



August 2015

“Proclaim”

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1

Farmers Market @ Bank of Wonewoc

August 9

- Mrs. Snyder's Installation
- Panther Parents Chicken BBQ Dinner & Picnic
- School Registration and Open House

August 15 & 29

Farmers Market @ Bank of Wonewoc

September 1

1st Day of School

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From the Pastor

Summer always seems to be busier and go faster than planned. Life often gives us things we don't expect. The constants that we have are our Lord and his word and promises which bring us forgiveness, comfort, strength and hope. We always need God and his word.

To that end, there are three things in this mailing: the August newsletter, a letter of introduction and encouragement from your elder, and a letter of encouragement from your servants the elders and the trustees. All three of these items, while they share different information and have different aims, share the common overall purpose of encouraging you and helping you to stay connected to your Savior. May God bless you as individuals, us as a congregation, and the proclamation of his word among us and through us.

At our annual meeting on July 26th, the voters adopted a policy with the wording suggested by our synod leadership. With not only the recent Supreme Court ruling on marriage but also the attitudes toward marriage over the last several decades, as well as some of the other actions in our country that are challenging God's institution of marriage, it's appropriate for us to adopt this statement as our doctrine and policy on marriage. We want to faithfully and lovingly share all God's truth.

Doctrine and Policy Regarding Marriage St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Bible teaches that marriage was established and given by God at the time of creation. As he designed and instituted it, marriage is the life-long union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6). It is a relationship that is to be honored and kept pure (Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 5:22-33). As a man and woman promise life-long faithfulness to each other as husband and wife, God himself joins them as one. Marriage is not simply a contract between two consenting individuals, nor is it merely a creation of human society, culture, or tradition. God himself instituted marriage at the time of creation, and God himself joins a man and woman in marriage today.

The biblical teaching on marriage emphasizes the blessings God intends to convey to those joined together in the marital relationship. Through marriage God provides partners well suited and complementary to one another. In marriage, God provides a partner who will provide encouragement and support. Marriage is also to be the God-ordained means to procreate and to establish a stable environment in which children can be nurtured both physically and spiritually. Marriage is the one context God intended for the use of the blessing of sexual intimacy, where the sexual union of one man and woman is an expression of love and oneness rather than a sinful satisfaction of lust. Finally, since we live in a fallen world, in marriage God provides a restraint for selfishness and sin as each partner strives to live the pure life that God intends for his people (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8).

This is the Bible's teaching about the origin, definition, and nature of marriage. For that reason it is also the doctrine of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Every congregation and called worker accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice. That marriage is the God-ordained union of one man and one woman is the clear teaching of the Bible, and therefore is the teaching and confession of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The policy and practice of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is consistent with the synod's beliefs and teachings regarding marriage. We believe that marriage is the sacred, life-long union between one man and one woman. Therefore, our pastors will not officiate in any marriage ceremony or celebration and our church sanctuary may not be used for any activities related to a marriage ceremony or celebration that is inconsistent with these beliefs.



School Scoop

Celebrating 135 Years of
Christian Education



The start of the new school year is just around the corner. Cleaning and preparation in the classrooms and the rest of the school are nearing completion. Our new 3-5 grade teacher, **Mrs. Jenell Snyder** will be installed on August 9th at the 10:30 AM service. Following that service will be the **2nd Annual Panther Parents Chicken Dinner** and a fellowship with plenty of activities for all to enjoy, including a bounce house, wagon rides and other games.

Also that day, parents are invited to **register their children for the upcoming school year**, visit their classrooms and meet with the teachers. As school supply list is available on the school website and parents may bring in these things at this time also.

Church News

Baptisms



On July 26, 2015, these children were welcomed into God's family of believers by the power and promise of His Word in Holy Baptism.

Brantley Jacob Demaske, son of Brent and Amanda Demaske.

Brycen Michael Erie, and **Cooper Dennis Erie**, sons of Jason and Samantha Erie

Memorials and Gifts



Cemetery Fund

Elmer Wells

Highlights - Annual Meeting July 26, 2015

President Voigt called the meeting to order with 20 voting members present at 11:50 a.m.

Pastor Snyder opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

The minutes of the April 19, 2015 Quarterly Meeting, the June 7, 2015 Special Meeting and the June 28, 2015 Special Meeting were approved

Doug Westedt presented the **Elders' Committee** Report and stated that a letter will be going out this week to members.

- Confirmands Dylan Ross Degner, Jessica Eloise Erie, Sawyer Steven Frick and Kory Allen Helm were formally accepted into membership.
- The voters also accepted by transfer Rebecca Laack from St. Paul's Tomah

Rev. Snyder presented the **Pastor's Report**.

- There has been 1 funeral, 2 weddings and 7 baptisms since last quarter.
- 2015 average weekly church attendance is 169 members.
- Introduced the idea of volunteers for Parish Nursing.

Principal Zimmerman presented the **Principal's Report**.

Items noted were:

- Enrollment estimated at 59 which is up from last year.
- The school is communicating with the other congregations about our school and a representative from St. Paul's in Mauston will sit in on the education committee meetings.
- Vacation Bible School will be held this week.

Maintenance Committee Report

- Handicapped parking is now available on the side of the church and there will be parking only on one side between the school and the church.

