

# St. Paul Connection

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## From Pastor's Pen ...



*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

(Matthew 7:24-27)

### **Where Your Foundation Is**

The Blizzard of '18 will certainly give everyone something to talk about in years to come. Along with the Blizzard of 1999 and the Blizzard of 1967. What? You ask. Don't remember them? Those were all major blizzards that hit the Midwest. The trouble is, we don't. Unless you actually experienced them, you remember. Other than that, it becomes a news item, a photo or a topic of conversation in years ahead filed under "remember when?".

Events like these disappear in the rearview mirror; don't they? But for some the effects still linger on. Besides sore backs and big grass divets from the snow plows; there are collapsed roofs, flooded basements and rising rivers. For some it's devastating! Muddy floors, moldy walls and cherished possessions headed for a dumpster. The work of a lifetime lost in a matter of hours.

In this passage from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus talks about location to avoid destruction. But Jesus' purpose is more than just a contractor's eye for site location. He has more in mind than just telling a story about a person who liked lake front/ocean front prop-erty only to find

heartbreak in the end. He wants us to think carefully about the foundation on which we are building our lives. Just as a well-constructed/engineered roof can handle the weight & drain tile will preserve a foundation; so also His words and promises are the foundation our lives have to be built on.

Why? Life storms will hit. The unexpected will strike. That's the reality of this world not because that's just the way life is but because it is the reality of sin. It's not a matter of "if" but "when". The trouble is we live in a society and a culture that maintains everything has to be happy and carefree. Yet the reality of sin hits daily. It strikes like a ton of bricks. People try to medicate it, pretend it doesn't exist or in despair take their own lives. But the Christian foundation, your foundation in Christ is different!

When illness or surgery robs of our health; we receive the strength to keep going that only God can provide. When financial worries/reversals threaten; Jesus still promises that He will give us "the daily bread" that we need. When our relationships are threatened by conflict/turmoil; we have the power to forgive that comes only from Jesus. When we are troubled by our own sins and guilt threatens to sweep us into despair; we are assured of the forgiveness that flows from our Savior's sacrifice on the Cross.

Where is this location, this rock to build our lives on? We find it in our Risen Savior, who ascended into heaven and sits at God's right hand with all power and authority. He promises that the tangle of sin we find ourselves in, He will unravel. He promises that the unexpected will not overwhelm us. When our lives are built on Christ – on a living and active relationship with Him – we receive the rock-like endurance to get through the toughest of times.

As the Pentecost season begins on May 20, 2018; we need the Holy Spirit to build us on Christ

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

the solid foundation. Any house that is going to stand the test of time needs the very best when it comes to a foundation. The same applies to our life. We aren't building for time. We are built for eternity. That is what the work of Christ has accomplished for you! Yes – it takes time and effort to open Bibles/Portals of Prayer each day and receive the comfort that God has for us in Christ. It takes effort to make sure the family is ready to go to church on Sunday mornings. But the Holy Spirit helps us to see the value in doing these things regularly and faithfully. We need the constant assurance of God's love and forgiveness in our lives filled with so much stress, guilt and anxiety. Hearing how Christ satisfied all of God's demands and willingly paid the price of every sin fills us with joy and wholeness in the midst of life's uncertainties.

So where is your life standing at the moment? Is it all about the shifting sands of this life? Building on sand is to see Christ and His Church as only the moments: baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. Your spiritual life becomes nothing more than a "remember when" moment like photographs! Don't make Jesus into a passing thought. Your life in Christ is too valuable to let it fade and vanish! Your life in Christ is to be experienced day by day!

Build on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. Commit yourself to regularly hear God's Word for yourself and your family even as summer comes on the horizon. Grow in your understanding of God's love for you. Carve the time. Make the commitment. Your life in Christ is too important to dismiss as another detail of life because you are overbooked, over-committed and overstressed to spend time with Christ at home and at church. Christ suffered, died and rose again so that you can be His own for time and eternity. As you do so...Be confident that the Holy Spirit is building you on the right place, the foundation, that is Christ the rock of your salvation.

## **Last Day of Sunday School**

Sunday School for the 2017-18 year will conclude on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Our thanks to our dedicated teachers who faithfully taught the children of our congregation regularly week after week. *Just a reminder that the children of St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School will be singing in church on Sunday, April 29 for Confirmation Day at the 10:30AM service (this is for 3rd - 7th graders). Also watch for handouts regarding Sunday School children singing at the 10:30AM Service on May 20 for the final session of Sunday School.*

## **Last Night of Catechism Class**

The last night for Catechism Class will be Wednesday, May 16th. Class will be at its usual time of 6:30-8PM. *Parents are reminded to keep checking the summer calendar for acolyting so that we can keep a regular rotation during June, July and August. If substitutions need to be made, please call the church office (446-3251) so that we can get the information correctly in the Sunday bulletin.*

## **St. Paul Preschool**

### **End of the Year Celebration**

On Wednesday May 23, 2018, St. Paul Preschool & "Little Learners" will have their End of the Year Celebration with a brief service at 6:30 PM. The Childcare and Preschool Program extends their sincere thanks for all the donations and support that our congregational membership has extended to them through out the past year.



