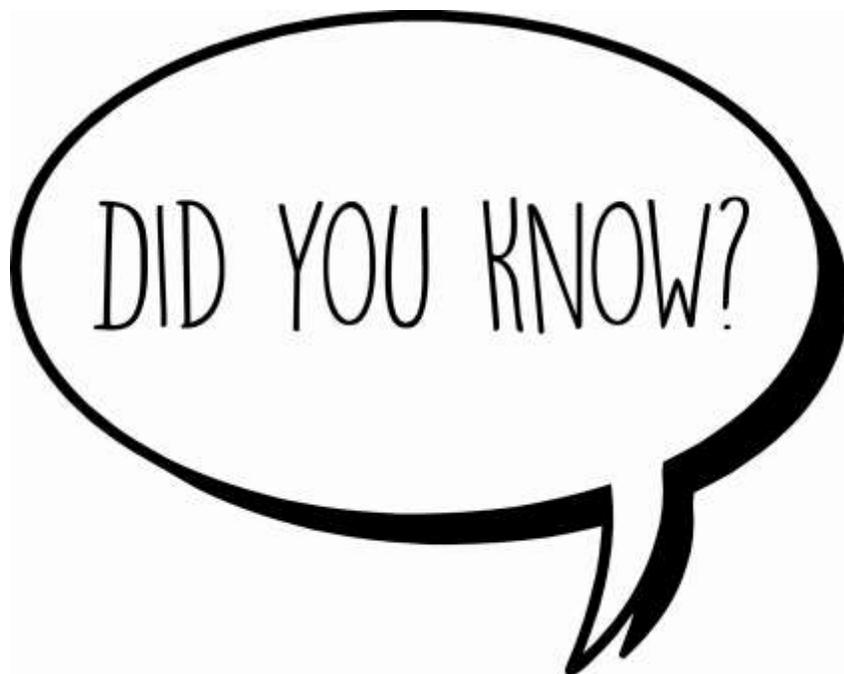


## Religious Trends Today

Christians are the largest religious group in the world, but Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, and in Europe, due to immigration and above average birth rates. Those who do not identify with any organized religion is the fastest growing group in America for all age groups, but is especially prevalent with the young (under age 35), with the highest rate in the New England states. In 7 years, the unaffiliated have increased by over 6 percent, while the number of Christians has dropped by 8 percent, according to Pew Research. Those Americans who identify with non-Christian faiths has risen 1.2 percent. The share of Christians who are Hispanics and minorities has risen.

*You will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. Matthew 24:9b-13*





## Alumni News

**Marshal Frisque '03** was graduated from Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, and was called to be the pastor of St John Lutheran Church, Fredonia, WI, about 30 miles north of Milwaukee.

**Marin Cerchez, former vicar**, also was graduated from Concordia Seminary this year, completed his vicarage here July 15, and was ordained and installed August 12, 2018 at St John Lutheran Church, Jenison, MI, 8 miles SW of Grand Rapids.

**Kathleen M Krenke Burwell '36** Henderson, NC, at age 96, still lives in her home, plays bridge, and drives her car. As a nurse, she served in World War II as a Lt in the Navy Nurse Corp where she met her husband, Dr Walter Burwell. They were married January 19, 1947. He retired in 2002, and died in 2013 at age 97. They have a son and a daughter.

**Lynnette Jass Hansen '98** was called to serve at Pilgrim Lutheran School in Green Bay, WI. She is the 5th grade home-room teacher, teaches grades 5-8 literature and is assistant principal under John Schultz, former St. Paul's teacher, 1977-1994. She is the daughter of David Jass '71 and granddaughter of Gail Glass Jass '51. She previously taught 11 years at Immanuel Lutheran, Wisconsin Rapids.



## Oldest Known Faculty Member

**Ruth C Kienow Werning, 96**

(11/27/1921) taught 1st and 2nd grades from 1941-45.

Married Rev Waldo Werning in 1945. They had 5 children.

She then went back to school for her bachelor's and master's degrees in education, and taught again.

She lives at Harwood Place; 8220 Harwood Ave Apt 134; Milwaukee, WI 53213; (414) 256-6857.



## Generations: The Hasse Family

1<sup>st</sup> generation: Theodore Hasse '31 (b. 12/05/1917; oldest alum), Elaine *Hasse* Wendorf, Elmer Hasse, Esther *Hasse* Chapman, Hazel *Hasse* Maasz, John Hasse.

2<sup>nd</sup> generation: children of Theodore Hasse: Carol *Hasse* Welton '62, Robert Hasse '63, Richard Hasse '64, Sandra *Hasse* Slatter '68 (1954-1979)

3<sup>rd</sup> generation: children of Carol Welton: Corey Welton '93, Michelle Welton '95, Evan Welton '99; children of Richard Hasse: Rebecca *Hasse* Kraft '93, Brenda *Hasse* Rupp '95

4<sup>th</sup> generation: children of Corey Welton: Marley and Harper Welton; child of Evan Welton: Mathias Welton.