Dick Lankey presented the **St. Paul's Cemetery Association Report**.

- They will look into the cost of the insurance that the church pays for the cemetery.

Bruce Schroeder gave the **Treasurer's Report** in conjunction with the **Finance Committee Report**.

- The line of credit balance as of 6/30/15 is \$136,435.74.
- The school roof loan balance as of 6/30/15 is \$10,259.82.
- The finance committee discussed the deficit and the need to communicate this information by a letter to the congregation.

The Constitution Committee reviewed the By-Laws of our church and changes that are being proposed.

Other items acted on include:

- Voters passed approval to adopt the Doctrine and Policy Regarding Marriage.
- Approval was given for the Trustees the have the power to deal with the Dutch Hollow Lake property and the authority to list the property for sale.
- A proposal by the finance committee to renew the general fund line of credit and increase the collateral to \$150,000 and not go over that figure was approved.
- The voters also approved a motion that we have a progress report from the trustees as to the financial condition of the congregation with a plan by the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m. and Pastor Snyder led in closing with the Lord's Prayer together.

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 Mrs. Valerie Hagemann - 464-3299

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School - Wonewoc, WI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 9:20 AM Fellowship	3	4	5	6	7	8 8:00 AM Elders
9 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship 9:20 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Installation 11:30 AM Panther Parents Chicken BBQ and Picnic School Registration	10 8:00 PM St. Paul's, Mauston - School Registration	11 6:30 PM Panther Parents Meeting	12	13	14	15 9:00 AM Farmers' Market @ The Bank of Wonewoc
16 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 9:20 AM Fellowship	17 7:00 PM Education Committee Meeting	18	19	20 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting	21	22 1:00 PM Wedding
23 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship 9:20 AM Fellowship	24 9:00 AM Newsletter Article and Calendar Deadline	25	26	27	28	29 9:00 AM Farmers' Market @ The Bank of Wonewoc
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Through the Bible in One Year

Read the Bible Genesis to Revelation
 in 1 Year

- Aug 1: [Is 18-22](#)
- Aug 2: [Is 23-27](#)
- Aug 3: [Is 28-30](#)
- Aug 4: [Is 31-35](#)
- Aug 5: [Is 36-41](#)
- Aug 6: [Is 42-44](#)
- Aug 7: [Is 45-48](#)
- Aug 8: [Is 49-53](#)
- Aug 9: [Is 54-58](#)
- Aug 10: [Is 59-63](#)
- Aug 11: [Is 64-66](#)
- Aug 12: [Jer 1-3](#)
- Aug 13: [Jer 4-6](#)
- Aug 14: [Jer 7-9](#)
- Aug 15: [Jer 10-13](#)
- Aug 16: [Jer 14-17](#)
- Aug 17: [Jer 18-22](#)
- Aug 18: [Jer 23-25](#)
- Aug 19: [Jer 26-29](#)
- Aug 20: [Jer 30-31](#)
- Aug 21: [Jer 32-34](#)
- Aug 22: [Jer 35-37](#)
- Aug 23: [Jer 38-41](#)
- Aug 24: [Jer 42-45](#)
- Aug 25: [Jer 46-48](#)
- Aug 26: [Jer 49-50](#)
- Aug 27: [Jer 51-52](#)
- Aug 28: [Lam 1-3:36](#)
- Aug 29: [Lam 3:37-5](#)
- Aug 30: [Ezek 1-4](#)

August Birthdays

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it...Psalm 118:24

- 1 Scott Oetzman
- 2 Tracey McDonough, Matt Preston, Joseph Voigt
- 3 Emmalynn Herritz, Heather Mobley, Danny Ott, Lucas Weber
- 4 Alison Ratzburg, Denise Thayer
- 6 Linda Donovan, Ronnie Ott, Steve Robinson
- 7 Eileen McDermott, Joseph Preuss, Mary Robel, Ella Snyder, Toby Thums
- 8 Jon Fanta
- 9 Don Gross, Jeff Potter, Sally Raese
- 10 Carmen Erickson, Jed Fanta
- 11 Doug Durkee, Cayden Miller, Ron Pagel, Ellen Schroeder
- 12 Karter Olson, John Roloff Sr.
- 13 Betty Burfeind, Aaron Pagel, Bianca Schroeder
- 14 Shane Donovan
- 15 Helen Rick
- 16 Keith Gates
- 17 Leohnard Degner, Annette Gross, Laura Schmidt, Keri Wafle
- 18 Jill Bender, Elijah Mobley
- 19 Paul Feldman, Colton Miller, Brynleigh Trankle, Eleanor Westedt
- 20 Matt Schmidt
- 21 Caitlin Wiese
- 22 Dale Nichols
- 23 Brett Mildbrand
- 24 Pam Burfeind, Isabella Gates, Rebecca Gilbertson, Adam Hepp, Devon Pattridge, Megan Thompson
- 25 Tyler Laack, Shannon McDonough, Jamie Weise
- 26 Brenenn Ott, Tanya Whitney
- 28 Gordie Schmidt, Lance Thayer
- 29 Urijah Gehri, Geraldine Olson
- 30 Lilah Krueger
- 31 Richard Rick, Clark Schmidt

If we missed your birthday, we're sorry.

Please let us know and we will make the correction.