



ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

News N' Notes

Pastor Paul Garchow's Heavenly Homegoing

Pastor Paul Garchow served as Pastor here at St. Paul's from the time of his graduation from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1978 until his retirement from full-time ministry in January 2011, for a total of 33 years. His wife, Christine Garchow, and daughter, Bethany Ibeling, served as teachers in our pre-school program for many years. His daughter, Krista Garchow, was a member of the congregation for many years as well.

*"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." -
Revelation 2:10b*

August 16th, 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 16th, 2018. God led him so 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; St. John's Mattoon, IL; Christ the Rock, Rockford, IL and at his spiritual home, Immanuel Lutheran in Belvidere, IL. As pastor emeritus, he could be found teaching Sunday morning Bible class, making home visits and preaching on Wednesday nights.

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

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Pastor Paul Garchow

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Lutheran High School. Pastor Paul loved to stay in touch with his students, both young and old, especially through social media.

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 and son – in – law Craig, daughter Krista, beloved grandchildren Hope, Daniel and Joy, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and so many 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 so easy to want more time with this amazing man of God, but as all of Pastor Paul's confirmation students can quote:

“Life is not fair. Deal with it.” 1 Garchow 5:13

And how amazingly unfair our God is, giving us His son Jesus to make a way to heaven for all who would believe! That we will all one day say as Pastor Paul did:

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”
- 2 Timothy 4:7x



What's Happening at St. Paul's

September 1, 2018

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

You are now reading the restarted monthly newsletter column entitled: WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PAUL'S. The purpose of this column is to share with you both what has happened at St. Paul's last month or so and some of what will happen here this month.

First of all I would like to lead all of us in singing the common doxology: *Praise God from Whom All blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!* Indeed we have much to praise God for this past summer:

1. A wonderful new parking lot! Praise God for our new attractive, functional, and very safe parking lot. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for the hard working members of our construction committee: Duane Mundth, Jayme Roth, Kelley Leach, David Overlay, Gale Price, Matt Taylor, Tim Lindau, Ione Erlen, David Bigelow, Brian Garcia, Justin Winters, Mr. Rob Lunak, and many others who gave of the time and talents to this wonderful work. Please pray that God would use our parking lot as a wonderful welcome mat for members and visitors alike. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the parking lot fund as we want to pay off the remaining debt as soon as possible. The parking lot dedication with the passing out of free license plate frames has been rescheduled for a date to be determined.

2. Faithful members! What wonderful members we have who were willing to make the trek this summer to worship at Trinity Free Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Craig High School to worship during the construction time. During this time the Lord Jesus enabled us to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. May God grant us appreciative hearts for our house of worship.

3. A wonderful Vacation Bible School! Due to construction our VBS was held not for an entire week but just on one day, Saturday, August 4th. Still, many children were richly blessed through this wonderful ministry of God's Word, song, fun, and fellowship. Praise God for the leaders, teachers, assistants, and all helpers.

Now here is a description of what will be happening at St. Paul's. Earlier this year I outlined for you how St. Paul's will begin to become a mission church; that is, a church that focuses on bringing the love of Jesus Christ outside our four walls through monthly planned activities. The schedule for the next couple of months is:

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What's Happening at St. Paul's

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1. September:

A) Water bottle give-a-way to Roosevelt parents will take place on days to be announced when weather permits.

B) Walk by Faith: Sunday, September 23rd. As part of Walk by Faith the 10:30 a.m. worship service will take place in our new church parking lot. Please dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair.

2. October:

A) Trunk or Treat

B) Community Reformation Service on Sunday, October 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

As the days of summer wind down we are reminded that the Lord of the Harvest has asked that we would pray for more workers. He was talking about all of us using our God-given time and talents to share His love through word and action to those who need to know Him as the One Who laid down His life for us all.

God's Blessings!

Pastor Daniel Decker



We remember all who mourn, especially, Marion Schumacher on the loss of her brother, Paul Schumacher; Dorothy and Don Decker on the loss of daughter-in-law/sister-in-law Jeanine Decker; the family of Cole Grangaard; Neil McLaughlin on loss of father, Bob McLaughlin; Jason Steinke, Edna Kilpatrick and Bev Fritz on loss of mother/sister Debra Husen; Phyllis Onsgard on loss of brother Wilmer Herr, Jr; George Case on loss of brother Don Case; Joanna Shelton on loss of mother Carol Bluhm; Laura Johnson on loss of mother Dorothy Johnson; Christine Garchow, Bethany Ibeling, and Krista Garchow on loss of husband/father Pastor Paul Garchow.



