



ST. Paul's  
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

# News N' Notes

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

**D**ear 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.

The month of May certainly was full of God's rich blessings to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School. On **May 1<sup>st</sup>** we rejoiced to hear of our new associate pastor, Pastor Joshua Grotelueschen. Pastor G, which is what he wants to be called, will be installed on Sunday, **July 28<sup>th</sup>**.

This is what Pastor G writes about himself: *I was born in Crown Point Indiana March 25, 1993 to Michael and Krista Grotelueschen. My family has been Lutheran as far back as we can remember on both sides. All four grandparents went to Concordia River Forest and both parents went to Valparaiso. My Great Grandfather on my Dad's side was a pastor, and my Grandfather on Mom's side was also a Pastor. The rest of my family have either been Lutheran teachers, youth workers, or engineers. So I have always grown up involved with the Church and have had a great support system as I have grown up in my faith. In 2000 my family moved to Paw Paw, Michigan where eventually I was confirmed in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Part of the confirmation process was a mission trip to Belize. It was here that I developed a passion for short term mission work. After this I went to a public High School, also in Paw Paw, MI. There I got involved with Cross Country and track as well as the choir and musical programs. My Senior Year in High school was when I was shown I should be a pastor and decided to attend Concordia Chicago. I arrived at Concordia Chicago in 2011. While there I did two mission trips to Guatemala and Thailand. Both were incredible and really strengthened my faith life. I also became student body*

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*president my junior year and helped with the process of choosing a new president for the university. I spent the summers of college working at Camp Lutherhaven Indiana as both a counselor and a program facilitator. I graduated from Concordia Chicago in 2015 with a theology major and went to Concordia Seminary St. Louis immediately after. My field work for the seminary was with Our Savior Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Missouri. I also had the experience of prison ministry as well as helping new immigrants from the Middle East. The summer of 2016 I went home and started up a college Bible study group as well as helping restart the High School youth program. In 2017 I then became a Vicar for Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Green Bay WI. My supervisor there was with Rev. Scott Malme from whom I learned much. After serving my year on vicarage I returned to St. Louis to continue my studies as well as resuming my work with Our Savior, St. Charles. Finally on May 1' 2019 I received the call to serve at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Janesville, WI and am eagerly awaiting to come and serve with you all. Praise God for Pastor G!*

Also, in May we received word from Anne Jesgarz that she has indeed accepted our call to serve as a teacher in our school. Anne, pronounced "Anna," already has secured an apartment and will be arriving and starting her preparation work around July 1. Praise God for our new coworker Anne!

**On May 11 we celebrated the 2019 GALA OF GIVING** – Thanks to the hard work of the Gala of Giving Committee, the support of members and non-members alike, and the blessings of our Lord and Savior, we are pleased to report that the 2019 Gala of Giving raised roughly **\$62,000**. This is a record!!! Thank you so much to all of you who supported the Gala as donors, attendees, volunteers, and sponsors. A special *thank you* to the Gala of Giving committee members – Elizabeth Decker, Carmen Heunerberg, Bridget and Tim Lindau, Kelly Mueller, Deb Natz, Jen O'Connell, Jayme Roth, Brittany Strickert, Jill Trumpy, Lisa Wier, and Sarah Williams. The committee's dedication and hard work makes this event a MUST ATTEND every year. See you on **May 9, 2020**, for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of Giving! Praise God for the blessings of the Gala of Giving!

**On May 18 & 19 the following junior confirmation students made the good confession of their faith:** May 18, 2019: Ava Burner; Claire Decker; Maycie Denson; Lena Ellis; Arlene Iverson; Charles Kober; Maxwell Manor; Jacob McLaughlin; Noah McLaughlin; Maya VanBerkum. May 19, 2019: Caidee Bertagnoli; Amelia Hendrikson; Caleb Krueger; Noah Martinson; Riley North; Gavin Roth; Ava Severt; Caleb Wier. Praise God for these fine young people. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would lead them to be faithful to their confessions. Praise God for these dear young Christians!

**Throughout the months of April, May, and June our Building Committee's Feasibility Task Force has been holding town hall meetings** to present to our members the possibility of adding on to our school and church facilities. If you have not already attended one of these meetings please make sure to attend a June meeting. A feasibility survey will soon be conducted to help in this process. Praise God for the exciting possibilities He has laid out for us!