## Missing Sheep: Do You Know Where They Are?

**Missing Sheep** (need married name or middle initial to find missing ones)

**1950s:** Shirley Wilke '55, Doris Tracy '57

**1960s:** Karen Rottmann, Elizabeth Watson, Linda Ellis, Martha Gilbert,

**1970s:** Cynthia & Pamela Merchant, Beverly O'Dell, Cheryl Schumacher, Julie Tracy, Curt Sullivan, Bill Warren, Kathy Schultz, Bob Johnson, Candi Bohlman

**1980s:** Sheila Rice, Julie Johnson, Kim & Neil Pfeiffer, Tina & Shawn Burke, Laura Hanson, Diana Swander, Kevin Hawkins, Wendy Kerr, Kristin Lampshire, Jessica Nelson, Betty Jo Novak, Matthew Miller, April Moor, Dawn Letcher, Michelle Richardson, Alec Haffery, Jeff Robbins, Nathan Silbaugh, Blaine Howell, Jenny Bigelow

**1990s** Paul Sharp, Adam Weiss, Wm Russell, Ruth Kane, Tiffany McGill, Ryan Nolan, Ryan Patterson



## School News

The new kindergarten teacher is Mrs. **Christina Dobratz Toberman**, who was married June 23 at St Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel to John Toberman '09. Last school year she taught 1st grade at St. John's, West Bend. They both received their degrees from Concordia University-Wis., Christina, a B A in early childhood education, and John, a B S in chemistry. He is a grease research and development chemist for Chemtool, Inc., of Rockton, Illinois, one of the largest manufacturers and custom formulators of lubricants and specialty products in the world.

Mrs. **Nicole Zellmer**, a native of Janesville, has joined the staff as the special needs teacher, assisting with reading intervention four days a week. She is a graduate of UW-Whitewater where she majored in elementary education, and has taught at Milton East Elementary School the past 3 years. Her husband works for UW Health, and their two children attend St Paul's school.

Mrs. **Katie Wahrle Huie** '98 is now the 5th grade teacher, after working as the Reading Resource Teacher in the special needs program last year. She is a graduate of St Paul's school and of Concordia University-Mequon, with a major in elementary education, and minor in social studies. Her daughter, Emily, is in kindergarten at St. Paul's. She and her husband, Tim, a mortgage loan officer, are expecting a second child the end of February.

Mrs. **Lynne Jacobsen** retired this spring, after teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but returned this fall to teach art for grades 6 – 8 for two afternoons a week for this school year.

Miss **Ann Henny** teaches music in grades 1 through 8, and Mr. **Dennis Wahrle** is the band director.

Mr. **Rob Lunak** reports that “there is talk about upgrading our **playground**. If you would like to help in any way, contact me at 608-754-4471. We are exploring plans for what will be done at this time.”

Eleven students are taking advantage of the **School Choice** program. The window to apply, set by the state, is usually February 1 to April 20 for the next school year.



### *Plan ahead:*

47th Annual JLIT

February 22-24, 2019

### **Janesville Lutheran Invitational (Basketball) Tournament**

**Mr. Mark Fenrick is in  
charge of athletics.**

**Two new grills have  
been purchased to use  
for the event.**



## **Rev. Paul H Garchow**

January 10, 1953 - August 16, 2018

After 40 years of faithful service to his Lord, Pastor Paul Garchow was carried home to heaven in the arms of Jesus on August 16, 2018. God led him gently through a three year valley of pancreatic cancer. Pastor Paul trusted fully in Jesus for his salvation – and we rejoice that he is now at perfect peace with his Savior!

Pastor Paul loved many aspects of the pastoral ministry and was blessed to shepherd the people of God at St. Paul's Janesville, WI (1978-2011); St. John's Mattoon, IL; Christ the Rock, Rockford, IL and Immanuel Lutheran in Belvidere, IL. As pastor emeritus, he could be found teaching Bible class, making home visits and preaching.

Christian education was a passion of Pastor Paul's, and his decades of confirmation students were always close to his heart. A major highlight of his ministry was the year and a half he spent teaching freshman and junior religion classes at Rockford Lutheran High School. Pastor Paul loved to stay in touch with his students.

