



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

# News N' Notes

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

October 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 and beyond.

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 what He has done here in September and will be done in October:

**Bible classes have started again!** It is a joy to see so many St. Paul's members, their friends, and guests attending these very special encounters with the Lord Jesus through the study of His Word. I have challenged our church staff to each be in a Bible study (not just teach Bible studies but be in one for their own spiritual encouragement). I personally have joined one of Kathy Pingel's women's Bible studies. So far, the ladies haven't kicked me out. I pray that you find a Bible study or fellowship group here.

**Parenting and Financial Education Offerings!** Currently *Love and Logic* is providing solid philosophy and practical ways of parenting that help children mature through the decision making process. Also, *Financial Peace University* is being offered to help families establish a solid financial footing. This course, with theological modifications in keeping with our Bible-based, Lutheran

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faith is offered this month. If you have any questions please contact Nolan Leach at [nleach@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:nleach@stpaulsjanesville.com)

**Parking Lot Dedication!** Due to Pastor Garchow's passing our parking lot dedication has been rescheduled for the services leading up to Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Free St. Paul's license plates will be given to participants.

**New Member Class!** Jesus gave His Church this command: make disciples – followers of Jesus – and not simply Bible scholars. As the Word of God is taught, it will be changing lives and lifestyles, but it is important to make the connection that the Christian faith is to be lived. The class will start Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 p.m. in the school room #204. Child care will be provided free but you do need to let us know. Contact Pastor Decker at 754-4471 ext. 300 or [ddecker@stpaul'sjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaul'sjanesville.com)

**Now what also will be happening at St. Paul's this month and beyond?** 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 this month is:

**Water bottle give-a-way to Roosevelt Elementary School parents** will take place on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from about 2:45-3:15 p.m. Water bottles with St. Paul's labels will be passed out to Roosevelt parents waiting to pick up their children. If you could help pass a couple dozen bottles please contact Pastor Decker at (608) 322-5839 or [ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ddecker@stpaulsjanesville.com) Rain date will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat** – will be held on October 26. More information to come!

**Community Reformation Service on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Local pastors will preach, our school choirs will sing, and members of our local LCMS will be invited to join us in this celebration of the great Reformation truth that: SALVATION IS BY GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE!

**Consecrated Stewards** - Finally, I would like to share with you some very exciting news about one of the great gifts that a person can give to another person: *commitment*. Jesus said "if a marriage is going to work, a man has to leave father and mother and cleave to his wife." Love is never cheap. There is always a price that it is willing to bear for another. When God loved us, He let go of His one and only Son, and let him be born for us. Jesus, too, because of His love for us, let go of His life and willingly suffered and died on the cross. "No greater love can a man have than this, than to die for a friend. You are my friends. Jesus said." In a similar vein, Jesus said that if we loved Him we would feed His sheep. We would pick up our cross and follow Him in living our life for God and for serving others.

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Our church is going to celebrate God's call to be in ministry on October 18, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> in all our worship services. We are calling this weekend CONSECRATION SUNDAY WEEKEND, a time when we consecrate ourselves and all that we have to the Lord. CONSECRATION SUNDAY WEEKEND will really be a celebration as we take a moment to be together and witness to our call to be in ministry. A special celebration will be held in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) following the Thursday and Saturday worship services and between the two Sunday services. Pastor Wayne Schroeder, Consecrated Stewards Facilitator for the South Wisconsin District, will be the preacher. Please pray that God will use CONSECRATION SUNDAY WEEKEND to review our faith and our commitment to Him.

As the harvest season of Fall has started, 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 Decker*

## What's Happening in Contemporary Music Ministry

St. Paul's Praise Team is back in full swing with rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30p in the sanctuary. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Praise Team, please email me at [ahenny@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:ahenny@stpaulsjanesville.com).

We're organizing a Youth Praise Band. The Youth Praise Band is just starting and will be rehearsing on Sundays at 3p in the sanctuary. All high school students are welcome to join!

Now that school has resumed, please be watching and listening for the school students singing during church services.

In Christ,  
Miss Ann Henny





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## LWML Sunday-October 7

**October 7th is LWML Sunday!** This is a day we celebrate, highlight, and advertise the work of the LWML, often called "Women in Mission." We are a group of women who will do whatever we can think of to support missions. We collect mites for donation to various causes that spread the gospel. We make and sell quilts or other sewn items to raise money for mission organizations. We support local ministries like Echo, GIFTS, and the Battered Women's shelter with projects and gathered donations. The large mite box in our church narthex received donations from all members of our church. We hope to be a bit more visible in the month of October and we hope you will consider helping spread the gospel by joining us in work, in donations and/or in prayer. Any little "mite" will help!

**Ladies, join us for a night of service projects!** St Paul's Women in Mission is sponsoring a get-together where we will work to serve our community. We will be making tie blankets to donate to a shelter for Battered Women. We will also assemble baskets for homebound members of St Paul's which will be delivered in the days that follow. Please join us starting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 16th in the church basement. You do not have to be or become a member - anyone with a desire to extend some love to struggling people can come to help. The ingathering for the night (optional donation for those who would like to do so) is diabetic-friendly supplies for the baskets.

### **Orphan Grain Train Day**

Saturday, October 27, from 9a to 3p, has been designated as Orphan Grain Train Day at St. Paul's. This day has been set aside to support the efforts of this organization by helping people in need whether in the United States or other parts of the world. Our members are encouraged to share an hour, two hours or more to assemble projects in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Easy projects to be assembled are: pillow case dresses for girls living in orphanages in Africa; feminine kits; quilts; and health kits.