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SO HERE'S WHAT'S ALSO HAPPENING  
IN THE MONTH OF JUNE:

**One Service Sunday Summer Worship Schedule:** From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend 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.

**Graduate Recognition and Retirement Celebrations:** After the service on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will be honoring our St. Paul's graduates. Along with that reception we will be honoring Kathy Overley's retirement from our school's teaching ministry. Likewise, after the service on **June 30<sup>th</sup>** we will be honoring Lois Wahrle's retirement from St. Paul's teaching ministry.

**Praise in the Park:** Do you remember how pleasant our *Praise in the Park* service was last year? Well, on **Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at the special time of 10:30 a.m. we will hold a service in Palmer Park pavilion 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 and others. A free picnic lunch will be provided. Please note that there will be no Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> worship service that weekend. Please bring friends and lawn chairs and join the fun and fellowship. In case of rainy weather we'll worship at St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m. with the lunch to follow downstairs.

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 our every true need. 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 Decker

## Sing to the Lord!

Psalm 96:1-2 says, "Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day."

As we move into the summer months, I hope you consider being a part of the praise team. We are always looking for more singers and instrumentalists.

If you would like to be involved with the contemporary services but would prefer to help in a non-musical way, we could use volunteers to help run the screen during services and to help with sound.

If you would like to become a part of a great group, please email me at

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@stpaulsjanesville.com

Ann Henry

## LWML

June 18th at noon St. Paul's Women in Mission (LWML) will be hosting a picnic at Skelly's Farm Market, 2713 S Hayner Rd, Janesville. ALL are welcome to join us. It will be a salad potluck with guest speaker Rev. Burakowski talking about missions supported by the South Wisconsin District of LCMS. Please join us! If you need/want free childcare during the speaker portion of the picnic, please contact Joanna Jaloszynski in advance at 608-234-8081 or [tjaloszynski@hotmail.com](mailto:tjaloszynski@hotmail.com) so we can arrange that for you.

Quilting will be held Tuesday, June 11th from 9am to 3pm in the church basement. No experience needed, all help is appreciated!

## Easier Handicap Access

In 1992 St. Paul's congregation spent \$154,438.27 to install an elevator at the church. This included a glass-enclosed ramp for people to use to enter the building. This improvement was much needed and appreciated by many members.

Recently Ron and Laurie Decker discovered, while bringing Ron's mother Dorothy to worship, that the glass door to the ramp was very heavy, making it difficult to open. They approached Pastor Decker about installing a push button on that door. Mark Anderson was asked to explore options and the Deckers began to contribute to the project. They mentioned it to a few other members who also began donating toward the purchase of a handicap door push button.

When Laurie Decker's father, Gerald Lambert, passed away she designated that memorials should go toward this project.

The family of Carol Turner also requested that memorials be given for the push button.

Richard Ambrose's daughter, Teri Hansen and her husband Wayne, wanted to fulfill a desire of Richard's to complete a project for St. Paul's. In his memory they made a generous donation which, with the gifts of others, brought the total raised to \$3,454. Thank you!

Mark Anderson has ordered the parts and plans to install it this summer.

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward this project.

If you see a need here at St. Paul's, please let Pastor Decker know. It is by working together that we can accomplish much for the Lord and serve others.



# Handicap Accessible

# Help Mary Celebrate Her Birthday

Mary Comfort Dog will be 3 years old on June 17<sup>th</sup>!!! For her birthday, Mary would like your help in collecting items for the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin. Mary wants to help pets find their forever home and be loved like she is! Here is a list of what is needed.

You can put your collected items in boxes located in the Fellowship Hall and at school by the elevator on the first floor.

Mary will be collecting May 16 – June 16. Please help Mary bring care and love to the dogs and cats at the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin.

