

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 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 not simply take place on April 21st only to be forgotten until Easter

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next year (which by the way, will be on April 12). We are privileged to currently be in the Easter season. Our Bible lessons assigned for each Sunday through May 12th 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 in May the Lord of the Church will bless 20 junior confirmation students with an opportunity to sincerely confess their faith in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, at both services. Please keep the following in your prayers: Caidee Bertagnoli; Ava Burner; Claire Decker; Maycie Denson; Lena Ellis; Chelsea Hameister; Amelia Hendrikson; Arlene Iverson; Charles Kober; Caleb Krueger; Maxwell Manor; Noah Martinson; Jacob McLaughlin; Noah McLaughlin; Mya Nicholson; Riley North; Gavin Roth; Ava Severt; Maya VanBerkum and Caleb Wier.

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

Our Teachers' RETIREMENT

Congratulations

Lois Wahrle and Kathy Overley!

At the end of this school year two of our teachers will be putting down their chalk and retiring.

Mrs. Lois Wahrle has taught for 40 years. After graduating from Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota she spent one year in Athens, Wisconsin teaching 4, 5 & 6 grade. Since coming to St. Paul's, she has taught in each grade from Kindergarten through 4th. She has also been involved with the school yearbook, Christmas programs and operettas.

In retirement, Mrs. Wahrle is looking forward to taking care of her grandchildren, Emily and Grace, when her daughter (St. Paul's teacher Katie Huie) returns to the classroom. She and her husband also hope to travel and she is looking forward to getting involved with more volunteer opportunities.

She says, "It has been a blessing and a privilege to teach at St. Paul's Lutheran School for nearly all of my career. It has challenged me but also had brought many rewarding experiences. I am grateful my children were able to attend St. Paul's from Pre-K to 8th grade.

"The parents, volunteers and our congregation are very supportive and valuable to our teachers and staff. Thank you."

Mrs. Kathy Overley first taught 3rd grade at Hope Lutheran School in Chicago, Illinois. After she and her husband, David, were married she taught at Immanuel in Crystal Lake, Illinois. In 1997 they moved to Janesville and joined St. Paul's congregation. She started out as a substitute teacher at St. Paul's and then began teaching on Thursday afternoons for Mrs. Kathy Pingel, who taught choir, in 2000. "I began teaching in the Resource Room Math position in 2008, a position I absolutely love."

In retirement she is looking forward to spending time with family and in her craft room. She is also excited to have more time with the Comfort Dog ministry and working with our Comfort Dog, Mary.

"I feel blessed to have been a part of an amazing school with an even more amazing faculty and staff," she explains. "I am thankful to St. Paul's church for the unending support that is given to sharing the message of Christ to our students. I am thankful for the many prayers that have been lifted up on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for the prayers and support you have given to me during my years of teaching at St. Paul's."



Blessing of the Bikes

Please join us on Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot for the *Blessings of the Bikes*.

Bring your and your friends' bicycles or motorcycles as we seek God's blessings to keep all our riders safe for the summer.

Women's & Family Ministry

Broken Crayons Still Color was a huge success! 97 women joined together to hear our guest speaker, Heidi Goehmann of ilovemyshepherd.com, speak to us about Shame, Grace, and God's love for us through our brokenness. We grew together in the Word and in fellowship with other Christian women. Thank you to all who participated and those who helped plan the event. We look forward to next year's event called "JOY".

Vacation Bible School will be held August 5-9 from 9 am -12 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help plan, lead, and help during our VBS. Registration opens May 1. To register children or to volunteer visit www.stpaulsjanesville.com or Facebook at [stpaulsjanesville](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsjanesville).

Our 40 day Red Letter Challenge has come to a close. What a wonderful way to learn to be in the Word, forgive, serve, give, and go and tell the Good News. Our small groups, personal study, family nights, mid-week sermons, and Facebook videos helped us grow in our faith. Thank you to all who participated and helped lead small groups to help make the Red Letter Challenge a success.

Summer Women's Bible studies will begin in June. We will continue with our weekly Bible studies. There will be studies offered during daytime and evening hours. Be watching for more information to come!

Kathy Pingel



School Wraps Up for the Year

School is almost over, and that means we are getting pretty busy around here. We are enjoying the warmer weather, especially during recess, and we are wrapping up this year while also looking forward to next year. We are looking forward to class trips, field day, and graduation. Graduation is on Wednesday, June 5th. I would like to invite all of you to celebrate with our students and their families. Take time to pray for them as we celebrate their time here at St. Paul's. Pray for them as they move on to high school. Thank you for your support of St. Paul's!

