

February 2012

"Proclaim"

The Newsletter of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Dates to Remember

February 1

Red Cross Blood Drive
12:30 – 5:30 PM
School Gymnasium

February 16-17

No School - Conference

February 22 & 29

Lenten Worship
3:30 PM & 7:00 PM

(Soup Supper Between Services)

February 26

11:30 AM

**Pioneer Spaghetti Dinner
& Pine Car Derby**

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From the Pastor

Love – More than an Emotion

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." – 1 John 4:10

Love is lacking in our world. And if it's lacking in our world, we can be sure it's also lacking in our church because our congregation, like the world we live in, is full of sinners. We don't have to go into detail to point out where love is lacking, do we? We might, but only if we are pointing at everyone else and not at ourselves, too.

What's the answer to our lack of love? We tend to put the burden for our lack of love on others. "If he would speak more kindly... If she would be more patient... If God would take better care of my needs... I just have so many problems in my life, others should be showing more love to me!"

There is no doubt that the people around us fall short of God's will that we love our neighbor as ourselves, but there's also no doubt we do too. Whenever there's a problem in our lives with someone else, even if we are sure that they are very much in the wrong, we must still look at ourselves and see where we have fallen short. In doing this we will be able to see real love more clearly.

This is because real love doesn't start with us. It can't. Just like the blessed apostle wrote, it's not that we loved God. He loved us – all the way to the cross. He loved us because of who he is, not because of who we are. He loved us with everything he had. He still loves us that way. His love means forgiveness for all our sins. It means life forever with God in heaven.

That's why it's so important to first look at ourselves before we deal with others. When we see our sin, which is most certainly there, be it big or small, we see our need for God's love. And God points us in his word and sacrament to Jesus, who embodies God's love for sinners, and who pours out that love freely on us through that same gospel.

When I say love is lacking in our church, I don't mean that it's non-existent. No, love is there. At times it shines like a beacon! It's there because God is there. His gospel in word and sacrament is there. It is, after all, his love.

So here's the great thing: As we continue to be fed, as we continue to take to heart the condemnations of the law and look to the cross and empty tomb of our Savior, in whom we find full and free forgiveness, we will love greater, better, more in keeping with God's love for us. That seems to be a pretty good goal for 2012, doesn't it? Greater love in our congregation, greater love for each other, greater love for our wandering and lost neighbors? God can accomplish it through the gospel. God will accomplish it as we faithfully proclaim and use his word. May it be so, for Jesus' sake.

Church News

Board of Trustees Highlights January 24, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:02 PM on January 24, 2012. The meeting opened with a study of Hebrews 6:13-20 followed with prayer by Pastor Snyder.

Regular reports of the standing committees were read and approved as presented.

The *Treasurer's Report* was reviewed and approved as presented. The Treasurer noted that Mission (Synod) offerings stand at \$4,588.09 less than the year-end goal of \$22,000.00.

The *Financial Committee* report noted the following:

- The General Fund Debt has been reduced to \$125,792.96 through gifts to debt reduction as of the end of December. No additional borrowing was necessary through December or so far in January.
- The Financial Committee has discussed the blessings received through estate gifts and continues to support their recommendation to apply this toward reducing the General Fund Debt.

The *Elders Committee* reported the following:

- The Elders have recommended that we accept Ellen Fronk by transfer from St. Paul's in Mauston.
- The Elders have also recommended that we accept Darcy Pagel as a member by rite of adult confirmation.
- The Elders continue to work through the membership list with Pastor to encourage attendance.

The *Education Committee* report included the following noted items:

- Work continues to encourage parents and children toward regular Sunday worship service attendance.

- A special donation received from St. John's at Kendall was designated for as an assistance fund in paying book and supply fees.
- Vera Gehri has volunteered and been approved to serve as financial secretary for the school.

The *Maintenance Committee* report was discussed with the following items noted:

- Parking in and around the church and school was discussed. We will be addressing some changes in the spring to allow for a few additional spaces. In the meantime a decision was made to encourage members to park by the school or in the playground area and leave the area along the parsonage lawn for those who may find walking longer distances difficult.

The *Principal's Report* included the following noted items:

- An emergency preparedness plan and manual has been prepared and submitted to local authorities for use in case of fire or weather emergencies.
- The second grade class has received their first Bibles and hymnals through a special donation and presentation by the Ladies Aid.
- A Red Cross blood drive will be held in the gym on February 1st in memory of Laura Krueger.

The *Pastor's Report* included:

- Pastoral activity for the past month was reviewed.
- Midweek Lenten services will feature a rotation of the area pastors from Mauston, Hillsboro/Elroy, Kendall/South Ridge, New Lisbon and Wonewoc.
- Pastor and the Elders are continuing to meet with members to encourage their faith through regular attendance.

Unfinished business items:

- A proposal from Cameron-Aslaksen Architects, LLC to research and develop various

building maintenance and renovation plans was reviewed. More information will be gathered for the February trustees meeting.

