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A Letter From Pastor Werk



Dear members and friends of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School,

This is a great time of the summer. Gardens are not just growing, they are starting to produce all those wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables that we love to eat. It seems that everything tastes so much better fresh out of your garden or out of the field. Green beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, strawberries, blueberries, cherries, peaches. Every week there seems to be a new fresh delight at the farm market or coming out of our garden. This brought to mind an old nursery rhyme.

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow?
With silver bells, and cockle shells, And pretty maids all in a row.

It also brought to mind the question, "How is your garden growing?" You see, this season of the church year is all about growing, the spiritual growth of our faith and life. It is a good time to check. How is your faith growing? How are your life and actions growing to be more and more like Jesus?

You see, when God plants faith in our hearts, He has a very real expectation that it will grow and mature and bear fruit for Him. It is clear from Scripture that God doesn't expect our faith to be a stagnant feature of our lives. God expects us to grow and mature. And God has a definite goal for the outcome of that growth. God is looking for nothing less than that we grow up to be fully like Jesus Christ His Son.

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

How do we grow up to be like Jesus? There are some obvious things that will fuel our growth. Worship, Bible study, personal devotions, and daily quiet prayer time will all provide the nutrients that our faith needs to grow stronger. But these are really just half of the equation. Once you are getting these essential nutrients, you have to channel them into developing fruit. This happens as we take God's word seriously enough to begin to shape our lives by obediently doing the things we learn from Him. Our words, our actions, the use of our time, our priorities, our generosity, our love, our forgiveness of others, all of these things will change to reflect our love for Jesus and our desire to be more and more like Him in every way.

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

This is the growth we want to enjoy in this season of our lives, bearing good fruit for our Savior Jesus to enjoy. This is a time to concentrate on growing in faith and growing in the way we live our faith. I was reminded again about how important this is last month when I was talking with a young adult about the Christian faith and church. She was not particularly impressed with the Lutheran Church she had just attended because she didn't see much evidence of or emphasis on the people there interacting with their world with the compassion of Jesus to make a positive difference in the lives of the people of their neighborhood. For all the things we can learn and say in church, if we don't act like Jesus out in our circle of influence, what good are we to Him or to our world? We may even be scaring away the people Jesus desperately wants to bring closer to Him.

How is your garden growing?

***We are a family of disciples using every gift that Jesus gives us
to take the heart of Jesus to the heart of our community
and to bring our community to Jesus.***

Pastor Allen Werk

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FOOD FOR THE POOR ANGELS OF HOPE

This month we will be having a guest pastor, Gary Bauch on Sunday, August 13 at both services. Rev. Bauch will be speaking to us on a program called *Food for the Poor*. *Food for the Poor* is a mis-



FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

“Whatever you did
for one of these
least brothers of Mine,
you did for Me.”

sion in which sponsors make donations to children in need. Did you know that \$43.80 will feed a hungry child for an entire year. \$90 will provide one goat. \$285 will provide a water pump for a village. A \$200 pledge per month for 18 months will provide a single-unit home with sanitation for a needy family.

“Hundreds of precious children are waiting for their angel. Four year old Jazmin was brought to an orphanage in Honduras by her mother, who was too poor to care for her. Jazmin lived at a garbage dump and was severely malnourished. This loving child has endured more than any little girl her age should have to. She needs an angel of support, love and encouragement. **For just a little more than a dollar a day**, you can help provide the essentials a child like Jazmin needs to grow and thrive. You can be a messenger of God’s love to an orphaned or abandoned child by becoming an Angels of Hope sponsor today! A gift of \$34 a month—a little over \$1 per day—will help sponsor a precious child in need like 4-yr-old Jazmin.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:

Flowers can be purchased in honor of a milestone occasion (Anniversary or Birthday) or in memory of a loved one to be placed on the altar at any Sunday Service. Please complete the Altar Flower Form located in the lobby. Bring the form and \$20 to the Church Office (2) weeks prior to the date.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May the Lord bless you as you celebrate your birthday, and may His blessing follow you through the coming year!



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

AUGUST 2017

August 6—"On Thee the High and Lowly"

It's "Archives August" and we present a classic message from former Speaker, Dr. Dale Meyer. (Exodus 20:10)

August 13—"Looking for a Good Speaker"

What do the words "Our Father" teach us about our relationship with God and with each other? (Matthew 6:9)

August 20—"God's Dog"

Was Jesus being politically incorrect—or worse—when He compared a Canaanite woman to a canine? (Matt. 15:21-28)

August 27—"Absolutely Nothing"

Pastor Ken Klaus explains how something that is "absolutely nothing" can be a very good thing. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

8/1	Schermerhorn, Wendy
8/1	Walsh, Norman
8/1	Yandow, (Jae Min)
8/3	Offhaus, Danielle
8/3	Werk, Ann
8/4	Kabel, Richard
8/5	Eick, Linda
8/6	Gorski, Clayton
8/6	Warner, Walter
8/7	McComb, Luke
8/10	Pangrazio, Samantha
8/10	Seward, Norman
8/12	Burroughs, Diane
8/12	Clattenburg, Elsie

