



From Pastor's Pen ...



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort who comforts us in our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God"

II Corinthians 1:3-4

A Lesson In Rescue

As of this writing, the full effects of Hurricane Harvey are becoming known. We can only begin to comprehend the immensity and aftermath of this event in Houston through the eyes of individuals, in the stories of heartache, hope and heroism, as they emerge. One such story is of a pastor living north of Houston who got together a caravan of trailered fishing boats and pick-ups to help with the rescue of the evacuees. As the group stopped to refuel at a gas station; one man asked them where they were headed. "To Houston," one of the group replied, "to help with the rescue." Without hesitation, the man with the question, grabbed his wallet and peeled off three one-hundred dollar bills. "Here," he said, "take this! Texans stick with Texans."

I'm sure in days to come this will be one of many stories repeated again and again. But why does it take a disaster or tough events for people to remember what matters and what counts in life? The help, the real help that counts doesn't come from an institution or government agency thousands of miles away but from your neighbor or member of your community you are in. What people discover in the process is the power, the compassion and the concern of their fellow human beings. In the end, it isn't the things that matter. It's the people who count!

The events of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath are a reminder that we, as God's people are in a rescue operation. A lot of times we don't see ourselves in that kind of role. Yet people around us

have their own personal hurricanes blowing apart life and flooding what they thought was solid and stable. Maybe you can recall your own circumstances when that was so. Wasn't it good that there was *somebody* there? *Someone* who took the time and the effort to help? When we look back and wonder how we ever got through it... then we remember: *Someone* was there. A fellow Christian assuring us through word and actions that Christ is still there for us!

Paul's words to the Corinthians remind us that Christians are in the business of receiving and giving. Our life together in Christ means that we receive strength and power that God provides us in Christ in Word and Sacraments. That happens and can only happen through worship and time hearing/reading Christ's Word and Promises. That steady diet of Christ's love and power gives us power to meet the challenges not only in our life but in the lives of others. *Let somebody else do it*, isn't any kind of solution. *Somebody* isn't the other guy who you imagine or think should be doing his/her part. Christ teaches us that this *Somebody* is you!

September is the start of the Fall/Winter Schedule. Instead of paging through the newsletter distracted or disinterested – look for way you can plug yourself into the activities, organizations and needs that are ongoing in our congregation. If you wonder, *does my presence or effort really matter...* let me leave you with a final thought. One of the big movies this past summer was *Dunkirk*. It is the true story of a dramatic rescue of tens of thousands of soldiers stranded on the beach at Normandy during WW II. Through the heroic efforts of hundreds of everyday people from England a mighty fleet of a rag-tag fishing boats, yachts, and trawlers saved the day and countless lives. It is one of the great untold stories of WW II for a world that has forgotten and far too often gets caught up in the idolatry of oneself. Opportunities to be that somebody for somebody else are all around us if we open our eyes to them. See yourself in rescue mode. Great things will happen when we live for other instead of ourselves as Christ lived, died and rose again for us!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Last Sunday of the Summer Schedule!

Please note that Sunday, September 3, 2017 (Labor Day Weekend) is the last Sunday of the Summer Schedule! The Fall/Winter Schedule begins on Sunday, September 10, 2017 with services at 7:45 & 10:30AM and the Christian education hour (Bible Classes and Sunday School) at 9:15AM.

College Students, Dads and Moms!

Hopefully your college bound students are back at school for the Fall/Winter term. Please take a moment to call the church office or email (stpaulfremont@centurytel.net) with their college address and email. We will be happy to email or send them the monthly newsletter. ***Also if you need to find the name and address of the closest LCMS church to your campus; please contact Pastor Pope.*** Don't forget to remind them that they need to take Jesus with them as they begin a new year of college!

Red Envelope! Your Gifts Help!

The Oktoberfest Red Envelope campaign helps with the start out cost for each year's Oktoberfest. There are some years when the Red Envelope Campaign has covered the cost for that year's Oktoberfest leaving the proceeds as profit for our congregation. You can pick up a red envelope near the Scrip table in the fellowship area.

Reformation

Summer Bible Reading Challenge!

