



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

News N' Notes

An Exercise in Being Flexible

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of the Lord of the Church . . . our sweet Savior Jesus Christ! I pray this letter finds all of you well. I once heard Dale Buechler say "Blessed are the flexible, they don't get bent out of shape." This summer we all will need to be extra flexible due to our upcoming parking lot construction! Construction will begin on Monday, June 11th and prayerfully be completed by Friday, July 27th. The City of Janesville will also begin resurfacing Ringold and Holmes streets beginning on Monday, June 18th. May God grant us faithful patience! Here are the particulars:

1. **Summer Sunday Worship Schedule:** From Memorial Day weekend (May 27) through Labor Day weekend (September 2) our 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship services will be combined into a **9 a.m. service**. The Thursday services will be held at the usual time of 6:30 p.m. and the Saturday services at the usual time of 6 p.m.
2. **Father's Day Worship in the Park:** Do you remember how pleasant our *Praise in the Park* service was last July? Well, on **Father's Day, June 17th** at the special time of 10:30 a.m. we will hold a service in the park to celebrate God's gifts of family and friends to us all. This service will also be an opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to a semi-informal service with music provided by our Men's Club. A free picnic lunch will be provided. Please note that there will be no Saturday, June 16th worship service that weekend. Please bring friends and lawn chairs and join the fun and fellowship.

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1. **Worship Locations, Times, and Directions During the Construction:** The following will be our worship arrangements for Thursday, June 21st through Sunday, July 29th:
 - THURSDAYS at 6:30 p.m.: We will meet at Trinity Free Lutheran Church, 2727 Holiday Drive, Janesville. Holiday Drive is located off of Pontiac. Parking is located at the back of the church and building entrance is located on the west side of the building.
 - SATURDAYS at 6 p.m.: We will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church 409 E. Court Street, Janesville. Parking is available at either the parking lot on Atwood Street or at the Courthouse parking lot across Court Street. The church entrance is located on Court Street.
 - SUNDAYS at 9 a.m.: We will meet at the large auditorium of Craig High School, 401 S. Randall Avenue, Janesville. Please park in the south lot of Craig High School. Please enter through door # 40 or # 41. These entrances will take you right in to the large auditorium. There will be a wheelchair available for members. Members who need a wheelchair/walker are allowed to drive up close to the doors. We have to remember to leave room for emergency vehicles. You can leave your vehicle there until the service is over.

Please keep St. Paul's in your prayers knowing that we can cling on to the tremendous truth that if our Heavenly Father gave His Son to the Cross for our eternal life then He will meet every true need He has permitted us to experience. The Apostle Paul put it best when he wrote in Romans 8:32: *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

Also on June 3rd we will be honoring the retirement of Mrs. Lynne Jacobsen from St. Paul's teaching ministry. Join us in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) after the 9 a.m. service. Finally, join us after the 9 a.m. service on June 10th as we honor St. Paul's high school and college graduates in Fellowship Hall.

So, how will St. Paul's get through all the difficulty associated with all the parking lot and street construction? The answer to that question is to be found where all our questions are answered . . . God's Word! I leave you with the words of Jesus' half-brother, Jude 24-25:

To Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

God's blessings!

Pastor Dan Decker



What's Happening in Finance and Facilities

The budget for 2018-19 was passed at the Voter's Meeting on April 23rd. Thanks to all who attended this meeting and helped to conduct the financial business of St. Paul's! There are so many exciting things happening in the church, the school and the day-care. We are growing by leaps and bounds, advancing the Kingdom of God by reaching more and more people. This growth presents financial challenges for us, but I am confident that our church, which has been so richly blessed, will continue to bless future generations with our support!

I encourage you to consider signing up for Simply Giving, which allows you to stay current with your tithes and offerings to your church, even when you are on a summer vacation. You can sign up for Simply Giving by clicking the "Donate" button on our webpage <http://www.stpaulsjanesville.com>. You can set up your donation to either withdraw from your bank account or charge a credit card. You also determine whether this is a one-time donation, or a recurring monthly or weekly donation. If you would rather have some assistance setting up your Simply Giving donation, Stacey Marena in the church office would be happy to help you!

Our parking lot reconstruction is set to begin on June 11th. The city's work on Ringold and Holmes streets will start June 18th. During the period of construction, we will be worshipping in other locations. The schedule and worship locations can be found on page 2 and will also be mailed out to all members. If you do come to the church or school during construction, you will need to be prepared to walk a good distance, as there may not be parking available in the immediate area after June 18th. Please be very careful in and around the construction zones. We know that this summer will be challenging, but we can look forward to having a beautiful new parking lot in August!

Cindy Perkins
Business Manager



Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 4,
2018

Use this link to register
and/or volunteer:
vbspro.events/p/d89f16

9a to 11a

Potty trained three year olds through those entering Kindergarten in Fall 2018.

9a to 3p

Those entering Grades 1 to 8. (Must bring a sack lunch)

Volunteers

We are in need of many (80-100) volunteers to help make this day happen.

Due to our parking lot and surrounding streets being under construction this summer, we are going to have a one day VBS. Students who have started ceramic nativity sets in years past, will be completing them at next year's VBS. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Women of the Bible

Women's Summer Bible Study will be held at Bodacious Brew, 119 N Main St, Janesville, on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 pm or Wednesday mornings at 9a beginning June 19 and 20.

Our Bible study is designed with busy summer schedules in mind. For six weeks, we will look at various women of the Bible and learn what Scripture says about each woman's background, joys and sorrows, and discover wonderful ways that God worked in their lives to draw them closer to Him and how He is doing the same in our lives. Don't worry if you are unable to commit to all six weeks, join us when you can.