8/13	Kruger, Glen
8/13	Luce, Brandon
8/13	Williams, Donald
8/14	Tenebruso Jr., (Anthony)
8/20	Kabel, Frederick
8/22	Taylor,Carolynn
8/23	Dills, Myrna
8/23	Massaro, Marian
8/26	Gardner, Peter
8/26	Kabel, Olivia
8/27	Williams, Kim
8/29	Hinz, Darlene
8/29	Panzone, Edward
8/30	Bell, Susan



SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

By Kathy White, Sr. Choir Director

Sr. Choir will be on summer break until the middle of September. Please watch for details to resume mid-Sept.

ER SINGERS REHEARSALS

By Ann Werk, ER Singers Director

ER Singers will be on summer break until September.

NOONTIME BIBLE STUDY

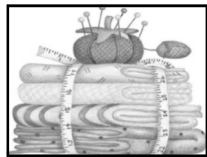
By Jackie Blank, Bible Study Leader

After a one month break due to July 4 we will resume our bible study on Tuesday, August 1 using a study from the Summer LWML Quarterly. Our topic is LIFE IN GOD'S KINGDOM by Shari Miller. It is found on pages 16-17 and covers life in the kingdoms of god's power, grace and glory. If you would like to meet with us at noon in the library, but do not have the Quarterly, a copy of the study will be provided.

QUILTERS

By Jackie Blank,

If you are available Tuesday, August 1, your help would be appreciated. We will meet downstairs at 9:00 a.m. to sort donations and prepare for our quilting season. September will be here before we know it!



We are always looking for donations! This summer you can help us by looking at yard sales, rummage sales, and estate sales where good items often are sold inexpensively. Would you be willing to spend a dollar or two and donate these treasures to the quilters? This will help us be ready to start again in September.

CLEAN donations are always appreciated and may be left at any time downstairs in the quilter's room to the left of the stage. We especially can use items for fillers to make the quilts warm. Some suggested donations would include blankets, mattress pads, comforters and other warm materials. They do not have to be in good shape as they will be covered with a top and bottom.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday, August 27, please join us for the Annual Voter's Meeting at 11 a.m. immediately following the Combined Worship Service that begins at 10 a.m. This meeting will be to vote on School Board Elections & give Ministry Reports.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

By Linda Eick, Bell Choir Director

We will hold our Bell Choir Rehearsal and Dinner on September 12 at 6:15 p.m. Hope to see you there.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

By Linda Eick, Youth Group Leader

On July 22 Youth members met at the Eicks' for a Campfire, Chew, Chat and Cards Meeting. New members who began confirmation this summer were invited to attend. Welcome Gabe, Henry, Austin, Olivia, Nathan and Lily!

All youth entering 7th grade through 12th in September are welcome. Older Youth and Adults are always welcome as helpers. We hope to meet once more before school begins.

Future Youth Events:

- Progressive Dinner: (Need Volunteer Hosts)
- 30 Hour Famine Retreat
- LCMS Youth Gathering 2019 Informational Mtgs
- Chew Chat and Cards
- Sunday Bible Studies

LADIES NIGHT OUT

By Deb Porter, Leader

Ladies Night Out will resume on September 7 at 6:30-7:30pm in Memorial Hall. This will be an Organizational Meeting. Please bring...your current craft project and idea for future Ladies Night Out projects! Bring a friend...

CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC

By Brenda Seward, Hospitality & Fellowship Director

Join us on Sun., August 20 for a Combined Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. followed by our Potluck Picnic in the cafeteria. Beverages will be provided. Invite a pew mate. This will be a great time a fellowship and fun.



SCHOOL NEWS

By Ann Werk, Principal

- August 1—6:45pm—
- School Board Meeting
- August 31—5:30pm—
- Back-To-School BBQ



'IN HIS HANDS' - WORSHIP & PRAISE SIGNING CHOIR

There will be an informational meeting September 17th in the library at 9:30 a.m. All ages * are welcome. * Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous experience needed. No vocals needed. We will sign as a praise recording is played. Goal is to do this once a month. We pray we will enhance our worship and praise through our hearts, mind, souls and body.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

By Sally Scroger, Director

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 10th with Rally Day. We will once again give Bibles to those children entering 2nd Grade. Classes will be in the downstairs, Sunday School room.

Teachers will meet during the month of August to plan the curriculum for September through December. The date is has not been set. We will be setting dates for different activities for the children. Please watch your mail for the date and time of our meeting this month.

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH NURSE

By Louise Fleming, RN

Now that summer is here we need to remember to stay hydrated. Dehydration happens when your body doesn't have as much water as it needs. Without enough your body can't function properly.

One reason is excessive sweating because of working or playing in the heat, but sometimes it is because we get busy and just forget to drink.

Symptoms include thirst, dry cool skin, headaches, muscle cramps and dizziness or feeling light headed.