Bible Study Opportunities

Lit 'n Lattes will meet Tues., Oct. 2 at 6:30 pm at Panera in Janesville. We are going to be discussing the book *Out of the Ashes* by Tracie Peterson, Bethany House Publishers. This is the second book of the series. Don't worry if you didn't read the first book, this is a whole new story that takes place in the same town. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com by Aug. 30 if you would like to order a book or you may purchase your own.

Ladies weekly Fall Bible study, Women of the Bible, will begin on Wed., Sept. 12 at 9 am and Thurs., Sept. 13 at 6 pm in room #204. We will be looking 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. Each week we are studying a different woman, therefore, no worries if you can't attend all of them. Come to the ones that you can. Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com if you would like to participate or have questions.

Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:15-10:15 am. Sunday School is for children preschool age - 8th grade. Meet in the school gym on the first day. Sunday School is a great way to learn about the Bible and about God's love for us. To register, visit www.stpaulsjanesville.com and click on the Sunday School link under the church tab.

Adult Bible Study: Join us during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 am -10:15 am each week beginning Sept. 9 for Bible Study for parents and adults in room 204. This is a great time to learn God's Word and meet new people too.

Women's Spring Event

Ladies, we need you!

Broken Crayons Still Color, our Women's Spring Event is looking for women to serve on the planning committee. We are looking for ideas, suggestions, and enthusiasm as we plan for this wonderful all day event which will be March 30. We need people to help plan for break out sessions, decorations, lunch, facilities, publicity, music, and more.

Join us as we learn about the needs for the event and ways that you can participate.

We will meet Monday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 pm in room 204.

Contact kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com for more info.

St. Paul's 9th Annual Walk by Faith is Sunday, September 21

Please join us for a 10:30am outdoor church service (please bring lawn chairs), followed by a walk through the neighborhood.

We will then enjoy food, games, and fellowship in the church parking lot.

Online registration is now available! You can also stop in the office for a registration form. Registrations received by Sept. 6 will guarantee a t-shirt for the day of the walk.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Val Schnulle at 743-0775 or LeAnn Bertagnoli at 754-4471.

LWML Salad Supper

St Paul's Women in Mission (LWML) is hosting a Salad Supper 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 18 in Fellowship Hall (the church basement.)

We have invited Calvary Lutheran Chapel's UW Student Center Pastor Dan Anderson, who will speak about campus ministry in nearby Madison.

Please join us to learn about this ministry reaching out to nearby youth. Bring a salad to share; the LWML will provide drinks.

Optional ingathering items to support the student center include donations of: paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic forks, knives and spoons.



Adult Fellowship Club Begins a New Season

The Adult Fellowship Club begins another season on October 2 at 6p in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We begin with a meal followed by an educational program. Tonight's speaker is Erik Goth, a detective with the Janesville Police Department. He will give us tips on how to watch out for scams and things you can do to prevent ID theft.

Join us for a meal (bring a dish to share). Current members will be contacted on what to bring; new members may bring whatever you wish.

Becoming a member of the Adult Fellowship Club is easy! Dues are just \$5 per year. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from October through April, excluding January. For more information contact Gary Sullivan (608-754-4267) or Sonia Elser (608-752-5120).

Orphan Grain Train Annual Report July 2017 to June 2018

Once again the Lord has blessed the work of many people working together to make life a little easier for others. All that is being done is done out of love for the Lord who first of all loves each of us.

During this time period we averaged 33 volunteers who gave 1,009.5 volunteer hours to pack 1,507 boxes. This year we also shipped 32 bicycles, 13 pieces of handicap equipment, one generator, and some tools. These items were over and above the clothes, bedding, quilts, medical supplies, hygiene items, and many miscellaneous items. These items are given to needy people in America and 34 different countries.

We thank those people who deliver these items to Westfield, Wisconsin, for shipping to other parts of the world. Special thanks this year goes to Russ Darrow Chrysler of Madison, Wisconsin, for use of the truck to ship larger items.