Principal Rob Lunak

Team Mary

Have you ever thought about working with puppies??? Sounds like a great idea, doesn't it? Lutheran Church Charities is seeking people who are willing to become K-9 Apprentice Trainers. You would work with Comfort Dogs in Training and help to prepare them to be LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs. Please contact LCC for more information at LCC@LutheranChurchCharities.org

Save the Date for May 18th as Team Mary will be hosting the Festival Food Brat Stand. Come and enjoy a delicious brat or hot dog with all of the fixings! We will be serving from 10 am - 6 pm. We hope to see you there!

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.

Find Mary on Facebook at Mary Comfort Dog to stay updated on her comings and goings.



Luke 1:37 "For nothing is impossible with God."

Firefighter Appreciation

On Saturday May 4th we would like to honor our Janesville Firefighters on Firefighter appreciation day by delivering baked goods and cards to each of the five fire stations.

We are asking for the congregation and school families' help in a couple forms. First we are looking for donations of baked goods. We will be collecting these Friday May 3rd from 2:45 till 3:30 and Saturday May 4th from 12:30 till

2:00 in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Second we are asking for anyone who would like to join us to deliver these to the fire stations to meet at the school at 2pm that Saturday.

We would love to have as many people as possible join us to show these men and women just how much we truly appreciate what they do for us. Thank you all for your consideration.





Lutheran Women in Mission

Please join Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) for our Prayer Service held on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 9am at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2015 Kellogg Ave, Janesville. We would love to see you there.

LWML is planning to meet for a Business Meeting and Bible Study, at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in Fellowship Hall

(the church basement). The ingathering will be Baby Supplies for the pregnancy Helpline. Needed items include: Baby towels, and washcloths, baby wash, shampoo, lotion and diaper rash cream (no powder), diaper (sizes NB,4,5,6), Pull Ups, wipes, diaper bags, infant and toddler socks, Size 2T clothing, formula (Good Start, Milk based and Soy) bottles and sippy cups.

*Whether the sins are great or small,
Jesus Christ is able to forgive them all.*

Ladies' Aid Says, "Thank You!"

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our bake sale. There was quite a variety of things to choose from.

Thank you to everyone who purchased things from the bake sale.

Without your support we would be unable to help purchase needed items for the church/school.

2017-2019 LWML Mission Goal Met

All thanks and praise to our Triune God from whom all blessings flow for meeting the \$2,075,000 mission goal in order to fund all 22 mission grants which will help spread the Gospel message of peace, love, and forgiveness through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Through your faithful and prayerful giving of mite offerings, whether it be pennies, five dollar bills, or large checks, you have contributed to furthering our Lord's kingdom.

To read more about the 22 mission grants, visit www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

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Official Acts

Baptisms:

03-30-19 *Adler Marie Nicholson*
Parents: Joshua & Marie (née Updike) Nicholson
Sponsors: Eric Gunderson and Sharon Fox

04-06-19 *Grace Lee Huie*
Parents: Timothy & Katharine (née Wahrle) Huie
Sponsors: Joel Wahrle, Ryan & Sarah Garven

04-07-19 *Emery Kathryn Joy Schafer*
Parents: Ryan & Elise (née Sommerfeldt) Schafer
Sponsors: Shuan & Salina Lane

With Sympathy

Our prayers are with those in mourning. Please remember: Ann, Micole and Megan Gauvin on the loss of mother/grandmother Joanne Hildebrandt; Amelia, Wyatt, and Grayson Boeche and Brianna, Alexa, Ava, and Arya Burner on the loss of father/grandfather Brian DeRemer;

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Regular Worship Schedule:

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

My Mother

She works today, the day is hers
To fashion, as she will,
A kindly deed, a loving thought,
Or promises to fill.

She sings today, a cheery song
Uplifts a heavy heart,
Relieves the tensions born of grief,
And bids the tears depart.

She prays today, and ponders well
The paths the Savior trod,
She has no fear of future days
For they belong to God.



This poem was written by our former member, Lucille Gorrell Lembrich, and was published in a collection entitled, "With Silver Trumpets." We thank Lucille's family—especially daughter, Margaret Tegt, and son, Paul Lembrich—for sharing her works with us.