When you experience these symptoms, stop what you are doing, go to a cool place and drink water or an electrolyte drink such as Gatorade. If symptoms do not improve seek medical help.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, but remember to take care of the body that God gave us.

LWML UPCOMING EVENTS

- ZONE Summer picnic August 23 Camp Pioneer 3-7, 6pm potluck
- Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer September 15-17
- ZONE Fall event BREAD MAN September 30, St. Luke Lutheran

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Throughout the year there are many ways in which you can help St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. In the small things you do, we receive rebate checks, monetary donations or goods through the following fundraising opportunities. Each fundraiser indicates how you can help the church and school while shopping, banking, or cleaning out your home.

- **Office Max- Give Back to Schools** – Use ID #70070315 when shopping in store or online and we get 5% back for qualifying purchases.

- **Planet Green Recycling** – recycle your empty computer printer ink cartridges for cash rebates. (Place them in the box near the mailboxes).

- **Labels for Education** – labels from various products provide School Supplies & Furnishings. (Place them in the basket on the shelf near the mailboxes).

- **Box Tops for Education** – box tops from many food items provide School Supplies & Furnishings. (Place them in the basket on the shelf near the mailboxes).

- **Escrip** - shopping through various vendors that participate provides rebate checks. (Go to site and sign up today) <https://secure.escrip.com/signup/index.jsp>

- **AmazonSmile** - shopping at a special Amazon website offers proceeds to Church/School. (Go to site to sign up) <https://smile.amazon.com/>

- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Thrivent members can direct these to Church or School. (Go to site to sign up) <https://service.thrivent.com/apps/ThriventChoiceMemberWeb/public/organizationSearchHome>

- **United Way** - Employee Giving directly to church & school. (Go to site to sign up) <https://www.uwrochester.org/uwdb/give/givenow.aspx>

- **St. Pauly Textile** - the clothing drop earns rebate checks that benefit our Youth Group. (Clothes, shoes, purses, stuffed animals) (Box located in parking lot)

- **Bottle & Cans for US Missions Team**– recycling proceeds benefits our US Missions Team. (**Bottles & cans go into garbage dumpster inside closet by main entrance to church**)

- **Bottle & Cans for St. Paul Lutheran School** – recycling proceeds benefits school by dropping your cans and bottles to Batavia Redemption Center next to Eastown Beverages in the Aldi's Plaza.

SERVING IN AUGUST 2017

GREETERS

- 6 E— Deb Hill
L— Dee Johnson
- 13 E— Deborah Fischer
L— Hazel Brownell
- 20 E— George & Betty Van Nest
L— Barbara Pangrazio
- 27 E— Charise Donahue
L— Dave & Bonnie Starkweather

LAY READERS

- 6 E— Deborah Fischer
L— Wayne Grefrath
- 13 E— Nancy Dieterle
L— Brenda Seward
- 20 E— Sharon Wolff
L— Joanna Weicher
- 27 E— Jean Berry
L— Lynn Eick

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 6 No Communion
- 13 Wolff/Warner
- 20 Canale/Bell
- 27 Eick, Van Nest

COUNTING TEAMS

- 6 Eick/M. Seward
- 13 Thielemann/M. Seward
- 20 Gamin/M. Seward
- 27 B. Seward/M. Seward

ACOLYTES

- 6 E— Max DeMare
L— Chris Klafehn
- 13 E— Maddie Gogolack
L— Gabe Weicher
- 20 E— Jacob Coolbaugh
L— Henry Rigerman
- 27 E— Dylan Maier
L— Nathan Canale

ALTAR CARE

Altar Care: Diane Burroughs, Cheryl Schrader

Communion Ware:

Aug 6 & 20: Audra, Hannah & Emily Klein

Aug 13 & 27: Diane Burroughs, Cheryl Schrader

Altar Colors:

August 6, 13, 20, 27 = Green

USHERS

- 6 E— Team 3
L— Team 2
- 13 E— Team 5
L— Team 4
- 20 E— Team 7
L— Team 6
- 27 E— Team 1
L— Team 2

Aug-17

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am - Quilters Sort 12:00pm - Bible Study 6:45pm - School Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
6 8:30am - Contemporary Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Class 11:00am - Traditional Worship	7	8	9	10 7:00pm - Ministry Team Meeting	11	12
13 8:30am - Contemporary Worship - LS 9:45am - Adult Bible Class 11:00am - Traditional Worship (Food for the Poor, guest pastor Gary Bauch, both services)	14	15	16 7:00pm - Admin Team Meeting	17	18	19
20 9:00am - Adult Bible Class 10:00am - Combined Worship - LS 11:15am - Church Potluck Picnic (in basement)	21	22	23	24	25	26 10:30am - State St. Ministry
27 9:00am - Adult Bible Class 10:00am - Combined Worship - LS 11:00am - Annual Voter's Meeting	28	29	30	31 5:30pm - FOLKS Back-to-School BBQ		