

# News N' Notes



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

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

April 29, 2018

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

He is risen! Greetings in the wonderful Name of our once dead but now living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I wish you all of our Lord's Easter blessings of forgiveness, life, and hope!

After a too long hiatus I am reinstating the article **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST. PAUL'S**. The purpose of this column is to share with you both what has happened at St. Paul's last month and some of what will happen here this month.

By the time you read this article we will be in the sixth week of the Easter season. Last month during the weeks of Lent we were privileged to walk with our sweet Savior Jesus Christ stopping along the way at the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the High Priest's Courtyard, and other spiritually significant places and watch Him as He made His weary way to the Cross for our salvation. What a blessing it was to see so many people in our midweek Lenten suppers and services! Thanks goes to the Lord of the Church for the good food and the dear folks who prepared it. Thanks to Him also for the hard work of the musicians, choirs, students, soloists, instrumentalists, Dennis Wahrle, John Mueller, Kathy Pingel, the Altar Guild and its Decoration Committee, ushers, greeters, and all others who made the services so spiritually strengthening for adults and children alike. Through our Holy Week services our faith was well-prepared for what took place three days after Good Friday; and again, thanks goes to the Lord of the Church for the hard work of our Easter walk participants and Miss Ruth Ann Schultz, our musicians, youth, counselors, and all other faithful and generous members.

On Easter it was our privilege to join Christians throughout the world in the great Easter cry of victory: **He is risen!** But Easter did  
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not simply take place on April 1st only to be forgotten until Easter next year (which by the way, will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>). We are privileged to currently be in the Easter season. Our Bible lessons assigned for each Sunday through May 13<sup>th</sup> focus our attention on how our resurrected Redeemer continues to bring about much needed changes in our world, our church, and our lives.

Also, allow me to get a little personal here. This past fall several small groups met to study the first half of the book Loved and Sent written by Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod pastor Jeff Cloeter. The plan is that at some later time the second half of the book will be studied. The group that I was privilege to be a part of finished up the book this past month. As part of this small group ministry each group was encouraged to adopt some kind of mission or ministry activity. Our group decided to volunteer to prepare, cook, and serve a meal for the men's shelter ministry here in Janesville known as GIFTS. It was an amazing experience!

If you haven't read Loved and Sent I would encourage you to pick up a copy in the church office. Allow me to share with you a quote from the conclusion of the book that I believe sums up what St. Paul's Church and School mission and ministry outlook should be:

St. Paul's is **loved** and **sent** . . .

. . . **Loved** more than we can imagine . . . **John 3:16**

. . . **Sent** with more purpose than we know . . . **Matthew 28:18-20**

More on what this will mean for our church and school in the months to come!

Also, on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the Lord of the Church will bless 29 junior confirmation students with an opportunity to sincerely confess their faith in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Confirmation will take place at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. Please keep the following in your prayers: Trey Bock; Paisley Booth; Ashlyn Ellefson; Kelsi Fagan; Luke Fenrick; Hayden Halverson; Andrew Hameister; Aydan Hanson; Braden Heintzelman; Ethan Heintzelman; Sydney Hermanson; Maysa Johns; Andrew Kent; Robert Knilans; Lauren Laatsch; Natalie Malloy; Christopher Mullen; Samara Oas; George Olson; Bailey Ratzburg; Mason Ratzburg; Emma Risch; Audra Rusert; Justin Schnell; Lydia Seifarth; Liberty Speth; Tobais Speth; Kennalyn Terry; and Sydney Vincetich.

Finally, again this summer, the Sunday 8 and 10:30 a.m. services will be combined into one service from Memorial weekend, May 27<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day weekend, September 2<sup>nd</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 Dan Decker



*2019 Women's Retreat date is Saturday, March 30.*

## Broken Crayons Still Color

St. Paul's Women's Retreat, "Broken Crayons Still Color" will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019. Heidi Goehmann will be our keynote speaker/Bible study leader for this one day Women's Event. The theme is centered on Isaiah 42:1-3. Heidi will speak about shame and how God's grace heals us. She will also give practical tips on how to deal with anxiety. We will have breakout sessions and participate in a service project.

Deaconess Heidi Goehmann is a licensed independent social worker and mental health care provider, a writer, speaker, wife, mom, forgiven and loved child of God. Heidi is the founder of [ilovemyshepherd.com](http://ilovemyshepherd.com) which provides resources and advocacy for women, mental health, and genuine relationships.

## Summer Women's Bible Study

[Altogether Beautiful: A study of Song of Songs](#) by Heidi Goehmann.

Learn how to draw near to God and His word and discover just how much God considers His daughters beautiful.

Date and times to be determined.

## Lit 'N Lattes

Lit 'N Lattes, A Christian Women's Book Club, will meet on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30p in Room 202 of St. Paul's School. We will be discussing the book [The Prayer Box](#) by Lisa Wingate..

You can find the book on Amazon or any local or online bookstore.

## Bicycles Still Needed

Orphan Grain Train would like to thank those who recently donated 15 bicycles to be used by people in other countries. We also thank Jason Malloy of Russ Darrow Chrysler, Madison, for the use of a truck to deliver the bikes.