## Priority Needs:

Soft, moist dog treats

Long rubber gloves-for dish washing

Long-handled scrub brushes-for dish washing

Paper towels

Scrub shirts-size medium

Large storage tubs with lids-for storing & stacking

## Puppies & Dogs

Nylabones (medium & large)

Soft, moist dog treats

Electric grooming clippers (animal specific)

## Kittens & Cats

Royal Canin Feline Mother & Baby Cat Dry food

Pate style kitten food

Canned cat food (not expired)

Clay Litter (unscented & non-clumping)

## Cleaning/Paper Supplies

Liquid laundry detergent

Bleach

32-oz spray bottles

Paper towels Angled brooms & dust pans

Lint rollers

## Medical Supplies

Exam gloves (powder free)

*They are happy to accept open bags of dry dog or cat food for use in their food pantry at ECHO.*

Join Team Mary at Praise in the Park, Palmer Park, 9:00 AM. Mary will be celebrating her birthday after the service with birthday treats. 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](mailto:Mary@K9Comfort.org)

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





## School is Wrapping Up

School is wrapping up, and we have great memories to look back on. This has been a wonderful school year filled with fun field trips, a lot of learning (a lot), and the joy of sharing the Gospel message.

We also have two retirements this year, and we are celebrating the work of Lois Wahrle and Kathy Overley as they finish out their teaching here with us. We are thankful that God

has blessed St. Paul's through them and their work.

As summer begins we want to keep our 8th graders in our prayers as they begin the next part of their journey as high schoolers. This is an exciting milestone for them, and it is our prayer that they continue to share the Gospel wherever they are going next.

Rob Lunak, Principal

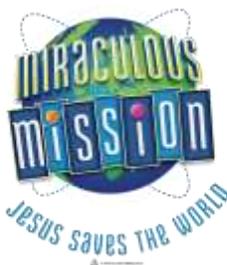
*"Tweet Others as You Would Like to be Tweeted."*

### Vacation Bible School

August 5—9, 2019  
9a to noon

For Pre-K (potty trained) 3yr olds thru 8th grade.

Register at  
[www.stpaulsjanesville.com](http://www.stpaulsjanesville.com)



### VBS Needs:

Here is a list of things that are needed to borrow or donate for VBS. Items may be brought to Kathy Pingel or the school/church office by July 1, 2019.

**To Borrow:** *(Please put your name on the item or in a bag with your full name on them)*

Telescope; fake leaves or greenery; fake fruit; small tent ; binoculars; baby doll; 4-6 tongs; container of Lego type of interconnecting large blocks; a few shells

**To Donate –**

3 plastic blue table cloths; Glow sticks (need 200); 6 feather boas; 2 pkgs cotton batting; plastic wrap; 1 large container of baking sprinkles; 1 large box of rice; 1 small bottle of bleach; 1 small bottle of iodine; several packages of dry black beans; 4 laundry baskets; water balloons (300+); water balloon launcher; bottles of water (preferably small ones); quart and gallon size plastic baggies; wet wipes.

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**Summer Worship Schedule:**

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

## Official Acts

### Youth Confirmation:

May 18, 2019: Ava Michelle Burner; Claire Esther Decker; Maycie Elizabeth Denson; Lena Theresa Ellis; Arlene Rose Iverson; Charles Thomas Kober; Maxwell Carter Manor; Jacob Scott McLaughlin; Noah Jason McLaughlin; Maya Rose VanBerkum

May 19, 2019: Caidee Marie Bertagnoli; Amelia Frances Hendrikson; Caleb Nathan Krueger; Noah Richard Martinson; Riley Patrick North; Gavin Corwin Roth; Ava Nicole Severt; Caleb George Wier

### Membership Changes:

#### *Transfers to LCMS:*

- Jaime (Strickert) Bacon to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Tempe AZ [05-06-2019]
- Brian & Jennifer Laatsch, Hannah, Bethany and Lauren to St. Mark Lutheran Church, Janesville WI [05-15-2019]
- Tish Callahan to St Mark Lutheran Church, Janesville WI [05-16-2019]

#### *Removed by moving without transfer per Pastor Decker:*

- Dawn Grissom [05-15-2019]

#### *Removed by own request:*

- Nila Kuchenbecker [05-07-2019]
- Jeanine Tschudy (baptized Samantha) [05-07-2019]
- David & Rose Heaps (confirmed Aaron and Kate) [05-07-2019]

### With Sympathy:

Please continue to pray for those who mourn. Ray & Karen Redmann at the loss of their son, David Redmann; Linda Servais at the loss of her daughter, Tiffany Bontly Minami; Trish Plante at the loss of her cousin, Bob Raymaker; Jim Kersten at the loss of his mother, Jean Kersten.