We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) on our packing Saturdays: the second Saturday of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December, from 8a to 11a. Why not volunteer an hour or two?



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Donate Your Used Bicycles

We are continuing to collect used bicycles to send to other parts of the world.

As you get your garages ready for winter and are looking for a place to donate your old bikes, please think of donating them to Orphan Grain Train.

For more information, contact Pastor Jim Hendrikson at 608-373-0985.

Thank you.





Thank you from Mrs. Jacobsen

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you for your most generous gifts, cards, and kind thoughts for my retirement. It has truly been an honor and privilege to teach at St. Paul's Lutheran School for 34 of my 40 years teaching in Lutheran Schools.

My St. Paul's Family is such a blessing to me!

I look forward to worshipping along side you and work with you as we continue to grow and share Jesus with all whom we meet in our community and beyond in the mission fields.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lynne Jacobsen

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

Ringers of Joy Handbell Choir Seeks Members

Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:30p in the Church Balcony. Beginning September 5, 2018. We play for one service a month.

High School and older are welcome. No experience needed—we'll show you what to do!

Let's Make Some Joyful Noise!

Joyful Noise Adult Choir is ready to begin a new season of Praising our Lord and We Need YOU!!

Joyful Noise Adult Choir is looking for new members to help us sing praises to our Lord. No prior experience needed. All voices are needed: soprano, alto, tenor and bass.

Don't know what category you'd fit in? That's OK---join us and find out.

Rehearsals are Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15a in the school music/band room beginning Sunday, September 9.





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.*

“With Me”

“With Me. . .on the road” was the theme of the LCC K-9 Ministries Conference that twelve of Mary’s handlers and ministry helpers attended in July. “With Me” is a command that is used with Mary to get her to walk with her handlers, but it is also what God call us to do in this ministry and our daily lives. He doesn’t want us to “Park and Wait” but to “Go and Follow” where he leads us; even though that may take us out of our comfort zones.

Mary and her team strive hard to follow this command through the Comfort Dog ministry. Mary has regularly scheduled visits to many facilities around our community. In the fall she will begin visiting St. Paul’s library, Janesville Public Library as well as Parker High School.

Site visits create opportunities for Mary to attend a variety of events that are typically one time visits. In September, she will visit a Senior Living Center in New Berlin, as well as a Police Military fundraiser in Black Earth, and a Christian Camp in Dixon, IL where she will help to bring comfort to campers who have lost loved ones.

Please continue to keep Mary’s ministry team in your prayers as they, along with Mary, bring the Mercy, Compassion, Presence, and the Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need.

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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Regular Worship Schedule:

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

Official Acts

Baptisms:

07-08-2018 Brynn Elizabeth Hassinger
Parents: Kyle & Jessica (nee Connell) Hassinger
Sponsors: Heidi Bakke and Patrick Willner

07-08-2018 Bode Edward Bakke
Parents: Jared & Heidi (nee Hassinger) Bakke
Sponsors: Kelly Berg and Thomas Perry

08-18-2018 Gia Loren Rodriguez
Parents: Erick & Meghin (nee VanZandt) Rodriguez
Sponsors: Alison VanZandt; Ryne Bean;
Salvadore & Yoana Acosta

Deaths:

05-11-2018 Reinheart E. Zirbel
06-30-2018 Olive S. Ward
07-08-2018 Robert G. McLaughlin
07-13-2018 Debra L. Husen
08-11-2018 Dorothy A. Johnson

Membership Changes:

Transferred to LCMS Congregations:

Claire Fredricks transferred to Messiah Lutheran Church, Beloit WI [Aug. 22, 2018]

David, Karen Sue and Samuel Murdy transferred to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, TX [Aug. 22, 2018]

Removed:

June 25, 2018: Stephen Arnold, Betsy Cook, Chandler Cook, Allison Whitehead, Sierra Whitehead, Jeff Hagemann, Matthew O'Dierno, Adam Neumueller, Amie Moore (baptized Aria Clark), Erin Stefanik, Jacob Schumacher, Andrew Osmond.

July 3, 2018: Leonard Reimer
July 11, 2018: Alexandria Drake
July 16, 2018: Michael Krafjack, Sr.