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A Letter From Pastor Werk



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

There has been a lot of uproar in our nation recently over racism and the tensions and prejudices that have been pushed into the spotlight of society. The anger and prejudices that have arisen because of someone's ethnic background or skin color should bring sadness and righteous anger to the heart of Christians. Our God does not condone treating one another this way. In fact we are urged to recognize that in Jesus Christ there is no more difference between people based on their upbringing or the nation of the birth.

Think about it. Every human being traces their heritage back through Noah and his wife and ultimately to Adam and Eve. All humans are humans. Skin color or place of birth or language or customs does not change that we are all the same on the inside. And we have all been equally paid for by Jesus death on the cross. His blood was shed for every human being. Every human on the earth was equally guilty of sin but also equally loved and valued by our Savior.

And for those who put their trust in Jesus, look at how this levels us all into equals.

²⁶ You are all sons of god through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)

¹¹ As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:11-13 (NIV)

The different races we distinguish, the different ethnicities we recognize, don't matter anymore. Jesus looks at us all the same, and we are encouraged to see each other the same as well.

¹¹ Here there is not Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and early loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:11-15 (NIV)

Since those differences no longer matter, we are to treat everyone with compassion and kindness. Put up with each other, forgive our grievances, and love one another no matter the race. Let Jesus's love bring unity and peace to our hearts, lives and communities. And may Jesus use us to show how His love can erase the differences between people and help our communities to live and work together in peace.

***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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Midweek—Small Group Bible Study **'The Case for Christ'**

"Skeptics dismiss the Jesus of the Gospels by claiming there is no evidence. *New York Times* bestselling author Lee Strobel disagrees. In *The Case for Christ* you will journey along with Strobel on a quest for the truth about Jesus. You and your group will sift through fascinating historical evidence as you weigh compelling expert testimony. In the end, groups may very well see Jesus in a new way—and even, like Strobel, find their lives transformed."

"Retracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from school like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like *How reliable is the new Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the bible? Is there reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event?* Strobel's tough, point-blank question make this Gold-Medallion-winning book read like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure."

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm beginning on September 20 for a 6 week session. Copies of the study guide will be provided and there will be books on hand to read. This will be a video study with segments for each session. If you would like to join us for this Group Study please sign up in the Narthex to help us prepare for supplies...but you are not required to sign up in order to attend.



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

SEPTEMBER 2017

September 3—"Finding Life in Jesus' Steps"

Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. (Matthew 16:24-25)

September 10—"Who's the Greatest?"

Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)

September 17—"Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life "

Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (Matthew 18:21-35)

September 24—"The Latest Polls"

Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

- 9/1 Klein, Audra
- 9/2 Wahl, Avery
- 9/3 Blank, Cliff
- 9/5 Guiste, Shannon
- 9/6 Bennion, Andrea
- 9/6 Bridge, Elfreida
- 9/10 Fluet, Lily
- 9/12 Bennion, Brenda
- 9/16 Bridge, David
- 9/17 Thomas, Kathryn
- 9/18 Eggers, Laura Jean
- 9/19 Klafehn, Christian

- 9/20 Chapman, Robert
- 9/22 Mudrzynski, Janet
- 9/23 Taylor, Adam
- 9/24 Allein, Abby
- 9/26 Churchill, Barbara
- 9/26 Coolbaugh, Hannah



SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

By Kathy White, Sr. Choir Director

Sr. Choir will resume singing at the 11:00 service on September 17th. Rehearsals in preparation will begin on September 3rd from 10:20 to 10:50.

ER SINGERS REHEARSALS

By Ann Werk, ER Singers Director

ER Singers rehearsals will be on September 3 and 17 at 5:00 p.m. The 3rd is a potluck salad supper followed by the first rehearsal. Bread, beverages, table service and dessert provided. Just bring a salad to pass.