We will continue to collect bikes to be sent to Liberia and Sudan sometime this summer. Call Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 608-373-0985 for more information or if you have a bike to donate.

## Thank You, Mrs. Jacobsen!

After 40 years of teaching, Mrs. Lynne Jacobsen is retiring in June. She taught in Arkansas and Washington state before coming to St. Paul's in 1984. In addition to her teaching duties she oversaw our National Junior Honor Society students.

Lynne was born in Oak Brook, Illinois, and grew up in Forest Park and Belvidere, Illinois. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia—River Forest (now Concordia University—Chicago) in 1977. She received her Masters in 1990 from the University of Wisconsin—Whitewater.

Upon retirement, Lynne looks forward to keeping busy with the Comfort Dog Ministry; spending time with her Australian Shepherd dogs; working as Mrs. Tallman for the Rock County Historical Society; and much more.

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, we will have a reception in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following the 9a worship service to say "Thank You and God's Blessings". Please join us to wish Mrs. Jacobsen the best in her retirement.



## Charity Navigator Impressed with Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is proud to be recognized again as a four star charity which is the highest rating given by Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator. That means we are accountable, transparent, and financially healthy! We are proud to announce we've earned 7 consecutive 4-star ratings! OGT is a good steward with your hard-earned donations. For every dollar donated 98.3 cents go toward OGT mission projects; only 1.7 cents of each dollar go toward administrative and fundraising expenses!



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*“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ”* Matthew 25:40 ESV

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## Hurricane Relief Continues

Orphan Grain Train purchased and shipped nearly \$13,400.00 worth of groceries from Lou's Thrifty Way in Norfolk, NE to Trinity Klein Lutheran Church in Spring, TX.

This is part of our continued hurricane relief efforts with stocking shelves of their food pantry that has served more than 27,000 people since hurricane Harvey.

This is OGT's fifth shipment of food for Spring, Texas. Thank you to our generous donors that help make these purchases of food possible.



## Official Acts

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### **Baptisms:**

04-05-2018

Colton Andrew Bowles

Parents: Steven & Jill  
Bowles

Sponsors: Josh & Lisa  
Wedel

04-06-2018

Kelsey Elizabeth  
Denison

Parent: Krista Denison  
Sponsors: Adam & Loretta  
Montgomery

04-08-2018

Ethan Ryan Booth

Parents: Ryan & Jennifer  
Booth

Sponsors: Steve & Jill  
Hrycay

04-14-2018

Jennifer Marie Sawyer

James Raymond  
Sawyer

Parents: Nathan & Jennifer  
Sawyer

Sponsor: Sara Knuth

Laura Marie Sawyer

Parents: Nathan & Jennifer  
Sawyer

Sponsors: Bruce & Hayley  
Wilson

Anna June Sawyer

Parents: Nathan & Jennifer  
Sawyer

Sponsor: Hayley Wilson

John Michael Sawyer

Parents: Nathan & Jennifer  
Sawyer

Sponsor: Ashley Ausen

**Membership changes  
can be found on  
Pages 7 & 8  
of this newsletter.**



Thank you to everyone who attended Mary's Passing of the Vest ceremony. It was a very exciting day for Mary, her team, and St. Paul's. We are thankful for all the prayers and support we have received and continue to receive while we have been waiting for our Comfort Dog. We would like to say a great big thank you to Ladies' Aid and LWML for preparing and hosting the wonderful dinner that followed the Passing of the Vest ceremony.

On Saturday, May 19, the Comfort Dog team will be working the Festival Food Brat Stand from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Come and support the ministry, say "Hi" to Mary and have a bite to eat. It should be a fun day!

Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. Mary and her team have been busy making connections out in the community and setting up a regular schedule of places that we are visiting.

Please contact Mary by email, through Facebook or by talking to one of her team members, if you know of someone, or someplace that would benefit by a visit from her. Her email address is : [Mary@K9Comfort.org](mailto:Mary@K9Comfort.org).

Find Mary on Facebook at Mary Comfort Dog. This is a great way to stay updated on what she is doing.

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## With Sympathy . . .

Please remember in your prayers all those who are mourning the loss of someone special. We pray for the family of Allen "Nick" & Isobelle "Belle" Lueck; Judy Sullivan on the loss of her mother, Gladys Wendt; John Ross and LeAnn Bertagnoli on the loss of mother/grandmother Carol Ross.





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## LWML Welcomes Vicar Marin

Ladies! We welcome you to join the St. Paul's Women in Mission (LWML) on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) as we are enriched by a Bible Study led by Vicar Marin Cerchez. Following the Bible study we will hold a short business meeting. (This meeting is optional for guests.) The ingathering (also optional) is toilet paper for the Domestic Violence shelter.

The Women in Mission (LWML) will also participate in a Prayer Service on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 9a at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2015 Kellogg Ave, Janesville. (This is the same day as the National Day of Prayer). Please join us there.



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### Regular Worship Schedule:

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

## Summer Worship Schedule Memorial Day thru Labor Day

Thursdays at 6:30p

Saturdays at 6p

Sundays at 9a