New business items:

- A schedule was discussed and set for sponsorship of the soup & sandwich suppers during lent. Contact the church/school office for more information.
- Discussion was held regarding the generous estate gifts of Arno Reineke and Alvin & Emma Bell Degner. Suggestions and input from a special joint committee meeting held on January 21st were considered. A recommendation will be made to the voters at the Quarterly meeting on January 29th to use this blessing to eliminate the General Fund Debt and to establish a long range planning committee to evaluate the best use of the remaining amount, along with existing memorial and special project funds, to determine the best way to use this to God's glory. A special emphasis is to be placed on planning to not go into debt again. The committee will be required to present a comprehensive plan at the April 2012 Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM and closed with The Lord's Prayer in unison.

Memorials

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>In Memory of</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Undesignated | Milton Smith |
| Care Ministry | Ruth Talg |
| School Memorial | Gerhard & Ruth Talg Susan Johnson |
| Jr. Choir | Gerhard & Ruth Talg Susan Johnson |
| Undesignated | Duane Wolfe |
| Cemetery | Duane Wolfe |
| Sound & Tape | Dane Nash |

Lenten Worship Schedule

Worship services for the season of Lent will be held on Wednesday afternoons and evenings at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM. As in past years the area WELS pastors will be preaching at different churches. The theme for this year is:

SEE HIS CROSS!

The worship schedule for St. Paul's, Wonewoc is as follows:

Feb. 22 – Pastor Peter Snyder
 Feb. 29 – Pastor Joseph Fricke
 Mar. 7 – Pastor Joel Free
 Mar. 14 – Pastor Conrad Prell
 Mar. 21 – Pastor Collin Vanderhoof
 Mar. 28 – Pastor Steven Neuman

Soup Suppers



Again this year we will be having soup and sandwich suppers between the worship services during Lent.

The suppers are hosted by various committees and groups and start right after the 3:30 service. The schedule for hosting is as follows:

Feb. 22 - Board of Trustees
 Feb. 29 - Altar Guild/Sr. Choir
 Mar. 7 - Ladies Aid
 Mar. 14 - Education/School
 Mar. 21 - Elders/Pioneers
 Mar. 28 - Maintenance/Finance & Care Ministry

We invite you to come and worship without having to worry about making time for preparing a meal. Come for food for your soul and food for your body as well.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Don't forget to make time to give blood at the Wonewoc area blood drive on **February 1st. at St. Paul's School Gymnasium.** This blood drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross and held in memory of Laura Kruger. The time is from 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Childcare is available while you donate. Show your love by giving blood!

More News

Pioneers Spaghetti Dinner and Pine Car Derby

On February 26, Lutheran Pioneers and Girl Pioneers will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Pine Car races. . Anyone is welcome to come for the meal, which is the group's fundraiser, and stay to watch the completion afterward. The meal starts at 11:30 AM followed by the derby race. Both events will be held in the church basement



**Competitors please remember that the weigh-in for the race will take place on Saturday, February 25 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon.

The WELS 2012 International Youth Rally

The WELS 2012 International Youth Rally will be held June 27-30 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The theme for the rally is "Fill Up!" based on [John 10:10](#), "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

Highlights include spiritual and educational workshops, recreational workshops, worship music led by [Branches Band](#), daily devotions, an Olympic-size pool on campus, recreation fields, and excursion opportunities. Registration will be open from Feb. 15 to May 15. Beginning Feb. 15, a link to the University of Tennessee's online registration will be available at www.wels.net/events. There is an early bird registration until March 31. Find out more info on Facebook.

Tape Ministry



Exciting changes are coming to the shut-in recorded service ministry. Through a donation in memory of Dane Nash, the church has purchased a new CD recorder and duplicator as well as 3 new CD players that will be available if anyone does not have a player of their own.

If you or someone that you know is unable to attend worship services and would like to receive God's word through this ministry, please contact Pastor or the church/school office at 608-464-3212.

School Scoop

Accreditation teams have been selected and have received their folders to start the self-study. Our WELSSA consultant is Mr. Tim Mueller, St. John's Sparta. At this point the Steering Committee will begin to meet in small groups to get the self-study going. Continue to pray for this endeavor as we work to better our school in His kingdom.

The Education Committee would like to welcome Mr. Scott Elder as a new member. Retained members are: Vern Thompson, Jeff Peesel, and Jeff Bolton. Vera Gehri has volunteered to be the school's financial secretary. Her duties will include maintaining the school accounts and submitting payments to various vendors.

An emergency preparedness manual for the school has been submitted to our local police department. It includes various procedures for fire and weather concerns as well as possible threats to the school. All of the outer doors have been marked with identifying letters as have the classrooms and other occupied rooms. This manual allows for any necessary quick response by local law enforcement agencies as well as emergency personnel.