Thrivent has generously provided funds for the projects and willing hands to complete these projects come from our church family. Lunch and beverages will be served. Cinnamon rolls and coffee are available throughout the day.

Families are welcome to come and work together as we serve the Lord in helping others in need.

## "Undie Sunday"

In support of one of Lutheran Women in Mission's projects, all members of St. Paul's are invited to support "Undie Sunday".

It is a request for children's underwear. The underwear need to be new and in sizes 6-12, both boys and girls.

Containers for collection are available in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).



## How the Orphan Grain Train Works: *Salvaged Goods*

Two volunteer crews spent May 17 and 19 on a Recycling Mission!

Anne Arundel Community College was planning to demolish a building, and chalk boards and desks were meant for the throw away pile. Maryland Branch said we would take them to send to Liberia and India.

The first volunteer crew of 5 spent Thursday taking 46 chalk boards off the classroom walls, as well as rescuing several manual pencil sharpeners. Saturday, another crew of 9 men (including 3 midshipmen from the Naval Academy) transported 270 desks from the college classrooms to the Maryland branch warehouse.

We are THANKFUL for our volunteers!



Did you know that there are over 130 Comfort Dogs placed throughout 20 states around the country? All of these dogs serve just like Mary to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. What a great blessing!

It was a busy back to school month for Mary as she visited Parker and Beloit High School as well as St. Paul's. She loves visiting with students! She also had an opportunity to join six other Comfort Dogs on a deployment to St. Peter's Lutheran School in Reedsburg, WI who were affected by the recent flooding.

Mark November 3rd on your calendar and plan on visiting the craft fair hosted in the school gymnasium. The Com-

fort Dog team will have a booth with fun dog treats and toys, plus it will be a chance to visit with Mary!

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.

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.

## School News

School is in full swing, and there are a few things I want to share with everyone:

1. We are blessed to have many new families at St. Paul's this year. I encourage you to say hello to someone you may not recognize, and welcome them to St. Paul's. That community that we have is one of the many things that makes us special.
2. You are invited to any of our many sporting events. Check the school website or with the school office for exact dates and times.
3. Lastly, I have been out of my office for a little bit as my wife and I are spending time with our new son, Cato. We want to thank everyone for the messages and cards we have received.

Blessings, Rob Lunak

# Family Ministry Activities

**Over the summer, Women's Bible study has been looking at Women of the Bible.** We have learned about Eve, Sarah, Hagar, Lot's Wife, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah. We have seen how God used broken people in His plan to bring the Savior to the world. We have learned that all of us are broken people, just like those of so many generations ago; yet, God continues to watch over us and provide for us in ways that we may not even be aware. We are continuing this study this Fall.

**Vacation Bible School was a huge success.** Due to the road and parking lot construction, VBS was held only one day. But what a day it was! We learned about God's great love for us through lessons around the theme Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues. Jesus rescued us by dying on the cross and rising again for each and everyone of us. We then shared that love by working on a variety of service projects for Veterans, Police, home bound members, homeless, sick, and lonely people. We were visited by Mary Comfort Dog. Following the closing program on that hot and steamy day, we were treated to Kona Ice and time for fellowship with other families who attended. We thank all of the many, many volunteers who gave of their time and talents to help make VBS possible.

**Sunday School kickoff, Rally Day, was held on Sept. 9.** Children sang songs, played a game, and met their classmates and teachers. We are looking forward to a great year of growing in Christ through the many activities that happen each week. We thank our many volunteers who give of their time and talents to serve our children each week. Our Sunday School volunteers this year are Stephanie Hanson, Arica Bock, Gracie Krueger, Allie Pingel, Ellen Toberman, John Toberman, Christina, Toberman, Steve Everts, Linda Renk, Mark Toberman, Mary Toberman, Joshua Blake, Dianna Treinen, Lisa Stanton, Carmen Huenerberg, Amy Jo Verbeten, Jake Verbeten, Barabara Cooper, Lisa Wier, Joanna Jaloszynski, and many parents who help out when we need them. If you see them, thank them for the many hours they will be spending to help make Sunday School a vital ministry for the children of our congregation. We praise God for the service.

**Looking for a simple 15-minute family Bible study that you can do with your kids or grandkids including teenagers?** Look no further than our "Parenting the Faith" email studies. Receive free weekly fun-faith-family moments Bible studies to do with your younger children (3-8 year olds) and older children, including teenagers (8-18 years olds). Sign up today by contacting [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) Please state your name and email address and indicate if you would like email for younger or older children or both.

**Grandparents, are you looking for ways to share your faith with your grandkids?** Sign up for "Grandparenting the Faith" email which include activities to encourage faith talks with your grandkids, including teenagers. Sign up today by contacting [kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com](mailto:kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com) Please state your name and email address and indicate if you would like email for children younger (3-8 years) or older (8-18 yrs) or both.



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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

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

## Official Acts

### Wedding:

09-01-2018 Hanna Michelle Dowdy & William Edward Eden

### Membership Changes:

*Transferred from LCMS Congregations:*

Christina Toberman transferred from St. John's Lutheran Church, West Bend, WI [09-17-2018]

Jacob Perry transferred from St. Mark the Evangelist Lutheran Church, Janesville WI [09-17-2018]

*Transferred to LCMS Congregation:*

JoAnn Wall transferred to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Janesville WI [09-17-2018]

*Removed from Membership:*

Patrick Fleig [09-17-2018]

## With Sympathy:

Please remember all who mourn, especially Betty Zastoupil on the loss of her mother, Ella Horner; David Ames on the loss of his sister, Bonnie Hines; and Brian Branz on the loss of his father, Donald Branz..