## Summer Schedule Begins - May 27th

The summer schedule of Sunday morning worship services begins on Sunday, May 27th with services being held at 7:45 and 9:30 AM. This summer schedule will run through Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 2018. Sunday Morning Bible Class will also take a summer recess.



## Graduation Recognition

Graduation Recognition Sunday for members of St. Paul who are graduating from high school, college, and technical schools will occur on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Education is a blessing which our children should treasure and our parents should encourage. Our graduates are encouraged to come to church on this Sunday and celebrate this important milestone. Cake and coffee will be served between services. Please call the church office at 446-3251 so that your family member or loved one can be included in the bulletin insert so that we can note where they graduated from, degree as well as future plans.



## St. Paul's Automatic Contributions

Are you interested in having your church offerings transferred automatically to the church? You and St. Paul's can save time and the expense of writing and handling checks by participating in Automatic Contributions. It is just like the automated or electronic transfers you may already use with your payroll checks, loan payments or monthly bill payments. Auto Contributions is an easier, more secure way to make your regular contributions to our church through automated giving. If you are interested in Automatic Contributions or have questions about it, please contact the church office at 920-446-3251.

## New Sunday Morning Bible Class

Brand new starting on Sunday, May 6, 2018 and running through Sunday, May 20, 2018 is the Bible Study: "Big Questions...Biblical Answers" Go from confusion to clarity with the help of God's Word and using short videos to answer some of life's biggest questions. Topics include: •Does science confirm the Bible? •What is the purpose of life? •Why believe in a 6-day creation? •Does the age of the earth matter? •Where did the different races come from? Please come and join in the discussion beginning on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 9:30AM.



## First Communion

On Sunday, May 6, 2018 this years Confirmation Class will have their first communion with their families in both services. Just a reminder to our parents that as you have faithfully brought them to the Lord's font for Holy Baptism, brought them to Sunday School and Catechism Class through the years; please be sure to bring them with you during their High School years for Lord's Supper regularly and faithfully!

## St. Paul Safety Survey

If you have not done so, please be sure to fill out the St. Paul Safety Survey. The survey has six questions that need a simple yes/no response. Surveys will be handed out after services or can also be accessed online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PMHLDCB> Password – SAFETY

This survey is being distributed from the Board of Elders to collect input regarding church safety on Sunday mornings. The Board of Elders thanks you for your help and participation.

## Volunteers Needed on Saturday, May 5th

The Board of Trustees needs a group of volunteers on Saturday, May 5 to tackle some outdoor Spring projects around the church. If you could bring along rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows that would be appreciated. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. We will get underway between 8-8:30AM.



## Ushers & Greeters at St. Paul

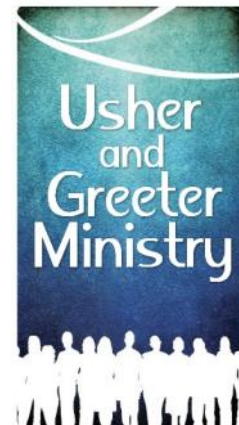
We are in need of ushers and greeters here at St. Paul especially for the 10:30AM service. We still have a need for members, especially new members and younger families to sign up for this program. This is an important function in our congregation each and every Sunday morning! This program helps our congregation in three very important ways!

**First:** *Everyone likes to be welcomed!* A smile and a handshake goes a long way every Sunday morning!

**Secondly:** *It helps you as an individual member to get to know fellow church members.* Members often say: "I don't know who that is...well, here is your chance! It gives you the opportunity to connect a face with a name.

**Thirdly:** *You can welcome visitors who may join our congregation.* Your welcoming smile and conversation with visitors who come to worship shows guests visitors that we as a congregation are interested in people. God blesses us each and every Sunday with His Love and forgiveness. These are treasures we want others to have and we can do so with our welcoming words to one another.

If you are interested in being added to the list, please see the sign-up sheet by the Scrip Desk.



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Church Council  
March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Paul Krause at 6:30 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

**Roll:** Matthew Voigt, Pastor Pope, Bob Wendt, Paul Krause, Mark Peters, Phil Lewin, Sandy Smith, Scott Krause.

**Absent:** Doug Ehrenberg, Bobbi Marks, Stewardship/Evangelism.

**Minutes:** The February council minutes and the February special council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Mark Peters to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** We would like the operational budget to appear in the newsletter as well as the bulletin. An explanation will be given at the April quarterly meeting. A motion was made by Mark Peters, seconded by Phil Lewin to approve. Motion carried.

**Pastor:** The Gurgel family will be joining our church. This will be brought up at the quarterly meeting for approval. The Westmeyer Scholarship needs to meet and disperse scholarship money. The winter book festival is coming to an end. Holy Week begins next week.

**Elders:** Safety in the church is being looked at. A survey was handed out to council to review. It was felt this could be given out to the church member's. It seems that most projects here are completed with special fundraisers. Would it be worthwhile to have a spring fundraiser to benefit projects at church? Discussed the investment strategy.