With the end of August, the end of the Reformation Summer Bible Reading Challenge comes to its end! Please bring in your bookmarks and place them in the boxes. We would like to have all the bookmarks turned in by the end of early service on Sunday, September 17. At the beginning of Sunday Morning Bible Class on the 17th, we will have our special drawing for those *distinctly Lutheran prizes* that Pastor has been talking about! Please plan on coming! You have to be present in order to receive your prize because the Reformation Summer Bible Reading Challenge was conducted anonymously.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

On Sunday, September 10, 2017 following late services, the Sunday School Teachers are asked to meet for their Fall Meeting. We will begin with a potluck meal. Please bring one of your favorites to pass. Main dish will be provided.

Sunday School Registration

Please make sure you have registered your child/children for Sunday school. Slips can be printed off of our website or found in the rack near the scrip table. Please turn them in ASAP so that we can get supplies ordered. Sunday School Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Sunday School for 2017-2018 formally begins on September 17, 2017 at 9:15AM. **As of 9/1/17 we have 14 students registered out of 44 students.**

Having a registration card helps in 2 areas! 1st, we can locate parents with a cell phone just in case there is sickness or accidents that occur; 2ndly, it helps us plan for ordering of Sunday School materials. The cost of Sunday School materials continues to rise. The average yearly cost for our congregation is \$1500 through Concordia Publishing House. We will only be ordering materials for those students who have registered. Your help in filling out these registration cards is greatly appreciated.

Sunday School Kick-Off Family Event

Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m.

“Celebrating The Reformation Through A Children's Eye”

This year's Sunday School Kick-Off at St. Paul will feature this year's celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! It's easy to think “what does an event that happened so long ago have any impact on my life today?” This year in Sunday School we want to spend some time looking at the continuing impact that Martin Luther has on all of us today including the youngest in our congregation. Our Sunday School families are invited to this special Sunday as we focus on a presentation: “God's Plan for Luther and Me”. This event is opened to all in the congregation, especially our Sunday School families. Refreshments will be served!



Sunday School Teachers' Commissioning

Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2017 in both services. Full-time, team teachers and substitutes as well as our youth group leaders are invited to come forward for the Lord's blessing on their work. Sunday School teachers for this year are:

4K - Mel Ebert

K/1st/2nd - Sheri Boettcher & Jen Titus

3rd/4th-Tara Pomrening & Nikki Schroeder

5th/6th - Mark Peters

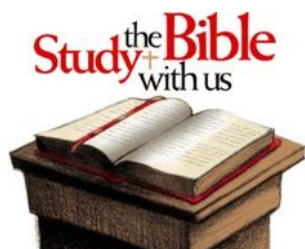
7th/8th - Sarah Pope

"The Way" Youth Group - Debbie Thorne

May God richly bless your year of teaching
God's Word!

New Year of Catechism Class 2017-18

Catechism Class for the Fall & Winter term will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM. **This class is for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade children of our congregation in preparation for Examination and Confirmation in the Christian faith. This first class, parents are asked to accompany their students for the first session beginning at 6:30 PM.** Information and registration (\$25.00 to cover the cost of workbooks and materials) will be taken care of that evening. Catechism Class is a three year program of Catechism lessons, assignments, Bible history and memorizations of portions of Luther's Catechism. Catechism Class lasts from 6:30-8 PM. Full-time Teachers this year are Pastor and Sarah Pope. Like last year, parents are asked to take a turn each Wednesday class period to help with memory work. Currently we have 16 students for Catechism instruction.



Adult Bible Classes for '17-'18

Sunday Morning Bible Class kicks off for the Fall on **Sunday, September 17th at 9:30 AM with a special presentation, "A Man Named Martin – Part 3: The Movement"** This is the third installment of a 3 year study series designed to honor the life & times of the German Reformer, his unparalleled contributions to the Christian Church & the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 31, 2017. It's a fascinating study! Please come! After this study is concluded we will continue **our study of Route 66 (66 books of the Bible) as we conclude the Old Testament with the last book: Malachi.** The book of Malachi addresses issues remarkably similar to the problems that God's people & His Church are facing today. Then we will begin our study on the 4 Gospels in the New Testament. Please come & be a part of the group & the lively discussions. **Part of the Sunday Morning Bible Class Kick Off will include special drawings for the Reformation Summer Bible Reading Challenge!**

Wednesday Morning Bible Class continues during the month of September at 10:30AM.