To reserve a spot, please RSVP by June 17 to kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com



Kindergarten Teacher Needed

This year St. Paul's has been given a wonderful challenge: a waitlist for kindergarten. We never want to turn families away from St. Paul's, so we have decided to hire another kindergarten teacher to accommodate for our growth. We want to be able to provide as many families as possible with the experience you had here at St. Paul's of learning about Jesus.

Hiring another teacher does come at a financial cost. We will need about \$7000 to cover the remaining need. To reach that goal I am asking that you prayerfully consider a gift towards this wonderful part of our ministry.

This is an investment we are making in the future of St. Paul's, and it is one I know we can accomplish with your help. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Rob Lunak, Principal

St. Paul's Youth Summer Schedule: Grades 6-12

We're going to have a fun filled summer! Our normal meeting time and place will be different this year because of the construction at St Paul's. Not only are we having our parking lot redone but the City of Janesville will be working on S. Ringold and E. Holmes streets at the same time. Because of this we will be meeting at Jefferson Park, 212 S Atwood Ave, Janesville, every Sunday. It is only a couple of blocks away from Church and has a lot of fun things for us to do. We will move the time of youth group to 4-5:30 pm. Hopefully that will give us more sun and less bugs.

This schedule is only for our regular youth group meetings. Keep watching The Opportunities, Facebook and our Website for upcoming special events like: Lock Ins, Paintballing, Volcano Falls, Movie night, Frisbee golf.

June 10 Jefferson Park
June 17 No Youth Group Praise in the Park and Fathers Day
June 24 Jefferson Park
July 1 Jefferson Park
July 8 Jefferson Park
July 15 Jefferson Park
July 22 Jefferson Park
July 29 Jefferson Park
August 5 Jefferson Park
August 12 Jefferson Park
August 19 Back at St Paul's (parking lot should be done)
August 26 St Paul's and Fall BBQ

Please look to Facebook if there is any rain or inclement weather because we will move to St. Paul's and stay inside.

We also have two dates for Youth Girls Night: Bible Journaling. All 6th to 12th graders and parents who would like to Bible Journal all are welcomed. There will be pizza provided. Allie Pingel will continue help us learn how to Bible Journal. Let's spend some time growing closer to God and each other. We hope you'll join us, and please bring a friend! Moms---you're welcome to come, too, and share in this special evening.

June 27 4 to 6:30p at Kathy Pingel's home, 3783 Canvasback Dr, Janesville

July 11th 4 to 6:30p at Kathy Pingel's home, 3783 Canvasback Dr, Janesville.

If you have any questions, please contact John Mueller at jmueller@stpaulsjanesville.com.



Comfort Dog Mary Turns Two!

Mary has been part of our church ministry for three months already! And she has already touched so many lives in the church and surrounding communities. She has done shut-in visits, been to nursing homes, hospitals, cancer support groups, schools, libraries and much more, bringing the “**Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ**” to everyone she visits, whether they are suffering or just need an emotional pick-me-up.

The ministry team wants to clarify that the Comfort Dog ministry is not supported by the church budget. About half of the initial cost of acquiring Mary was covered by a memorial from a family which was designated for mission purposes. The remaining amount, as well as continuing expenses, have been covered by donations and fund raisers. We appreciate donations and special gifts designated to the ministry. Another way you can help the ministry is to volunteer your time as a Ministry Helper, going on visits with Mary and one of her handlers. We are especially hoping to attract Veterans and either

current or retired law enforcement officers. The ministry team is also in need of another large, wire kennel for Mary. If you have a kennel you are no longer using and would be interested in donating this to the ministry, please contact us.

June is a very special month for Mary because she turns two on June 17! This is also the day of Praise in the Park, and Mary’s team is planning a special recognition for her at the lunch that is being served after the worship service. Mary will also be at the LWML and Ladies Aid picnic on June 19 at Skelly’s Farm Market. All ladies of the congregation of any age are invited to attend and learn more about ministry opportunities within and outside the church.

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:

comfortdog@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Find Mary on Facebook at
Mary Comfort Dog



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Summer Worship Schedule:

Thursdays at 6:30p
Saturdays at 6p
Sundays at 9a

Picnic with LWML and Ladies Aid

LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) and Ladies Aid are inviting all women to join them for a salad potluck at 12:00 noon on June 19. The event will be held at Skelly's Farm Market, 2713 S. Hayner Rd. Our topic is M.O.V.E – Mission Outreach Volunteer Experiences. There will be plenty of time to enjoy socializing with other women, as well as learning about many of the mission projects these organizations, as well as Kathy Pingel and the women's ministry, are involved with. Our goal is to inform women so they can become involved in these worthwhile projects without necessarily joining the organizations. Bring a salad to pass and join us for an enjoyable afternoon. If you wish to bring children and would like to have supervision for them on the playground, please contact Cheryl Skelly (608-322-1536).

Quilting dates in June will include Tuesday, June 12, 9a to 3p, and Wednesday, June 13 from 9a to 12 noon. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) where materials, coffee, and fellowship will be provided. Please join us whenever you are able – no prior skills needed. Don't forget to bring a lunch if you stay over the lunch hour on Tuesday.

Official Acts

Deaths:

04-13-2018

Geraldine E. Krueger

05-03-2018

Keith D. Oldfield



With Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Candy Whitehead, especially her daughters Sierra and Allison and siblings Leonard Reimer, April Driver, and Misty Ruosch; Linda Cooper on the loss of her father, Gil Willing; the family of Keith Oldfield, especially his wife, Betty, and son, Steven; David Ames on the loss of his brother, Clayton Ames; and the family of Reinheart Zirbel, especially his wife, Mary.