NOONTIME BIBLE STUDY

By Jackie Blank, Bible Study Leader

Quilters and non-quilters join us for Bible study on Tuesday, September 5 at noon in the library. Bring your lunch and enjoy some social time before we get into our topic. We will use a study from the Summer LWML Quarterly, "Be Still and Know That I am God! What Does This Mean?" by Jean McCain. It is found on pages 20-21 and leads us to ways we can find strength to resist Satan's temptations, especially at those times we are experiencing hardships. If you do not have the Quarterly, a copy of the study will be provided.

QUILTERS

By Jackie Blank,

September is here and the quilters are excited to get back to work! If you have never worked with us before, we would enjoy having you come and see what we do. We will meet downstairs September 5 at 9:00 a.m. to begin tying, pinning, sorting, layering, and enjoying conversation. There are a variety of tasks involved and you do not need to sew in order to work with us. Last year we completed 200 quilts and hope to surpass that number this year. You are invited to bring a lunch and join us in the library for Bible study at noon.

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.

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. Bring a dish to pass (salads, sides, desserts) BBQ Pulled Chicken sandwiches and beverages are provided. Regrets only! New members are always welcome! Players, please check these dates for availability: Oct 29, Nov 19 or 22, Dec 3, Dec 24? Morning or Evening?

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

By Linda Eick, Youth Group Leader

Campfire, **C**hew, **C**hat and **C**ards—Join us on Saturday, September 23 at the Eicks—8880 Batavia-Stafford Townline Rd., Batavia. Bring snacks, lawn or camping chair. Please RSVP by Wed, September 20th—Text Mrs. Eick or FB Message. All youth entering 7th grade through 12th in September are welcome. Older Youth and Adults are always welcome as helpers.

Planning Ahead—Help Needed for the St. Paul Youth Progressive Dinner. Youth will travel to 3 different locations for 3 course meals. Hosts, Cooks and Drivers Needed. October 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Linda Eick if you are able to help in any way.

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...



SCHOOL NEWS

We welcomed back our students and their families with a Back-to-School BBQ on August 31st hosted by our FOLK's (Friends of Lutheran Kid's) Parent Organization. This year's School Theme is 'The Fruits of the Spirit'. Please pray with us that this year will be very fruitful with *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*. We thank all of our Prayer Partners for their faithfulness in prayer for us this year.

Sept 5—First Day of Elementary Classes
 Sept 5th—6:45p—School Board Meeting
 Sept 11—First Day for Preschoolers
 Sept 26—6:30p—Open House & FOLKS Meeting



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

By Sally Scroger, Director

It doesn't seem possible that September is here already. Sunday School will begin on September 10th at 9:45 a.m. We will organize and get a start on the Fall activities. Bibles will be given to children going into the 2nd grade.

We are looking at a program for our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Look for more information coming up.

There **will not** be a Sunday School teachers meeting on the first Monday of the month. Watch for a date to be announced.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a program through an organization called Samaritan's Purse. We will begin to collect gift items for children throughout the world who are less fortunate. This month we will be collecting school supplies & flip flops to go into those boxes. There is a display in the Narthex showing information about the program and a list of items that are suggested and of items not allowed to be put into the boxes.

Please stop by the table to check out the program and a story of a child who received a box. If you feel led, please donate an item to be put into the boxes. If you would rather make a cash donation to cover the cost of shipping the box, please place that donation in a separate plain envelope marked, Operation Christmas Child Postage Donation. It now costs \$9 to ship a box.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Many of the previously given landline or home phone numbers on the *Household Survey* for our members are no longer in service. This leaves us without a way to contact some of you. If you use mainly a cell phone as your home phone and would allow us to publish your cell phone number in any future printings of the Church Directory, please leave a note with your name and the number, (including area code) in the lock box outside of the office. You may jot it down on your offering envelope instead. We will be reprinting the Directory at the end of year once we have updates and permissions from those that wish to allow. Any questions, please contact the office.

'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.

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

- **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 near Aldi's.



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Lutheran Women in Mission Ministry

LWML NEWS

BY SHARON WOLFF, PRESIDENT

It is that time of year again...Where oh where has the summer gone? The mornings now are all dewed and cool and the smell of autumn is upon us! I love the fall here where we live. The morning air is so crisp and the colors of the roadside "perennials" are just beginning their bright purples, and yellows, and the leaves are beginning to color and fall!