This Bible Class began a study of the Book of Acts in June of 2017. We are half way through the book of Acts. Even if you have missed most of the book of Acts, each chapter of the Book of Acts shows us how the Word of the Lord grows even under the most trying and difficult of circumstances. The Book of Acts written by Luke, reads like a travelogue as we follow Paul on his missionary journeys. The words of Jesus to His disciples that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth; unfolded in the first century A.D. After we conclude our study of the Book of Acts, we want to continue in a study of Church History as we read through a book by Roland Bainton, entitled: *"The Church of Our Fathers"*. This short book provides a wonderful summary of the history of the Church from the apostolic age to the end of the 19th Century. The book is written in a lively, engaging and uncomplicated style filled with illustrations. This is a good study to have during this Anniversary Year of the Lutheran Reformation. Come and join us. The group meets each Wednesday from 10:30 to noon.

St. Paul Women's Book Group for '17-'18

This year's book for the St. Paul Women's Book Group is "*Being Lutheran*" by A. Trevor Sutton published by Concordia Publishing House. "Here is a contemporary presentation of Lutheranism on a popular level which does not stray from this ancient faith. It is an easy read with the depth of the Scriptures and the Catechism applied to our very real everyday situations. It covers modern concepts with an unflinching honesty and a clear-cut confession of the truth as revealed to us in Jesus. In fact, Jesus is the reason, purpose, and focus of every paragraph, page, and chapter. It is practical and useful book for everyday use as well as to be given as a gift to someone who is looking for some devotional reading. This is a doctrinal reading without the stuffiness. Everyday Lutherans come face to face with why they believe what they do and a help for a pastor to better communicate the living, breathing Gospel of Jesus Christ, a truly Lutheran enterprise." The group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM beginning on Tuesday, September 12. The agenda that evening will be a discussion of the first chapter. Women of all ages are invited to come. The sign-up sheet and a copy of the book (for you to look at) are located on the Scrip desk in the fellowship area. You can either buy your own copy of the book through *Amazon* for \$12.00 or else a group order will be made. Sign-up for the group order by Tuesday, September 5. Books should be available for pick up by Sunday, September 10. Checks should be made out to St. Paul and can be put on Kim's desk. If you have any questions, please call Sarah Pope at (920)-993-9241.

Fall Bible Sale

Getting into God's Word is a good thing for us as a congregation and as individuals. *Concordia Publishing House* is once again offering its annual Fall Bible Sale. Discounted prices for all of the Bibles offered by *Concordia* including the popular *Lutheran Study Bible* are featured with *savings up to 45%*. This year's sale also includes ESV Lutheran Study Bibles that have a commemorative 500th Anniversary cover. For more information go to the website: cph.org and click the tab for "Bible Sale". If you aren't sure what kind of Bible is for you or what would be useful for a loved one, please speak with Pastor.

Hands-On Mission Opportunity!

We have a wonderful opportunity for hands-on mission work. Lorraine Ebert, a member of our congregation, as well as Pastor Pope are inviting you to help the *International Children's Fund (ICF)*. The *ICF* is a Christian humanitarian organization that was formed in Neenah, Wisconsin over 40 years ago. It began as one man's mission to help children around the world and is unique in its work because there is no bureaucracy, just dedicated people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of those who need it most. At the moment the work of this organization is to provide needed supplies for families and children in West Africa. And best of all, it is easy to participate in. This is called a "*Shoe-Box Ministry*" and provides Christmas joy to African Christians who are being persecuted for the faith through Muslim insurgency. *ICF* works through a network of Christian African pastors to help with this Christmas distribution. All that this involves is taking a simple shoe box and filling it with items for either a boy or girl or family. Write on the top of the shoe box cover if it is for a boy/girl/family and put the cover on the box. A Christmas card or note of Christian encouragement can also be included. Items that are appreciated are school supplies, hygiene items as well as miscellaneous items (t-shirts, socks, hard candy). Boxes (unsealed) need to be brought to church by October 15, 2017 so that they can be delivered to the office in Neenah. Best of all, these shoe boxes will be shipped and delivered free of charge. *ICF* partners with container ships that have room in their vessels for this humanitarian work. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel of Christ with our notes of encouragement and gifts to people who will gladly receive it. *ICF's* headquarters are; PO Box 583, Neenah, Wisconsin. They have a website www.icfaid.org. Very shortly, there will be a display and example explaining this opportunity as well as a presentation in the near future.