Our second grade students received their first Bibles and hymnals courtesy of a donation by the Ladies Aid. They were presented with their books at the December meeting of the Ladies Aid. Thank you for this wonderful gift.

The school has entered into a three year contract with Microsoft for a licensing agreement to distribute Office Pro Plus to all of our computers.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the school on February 1 in honor of Laura Kruger.

Patty Grauvogl has joined our staff working in the After Care program along with Anita Huebner and Jan Fick. This area of our ministry has aided our families, providing a safe Christian environment for their children after school.



February Birthdays

- 1 - Cheryl Kaske, Ryan Weber
- 2 - Calvin Gehri, Steven Rasch
- 3 - Jeff Ott
- 4 - Kathy Preuss, James Smallwood
- 5 - Judy Hamburg, Marceil Manske
- 6 - Mae Bauer
- 7 - Lynell Fry, Michelle Gardehl,
Mary Peterson
- 8 - Charles Steffen, Lucas Thew
- 9 - Donna Biermeier, Kyle Peterson
- 10 - Lucius Wells
- 11 - Deborah Rick, Mark Schultz
- 12 - Laurie Burfeind, Natalie Nichols,
- 13 - Mike Miller, Amy Sobeck
- 14 - Evan Pagel, Karon Schmidt,
Jordan Schraufnagel, Jared Smallwood
- 15 - Brian Brooks, Marion Demaske,
Patrick Herritz
- 16 - Rick Field, Peter Lange, Mary Triebs,
Joretta Weber
- 19 - Neil Penshorn, Philip Snyder
- 20 - Nick Fanta
- 22 - Brandon Bolton, Jay Bolton,
Dylan Laack, Sam Mobley, Andy Ott,
Reagon Stanek
- 23 - Ashley Thompson
- 24 - Amanda Burton, Eugene Demaske,
Timothy Fulton, Mechelle Thompson
- 25 - Yvette Daniels, Steve Fick,
Eric Preston,
Erwin Sherer
- 26 - Dennis Biermeier
- 27 - Nicole Olson, Todd Schroeder
- 28 - Mary Penshorn

Through the Bible in One Year

Old & New Testament Readings
For 1 Year

- Feb 1: [2Chron 19-20; John 13:21-38](#)
- Feb 2: [2Chron 21-22; John 14](#)
- Feb 3: [2Chron 23-24; John 15](#)
- Feb 4: [2Chron 25-27; John 16](#)
- Feb 5: [2Chron 28-29; John 17](#)
- Feb 6: [2Chron 30-31; John 18:1-18](#)
- Feb 7: [2Chron 32-33; John 18:19-40](#)
- Feb 8: [2Chron 34-36; John 19:1-22](#)
- Feb 9: [Ezra 1-2; John 19:23-42](#)
- Feb 10: [Ezra 3-5; John 20](#)
- Feb 11: [Ezra 6-8; John 21](#)
- Feb 12: [Ezra 9-10; Acts 1](#)
- Feb 13: [Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 2:1-21](#)
- Feb 14: [Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 2:22-47](#)
- Feb 15: [Nehemiah 7-9; Acts 3](#)
- Feb 16: [Nehemiah 10-11; Acts 4:1-22](#)
- Feb 17: [Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 4:23-37](#)
- Feb 18: [Esther 1-2; Acts 5:1-21](#)
- Feb 19: [Esther 3-5; Acts 5:22-42](#)
- Feb 20: [Esther 6-8; Acts 6](#)
- Feb 21: [Esther 9-10; Acts 7:1-21](#)
- Feb 22: [Job 1-2; Acts 7:22-43](#)
- Feb 23: [Job 3-4; Acts 7:44-60](#)
- Feb 24: [Job 5-7; Acts 8:1-25](#)
- Feb 25: [Job 8-10; Acts 8:26-40](#)
- Feb 26: [Job 11-13; Acts 9:1-21](#)
- Feb 27: [Job 14-16; Acts 9:22-43](#)
- Feb 28/29: [Job 17-19; Acts 10:1-23](#)



Greeters for February

- Sunday, February 5, 8:00 a.m.
Sid & Ellen Schroeder
- Sunday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.
Bruce & Trish Schroeder
- Sunday, February 12, 8:00 a.m.
Al & Linda Scott
- Sunday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.
Jenell Snyder
- Sunday, February 19, 8:00 a.m.
Al & Linda Scott
- Sunday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.
Gordie & Jeanie Stittleburg
- Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.
Jenell Snyder
- Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.
Gordie & Jeanie Stittleburg
- Sunday, February 26, 8:00 a.m.
Sid & Ellen Schroeder
- Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.
Bruce & Trish Schroeder
- Wednesday, February 29, 3:30 p.m.
Jenell Snyder
- Wednesday, February 29, 7:00 p.m.
Rich Voigt

A Reminder!

Please park in the playground area or by the school if you are able, to help reserve the parking area along the parsonage lawn for those who have difficulty walking a long distance.
Thank you for your help!



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