It is time to turn the calendars to September and fill in those blanks! LWML begins anew...with monthly gatherings for great food, fellowship, devotions, and in-gatherings! September 19th at 7pm in Memorial Hall, is the very next meeting....and then on September 30th at 9am in Memorial Hall, we are hosting a very special gathering for the LWML Zone...and our guest speaker is the Bread Man. Bring a friend, daughter... and come on out for great fun!

Ann Werk has prepared our wonderful booklets with our full year inside, listing our gatherings and devotions. Be sure to get one!!!!!!

LWML OFFICERS

- President—Sharon Wolff
- Vice President—Jean Berry
- Secretary—Deb Porter
- Treasurer—Evelynn Thielemann
- Christian Growth—Ann Werk
- Refreshment Chairwoman—Cheryl Schrader

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ladies Night Out—September 7—6:30pm
- Fall Retreat Camp Pioneer Sept 15-17
- LWML Meeting—September 19—7pm
- ZONE Fall event BREAD MAN September 30, (held here at St. Paul)

ZONE GATHERING SEPTEMBER 30

Set Up

Jean Berry

Registration

Cindy Baldwin &
Ann Werk

Soup

Cindy Baldwin &
Barb Churchill

Sandwiches

Betty Huntly, Deb Porter
& Ann Werk

Desserts

Cheryl Schrader, Hazel
Brownell & Deb Porter

Beverages

?

Clean Up

Hazel Brownell &
?

LWML MEETING SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 PM

'Building on the
Foundation of God's
Word'

Gifts of Love—
Socks for Warehouse

Refreshments
provided by
Sharon Wolff &
Jean Berry



SERVING IN SEPTEMBER—2017

GREETERS

- 3 E— MARIAN MASSARO
L— SANDY WEILER
- 10 E— JOHN & CATHY MARCHESE
L— BARBARA LEXER
- 17 E— JACK & CAROL DRESSEL
L— WEICHER FAMILY
- 24 E— WALT & JUNE WARNER
L— DON & AUDREY PEHRSON

LAY READERS

- 3 E— JUNE WARNER
L— DARLENE HINZ
- 10 E— CAROL DRESSEL
L— JOHN CANALE
- 17 E— MARY ELLA LOOS
L— DEE JOHNSON
- 24 E— TOM MAIER
L— WAYNE GREFRATH

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 3 GREFRATH/EICK
- 10 WOLFF/WARNER
- 17 CANALE/BELL
- 24 EICK/VAN NEST

COUNTING TEAMS

- 3 EICK / M. SEWARD
- 10 THIELEMANN / M. SEWARD
- 17 GAMIN / M. SEWARD
- 24 B. SEWARD / M. SEWARD

ACOLYTES

- 3 E— AUSTIN WILLIAMS
L— HENRY RIGERMAN
- 10 E— MAGGIE DEMARE
L— GABE WEICHER
- 17 E— LILY GOGOLACK
L— NATHAN CANALE
- 24 E— DYLAN MAIER
L— HENRY RIGERMAN

ALTAR CARE

Altar Care: D. BURROUGHS, C. SCHRADER

COMMUNION WARE

SEP 3 & 17: J. MUDRYZNSKI, R. RIGERMAN
& E. CORCORAN

SEP 10 & 24: B. COLE & J. WARNER

ALTAR CARE

SEPTEMBER = GREEN

USHERS

- 3 E— Team 3
L— Team 4
- 10 E— Team 5
L— Team 6
- 17 E— Team 7
L— Team 2
- 24 E— Team 1
L— Team 4

Sep-17

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30A - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:45A - BIBLE CLASS 10:20A- SR. CHOIR REHEARSAL 11:00A - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP-LS 5:00P - ER SINGERS POTLUCK & REHEARSAL	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	1ST DAY - ELEMENTARY 8:30A - SCHOOL CHAPEL 9:00A - QUILTERS 12:00P - BIBLE STUDY 6:45P - SCHOOL BOARD		7:00P - LADIES NIGHT OUT		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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