**Trustees:** Working on getting estimates for bigger projects. Trying to prioritize projects so that we can then do targeted fundraising for them. Church cleanup is April 7<sup>th</sup>. The garage will be resided this coming weekend.

**Board of Education:** Reviewed the daycare budget for 2018. A discussion was had about VBS. A church member is concerned about this program. A further discussion will occur at the April Board of Education meeting.

**Stewardship/Evangelism:** No Report.

**Old Business:**

**Strategic Plan:** Went over the last survey. New survey is out and are due April 8<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice to get some additional responses.

**Investments:** Investments have been setup with the bank. We ultimately decided to pay fees on the initial investment so that we don't have to pay fees on the future income we make off of it.

A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Scott Krause to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:50 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary

## St. Paul 1st Quarter 2018 Financial Report

	January	February	March
Operational Income	\$10,822.00	\$13,635.00	\$11,961.00
Operational Expenses	\$12,478.00	\$14,088.00	\$15,328.00
Excess Income/Expenses	(\$1,656.00)	(\$453.00)	(\$3,367.00)

**Total Excess Income/Expenses** **(\$5,476.00)**

# MAY



- May 2 – Gayle Genz
- May 3 – Jeanette Thorne
- May 5 – Joshua Oehlke
- May 6 – Ronald Erdmann, Stacy Landaal
- May 9 – Robin Lathrop, Devin Oehlke
- May 11 – Reilly Claassen, Richard Groholski
- May 12 – Andrew Zeinert
- May 13 – Joyce Johnson
- May 16 – Mackenzie Oehlke, Noah Ebert
- May 17 – MacKenzie Hansen, Madison Hansen  
Morgan Hansen, Nancy Wendtland  
Theresa Wohlrabe
- May 18 – Carlie Akey
- May 19 – Delores Boyson, Pastor Pope  
Jamie Wohlrabe
- May 20 – Paul A. Hartrick, Virginia Niemuth  
Kristine Olson
- May 22 – Harvey Zeinert
- May 23 – Cynthia Porter, Jodi Zeichert,  
Marlyn Ebert
- May 24 – David Looker
- May 25 – Bonnie Zeinert
- May 26 – Jessicah Bartel
- May 27 – Brooke Weissshahn
- May 29 – Olivia Kester
- May 30 – Levi Braun, Robert Wendt

- May 3 – Roy & Dolores Dikkers
- May 5 – John & Sally Hartfiel
- May 6 – Bill & Angie Hansen
- May 9 – Brian & Brittney Servey
- May 10 – John & Elizabeth Kettner
- May 13 – Scott & Missy Flease
- May 16 – Dodge & Leah Brooks  
Roger & Holly Schreiber
- May 18 – Jack & Sharon Wohlt
- May 21 – Pat & Nancy Gorchals
- May 26 – LeRoy & Lola Schroeder
- May 29 – Robert & Joanne Buss
- May 30 – Lincoln & Ashley Loehrke

## Serving the Lord ...

### May 6 & 13

- Greeters** 1<sup>st</sup> – Paul Krause Family  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bobbi Marks
- Ushers** 1<sup>st</sup> – Logan & Austin Krause  
Paul & Dawn Krause  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Terry Block, Brian Oehlke  
Bill & Candace Mitchell

### May 20 & 27

- Greeters** 1<sup>st</sup> – Ken & Ellen Rothe  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Looker Family
- Ushers** 1<sup>st</sup> – Ken & Ellen Rothe  
Gordon Puls, Glenn Pomrening  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt & Rebecca Looker  
Andrew Looker, Doug Ehrenberg

### ACOLYTES

- May 6** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Kahli Weissshahn  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Madison Hansen
- May 13** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Grace Ebert  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Reilly Claassen
- May 20** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Connor Delwiche  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Morgan Hansen
- May 27** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Ian Liebel  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Landen Berrens



# St. Paul Child Care-Preschool Newsletter



**May 2018**

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Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Lori Gabrielson,

Dawn Kauper, Allie Bellin

Assistant Teachers: Jordan Krause, Lauren Kester

**Wednesday, May 2 Field Trip for Preschool & Little Learners**

**Wednesday, May 9 FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT/REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER**

**Wednesday, May 23 6:30 Preschool/Little Learner Program**

**Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!**

**We appreciate all donations to our Child Care Center. If you bring a donation on Sunday, please put it on the round table in Ms Sandy's office.**

### Ideas for Donations

5 Oz. Cups, 9 Oz. Cups, Plastic Forks, Plastic Spoons

Crackers (Graham, Saltines, Goldfish, Animal Crackers, Etc.)

Fruit (Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Etc.)

Frozen 100% Juice

Peanut Butter, Jelly

Natural or Processed Cheese

Pizzas, Frozen French Fries

Whole Grain Cereal



# MAY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism			Church Yard Cleanup 8:00AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC		5:30 PM Board of Ed 6:30 PM Elders Mtg	10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Mother's Day</b> 7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship		5:30 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism <i>(Last Night)</i>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School(Last Day) 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC <b>St. Paul Sunday School Sings</b>			10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM St. Paul Preschool & Little Learners End of Year Program			
27	28	29	30	31		
7:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship	<b>Memorial Day</b> 