St. Paul 11th Annual Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 1, 2017

St. Paul's Oktoberfest & Pig Roast will take place on Sunday, October 1, beginning with an outdoor church service at 10:30 AM. A delicious German meal with all the trimmings, a silent auction, along with polka music, rounds out the day until 1:30 PM. Throughout the month of September there will be updates in the Sunday bulletin and from Doug Ehrenberg, our chairman for Oktoberfest. Again we are counting on everyone to help in some way, encouraging others to attend, purchasing tickets for a wonderful meal and fellowship, or by volunteering in the following areas:

- **Pre-Oktoberfest Set-up Crew**
- **Lending your Nesco roaster as well as moving food from the church to the tent**
(Please be sure to put your name on your Nesco including the lid.)
- **Helping in the kitchen and helping to serve in the food line.**
- **Baking one or more German chocolate, chocolate and white cakes**
(disposable aluminum cake tins will be provided)
- **Post-Oktoberfest Clean Up Crew**
- **Table and Tent Fall Decorations**
- **Donations for the Silent Auction**

If you are able to help in one or a couple different ways, please be sure to call Doug Ehrenberg at 446-3646 or 446-2288. It is important that if you can help that you would please call ahead of time, that way we can get an accurate number of people that we need for set-up and take down. If you can bake a cake, please sign up by the scrip table.

The German Dinner menu includes the following:

- **Roast Pork; sauerkraut; stuffing; baby red potatoes; corn; and dinner roll.**
(hot dogs available for the children)
- **Dessert: Assortment of Frosted Cakes**
- **Coffee and Milk included**
- **Cost: \$12.00(Pre Sale) per person; \$14 (Day Of)**
children 8 and younger free.
- **Carry-outs are welcomed**
- **For advance tickets call the church office at 446-3251 or Doug Ehrenberg at 446-3646 or 446-2288**



Also, your help in purchasing 10 meal tickets above your regular Sunday offerings to church, to sell to family and friends will be greatly appreciated.

This year we will again be having our St. Paul's Preschool & Sunday School 4K-4th Grade singing as part of the church service.

See you at Oktoberfest!



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council
July 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:37 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

Roll Call: Matthew Voigt, Phil Lewin, Sandy Smith, Doug Ehrenberg, Bob Wendt, Ken Rothe, Pastor Pope, Pat Kons
Absent: Paul Krause, Bobbi Marks, Board of Education, Stewardship/Evangelism

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Phil Lewin, seconded by Bob Wendt to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The June treasurers report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Rothe, seconded by Matthew Voigt to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor: This Sunday is our outdoor service with Dave Horn. Refreshments will be served following the service. The family of Bob Kramer is donating a memorial bench. Angie Sasse is now at Crossroads in Weyauwega and Inez Hanson is moving to assisted living in Menasha. Delores Boyson is moving to Appleton. Friday August 4th is our film fest. It begins at 6:00 pm. On August 3rd we will have a radio spot on WDUX at 8:10 am. This Saturday is the Hartrick wedding. Lonny Knoke funeral was today.

Elders: Some options for a luncheon to go along with the reformation walk. We all need to continue to look into more energy efficient lighting options here at church in an effort to reduce our electric/gas bill.

Trustees: We need to look at the gutter situation on the south side of the daycare part of the building. The window wells by the daycare filled with water this evening and leaked through and into the basement. Bob is going to look into getting/building covers for the window wells. The church could use a ladder long enough to access the roof. Bob is looking into other options for a fenced in play yard for the daycare. The leak in the bathroom has been fixed. The chimes are in need of a new timer.

Board of Education: The film fest is Friday August 4th. Getting ready for Sunday school. Working on a new contract for Daycare.

Stewardship/Evangelism: This Sunday is Dave Horn outdoor service at the park. Will be hosting refreshments following service.

Old Business:

Fellowship Redecorating: Doug is looking into having a meeting about the placement of the scrip safe. Final bills from Lewins and Julie Hanson have been submitted. We are about \$1600 short of what we need to pay all bills. A motion was made by Matthew Voigt, seconded by Ken Rothe to first pay out final bills using the remainder of the fellowship account then pay the rest out of the Oktoberfest account. If money comes in it can be used to reimburse the Oktoberfest account. Motion carried.

Master Planning: An explanation of what a master planning committee does was given. The committee will answer to church council. It should have about five people on. Names suggested for the committee include; Marlyn Ebert, Mel Ebert, Tony Boetcher, Mike Hanten, Joe Ferg, Jen Titus, Butch Owen, Dawn Harris, Lorraine Zeichert, Kevin Miller, and Paul Krause.

New Business:

Health Plan: Information was just received. Will be tabled until next month so that we have time to review it.

