



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

# News N' Notes

## St. Paul's Strategic Direction

Dear St. Paul's Members,

In April I shared a presentation outlining St. Paul's strengths and weaknesses and how our church and school needs to realign itself in order to be an effective witness for our Lord Jesus Christ in our community. Below I have condensed my presentation into three areas:

How St. Paul's can become more outward focused and active in sharing Jesus' love with our community,

How St. Paul's can help improve our getting to know one another better, and

How St. Paul's can gain spiritual health in order to be the effective instrument for Kingdom Work our Lord Jesus wants us to be in our community.

If you have any questions about anything listed below, please feel free to contact me.

God's blessings!

Pastor Dan Decker

### ST. PAUL'S 2018/19 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

#### I. ST. PAUL'S AS A "MISSION" CHURCH AND SCHOOL

**Rational:** *The best way forward for most stagnant churches is to reconstitute their understanding of their main business and become "apostolic" or "mission" congregations.* George G. Hunter

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**Action:** Mission or service events to be led by lay members:

June 17 – Praise in the Park

July 29 – Dedication of Parking Lot: Members will receive a free St. Paul's license plate frame

August 4 – Vacation Bible School Service Projects (see attached sheet)

September – Water bottle give-a-way to Roosevelt parents, Walk by Faith

October – Day of Service, Trunk or Treat, Community Reformation Service

November – Veteran's Meal

December – Adopt a Family for Christmas

January – Poker night for cancer

February

March – Little libraries book drive

April – Blessing of the bikes

May

June

Ongoing: St. Paul's Supports, Youth monthly events, School class mission projects

**Action:** Develop an off-site worship service designed to attract unchurched/de-churched millennials contingent on having an associate pastor

## II. ST. PAUL'S AS INTENTIONAL "RELATIONAL" MINISTRY

**Rationale:** *Down through the centuries the great expansions of the Faith have commonly been along lines of relationship.* Donald A. McGavran

**Action:** Form up to six small group Bible study/fellowship groups:

Targeted specifically for young school parents

Conducted by a team consisting of a young school parent with an experienced co-leader as support

Bible study portions of the small group will reflect the sermon from that week as per pattern from Sticky Church

Fellowship portion of the small group will include extensive prayer

Mission portion of the small group will encourage mission or ministry projects

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**Action:** Develop bridges between the life of the school and church:

Develop an “encourager” position for each class or multiple of classes who will provide information and encouragement for new parents to become involved in school and church events

Investigate the possibility of an entrance expectation survey for new church members and, if agreeable to the school administration, school families

## III. ST. PAUL'S AS A SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY MINISTRY

**Rationale:** *The vast majority of churches today have more than enough intelligence, expertise, and knowledge to be successful. What they lack is . . . health.* Patrick Lencioni

**Action:** Steps to spiritual health:

All current and newly elected council members should commit to being spiritual examples

Develop an atmosphere of freedom for members (not staff) to conduct approved mission and ministries, examples include:

St. Paul's Supports

Comfort Dog Ministry

Develop a spirit of commitment to the overall well-being of our church and school through *Consecrated Stewards*

Revitalize current task forces:

PR/Marketing Task Force

Facilities Task Force

## IV. SUMMARY:

*If the church does not disciple the nation, the nation will disciple the church.* – Darrow Miller

How can St. Paul's begin to disciple the “nation” around us in the coming year?

Commit to establish at least six small groups in the initial small group kick off year for the newer school family members

Establish multiple community-wide events

Actively enter into the *Consecrated Stewards* emphasis this Fall.

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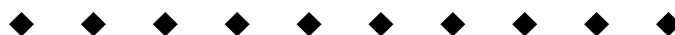
Adopt a worship service and ministry that is both friendly to the Millennial Generation and faithful to our Biblical Lutheran Faith

Please meditate on this statement as to how you would personally fit into a St. Paul's that was totally dedicated to the idea that . . .

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*



## Ladies' Join Us For Lit 'n Lattes Book Club

Lit 'n Lattes Book Club: Tuesday, July 31 at 5:45 p. We'll meet at Bodacious Brew, 119 N. Main St., Janesville. We will be discussing the book, [In the Shadow of Denali](#) by Tracie Peterson. This is historical romance book with a bit of mystery too. Books may be purchased on Amazon or other online bookstores.



Mary



St. Paul's  
Comfort Dog

## Mary's Busy Summer

Thank you to everyone who helped to celebrate Mary's 2nd birthday! It was such a fun day! It is such a blessing and a comfort to have Mary be a part of our congregation.

In July, Mary's ministry team will be attending the Comfort Dog conference in Northbrook. It will be a time when we can learn more about we can bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those around us. There will be more than 100 Comfort Dogs and their ministry teams attending.

Mary will be attending other events this summer, in addition to her regularly scheduled visits. She will be attending St. Paul's VBS on August 4, the Tallman Arts Festival on August 5, and National Night Out on August 7.

Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. Our ministry team is grateful and blessed for the support that we have received.

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..

## Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Vacation Bible School  
Saturday, August 4,  
2018

Use this link to register  
and/or volunteer:  
[vbspro.events/p/d89f16](https://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.

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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

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

## Official Acts:

On May 20, 2018, the following were received into communicant membership: Ralph "Trey" Bock; Paisley Booth; Ashlyn Ellefson; Kelsi Fagan; Luke Fenrick; Hayden Halverson; Andrew "AJ" Hameister; Aydan Hanson; Braden Heintzelman; Ethan Heintzelman; Sydney Hermanson; Maysa Johns; Andrew "Drew" Kent; Robert C. 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.

### Deaths:

01-17-2018 William H. Wobig  
05-20-2018 Eleanore "Ellie" L. McLaughlin  
05-23-2018 John O. Wunderlin  
03-23-2018 Allen "Nick" R. Lueck  
04-08-2018 Isobel "Belle" Lueck  
05-18-2018 Joyce M. Schroeder

### Membership Changes:

*Transferred to LCMS Congregation:*

Daniel Murdy transferred to Christ Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE [May 1, 2018]

*Removed by Own Request*

Tom & Corinna Dorcey [May 1, 2018]



### *With Sympathy:*

Our prayers are with Linda Jelinek at the loss of her mother, Joyce Schroeder; Bob McLaughlin and Neil McLaughlin at the loss of wife/mother, Ellie McLaughlin; the family of John Wunderlin; Edna Kilpatrick, Beverly Fritz, and Dub Husen at the loss of their sister, Betty Wiese.