Pastor Paul was greeted in heaven by his parents and grandparents. Waiting here on earth for their heavenly reunion with him are his loving wife of 44 years, Christine, daughter Bethany (Craig) Ibeling, daughter Krista, beloved grandchildren Hope, Daniel and Joy, brothers, sisters, other relatives, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

The family of Pastor Paul gives all the glory to God for the miraculous three years they received since his cancer diagnosis in 2015. It would be easy to want more time with him, but as all of Pastor Paul's confirmation students can quote: "Life is not fair. Deal with it." 1 Garchow 5:13

We will also one day say: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Tim. 4:7

The Celebration of Life service for Pastor Paul was August 25, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere, IL



### ***In Memorium***

**Eleanore L Klemp McLaughlin '38**

5.20.2018 / Janesville

**Marilyn M Brovick Traub '39**  
12.04.2016 / Thousand Oaks, CA

**June C Rauch Wagner '39**  
2.04.2018 / Pewaukee , WI

**Gilbert E E Willing '42**  
4.26.2018 / Janesville

**Thomas H Glass '42**  
10.05.2018 / Fort Atkinson, WI

**Julia L Juhnke Raisbeck '45**  
3.31.2917 / Lancaster, WI

**Joan E Wyman Swenson '45**  
4.26.2018 / Lebanon, MO

**Albert T Brovick, Jr '45**  
6.12.2018 / Janesville

**Dorothy A Schiefelbein  
Johnson '46**  
8.11.2018 / Janesville

**Judith L Preuss Matheson '46**  
10.01.2018 / Janesville

**Don R Case '47**  
7.10.2018 / South Beloit, IL

**Betty A Goede Frusher Wiese  
'51**  
5.20.2018 / Janesville

**Barbara A Ziegelmann Hogan  
'65**  
1.13.2018 / Winter Haven, FL

**David P Oakley '65**  
10.02.2018 / Janesville

**Candy S Reimer Whitehead '93**  
4.27.2018 / Janesville

Staff  
**Elsie M Mennicke Berndt**  
3.10.2018 / Mequon, WI

**Rev. Paul H Garchow**  
8.16.2018 / Belvidere, IL



## **Elsie M. (Mennicke) Berndt**

May 3, 1924 - March 10, 2018

Elsie May Berndt, born on May 3, 1924 was born to eternal life on March 10, 2018. She was born in Secor, Illinois, and grew up in Reeseville, Wisconsin, the oldest daughter of Pastor Victor Mennicke and Elsie Mennicke, a singer, organist and violinist.

Elsie followed her mother's path and played organ from the time she was 12 years old. She had a great love and gift for music, and was a church organist, choir director, bell choir director and teacher for many years.

Elsie also had a great love of nature, and greatly enjoyed gardening, hiking, and bird watching. She taught at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Janesville, WI (1943-1945), and then moved to Grafton, WI to teach at St. Paul's Lutheran School. She met Willard Berndt in church choir, and they were married in 1947. Willard passed away in 1991. She was an amazing teacher who had a lasting influence on her students. Elsie will be deeply missed. Her love of her Savior, her smile and great strength, even during all of her struggles in later years, were an inspiration to everyone that she met.

She was a loving mother to Jeanette (Wolfgang) Reuter, Joanne (Gary) Petersen, and Gloria (James) Hansen. Her sister Louise Stueber and brothers Victor, August, Richard and Martin Mennicke preceded her in death. She is survived by her brothers Walter (Eva) Mennicke and Theodore (Kathy) Mennicke. . . The service was held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, in Mequon, WI.



Amazing Grace——how sweet the sound——

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see!



## Gifts to St. Paul's

Donations may be general or designated, and may be made in memory of someone:

Parking lot project is complete, with two entrances/exits.  
\$83,000 debt remains

Scholarship Fund

School Endowment

Ozobot (Small programmable robots used for the computer coding classes to write codes. Enables students to see their computer code in action.)  
Need 5 robots. \$85 each

Tumblin' Dice board game for math classes. Students work on multiplication. \$95

Wish List – found on school/church website: [www.stpaulsjanesville.com](http://www.stpaulsjanesville.com)

Alumni Association - expenses to produce and send newsletter.



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## Alumni Update Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Middle Name/Initial) (Last Name)

MAIDEN NAME (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR GRADUATED OR YEARS ATTENDED ST. PAUL'S: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS OCCUPATION (Optional):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I prefer a  PAPER copy  EMAIL copy of the *Flamethrower*.

YES! I would be interested in attending an annual brunch or lunch.

YES! I would be interested in being my class contact person.

Indicate if you have any prayer requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Include your news to share: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail info to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, 210 S Ringold St, Janesville WI 53545; phone 608-754-4471 or email [schooloffice@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:schooloffice@stpaulsjanesville.com)

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**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran  
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Alumni Association**

Our sole purpose for forming this Alumni Association is **"to connect the past with the future at St. Paul'."** In order to do this at this time we have a charter to do four things: 1) Create a database of current contact information. 2) Create a multi-faceted communication vehicle to keep alumni informed and connected. 3) Facilitate alumni gatherings. 4) Provide opportunities for alumni who wish to support the school.

**"Connecting  
the Past with the Future  
at St. Paul's"**

## Do We Have Your Email Address?

To be good stewards of the gifts the Lord has given us, we'd like to send *The Flamethrower* to you electronically. To do that, we'll need some information.

Send us an email to: [SchoolOffice@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:SchoolOffice@stpaulsjanesville.com). Include your name; (maiden name); years you attended St. Paul's School; current mailing address; current phone number; and email address. Please put "Alumni Info" in the subject line.

Thank you for helping us to keep in touch!