A motion was made by Bob Wendt, seconded by Phil Lewin to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:58 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



- September 1 - Rebecca Emond
- September 2 - Patricia Kester, Eric Toepke
- September 3 - Robert Hartfiel, Kyle Kons
- September 4 - Douglas Ehrenberg, Karen Looker
- September 7 - Lanora Hartfiel
- September 8 - LeVan Toepke
- September 9 - Barbara Farb
- September 10 - Lillian Hildebrand
Chuck Vanevenhoven
- September 11 - Samantha Block, Nikole Braun
- September 13 - Jordan Lathrop
- September 14 - Tucker Kettner
- September 15 - Greg Oehlke
- September 16 - Sandra Smith
- September 17 - Ava Schroeder
- September 20 - Barb Buchholz, Maddux Block
- September 21 - Harley Bartel, James Struck
- September 22 - Matthew Voigt
- September 26 - Brenda Hillskotter
- September 27 - Christ Brogaard, Josh Lathrop
- September 28 - Bonnie Gitter
- September 29 - Shelly Kohl, Joanne Buss



- September 1 - Lee & Julie Hansen
- September 2 - Pastor & Sarah Pope,
Marlyn & Lorraine Ebert
- September 6 - Paul & Dawn Krause
Glenn & Tara Pomrening
- September 7 - Jamie & Theresa Wohlrabe
Matthew & Devin Oehlke
- September 8 - Scott & Kathy Krause
- September 9 - Kevin & Barb Miller
- September 12 - Duane & Pat Koplien
Kevin & Bonnie Zeinert
Seth & Katherine Miller
- September 19 - Ryan & Nikole Braun
- September 22 - Dennis & Gail Belling
- September 24 - Tom & Patti Schmoltd
- September 27 - Ken & Brandy Borremans
- September 30 - Phil & Bonnie Lewin

Serving the Lord ...

September 3 & 10

Greeters 1st – Dodge & Leah Brooks
2nd – Pat & Nancy Gorchals

Ushers 1st – Dodge & Leah Brooks
Lee & Julie Hansen
2nd – Scott & Kathy Krause
Kevin Miller, Seth Miller

September 17 & 24

Greeters 1st – Ken & Ellen Rothe
2nd – Matt Looker Family

Ushers 1st – Roy Toepke, Steve Oehlke
Jerry Witkowski, Mike Abraham
2nd – Matt & Andrew Looker
Greg Oehlke, Brian Oehlke

ACOLYTES

September 3 1st – Cooper Kester
2nd – Reilly Claasen

September 10 1st – Connor Delwiche
2nd – Mackenzie Hansen

September 17 1st – Ellie Pomrening
2nd – Luke Ehrenberg

September 24 1st – Blake Bartel
2nd – Madison Hansen



ST. PAUL CHILD CARE-PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017



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Director: Sandra Smith (920-407-1191)

Preschool Program Teacher: Nancy Bleck School Age Teachers: Tammy Yonke Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young

Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Becca Schalkowski
Lori Gabrielson, Dawn Kauper & Terry Fischer

Calendar

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| Monday, September 4 | Labor Day-Child Care Center Closed |
| Tuesday, September 5 | Weyauwega-Fremont/St. Peter's Schools Begin |
| Tuesday, September 5 | First Day of 2017-2018 Little Learners/Preschool Programs |
| Monday, September 11 | Weyauwega-Fremont Monday/Thursday 4K Starts |
| Tuesday, September 12 | Weyauwega-Fremont Tuesday/Friday 4K Starts |
| Sunday, October 1 | 10:30 AM Preschool/Little Learners Sing at St. Paul's Oktoberfest |



Welcome to St. Paul Preschool/Child Care. We believe that each child is a special creation, loved and cared for by God and deserving of our respect. We recognize the importance of positive experiences early in a child's life that will encourage optimum development of God-given potential. Please stop in to visit at anytime. If you have any questions or concerns, stop in and see your child's teacher or Ms Sandy or call Ms Sandy at 920-407-1191.



St. Paul will be holding its 11th annual Oktoberfest Celebration on Sunday, October 1. Ms Nancy and Ms Nan's classes are invited to sing with St. Paul Sunday School students at 10:30am. You will receive more information from Ms Nancy and Ms Nan.



**FAMILY NIGHT STONE SOUP
NOVEMBER 1**





St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2017



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:30 AM Worship w/HC	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Service Time Change 7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM SS Kickoff Sunday 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Sunday School Teachers Meeting/Potluck	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
				10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism <i>Parents Night</i>		Setup for OKTOBERFEST