

February 2020

# "Proclaim"

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Evangelical Church



## DATES

### TO REMEMBER

#### February 2

Quarterly Voters  
Meeting  
10:30 AM

#### February 11

Cabin Fever  
Community Supper  
4:30 – 7:30 PM

#### February 12-13

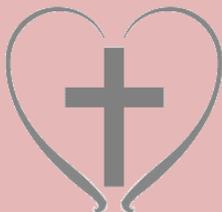
Afternoon/Evening  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

#### February 20-21

No School  
Teacher's Conference

#### February 26

Ash Wednesday  
Worship  
3:30pm - Wonewoc  
6:00pm - Hillsboro



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## From the Pastor

### We Walk by Faith

*"Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. <sup>2</sup> In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. <sup>3</sup> If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.*

*<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad. (1 Corinthians 5:1-10).*

Some people are surprised. Others are excited. I'm sure some are uncertain. Maybe there are even some who are absolutely sure we shouldn't do this. What I'm talking about is the plan to build an Early Childhood Ministry Center (ECM), which would house our preschool and also be a place for daycare. In connection with this, at a congregational meeting that was held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, between the services, the overwhelming majority of people in attendance, about 50, are in favor of calling a pastor and a teacher to add to our staff. Those are some big decisions that will have a big impact!

First, while I personally think that the ECM is likely to happen and pray that it will because I think it's a great opportunity to reach out with the gospel by filling a need in the area, it's not a done deal. We have to figure out the costs and other logistics and then bring it to the congregation. We as a congregation need to approve it. This is because we aren't a club that's run by a governing board. We are family that has servant-leaders who help to guide us as we seek to do the things that God put us here to do: grow together in Christ and reach out with his gospel.

Is there room for disagreement? Certainly! These are big steps! Many congregations have taken them before and God has blessed them, but it can still be intimidating to walk out on that path. It may feel more like walking the plank!

While the Lord does not speak from heaven and say, "Do this! Go this way!", he does give us guidance in his Word. The most important guidance steers us always in all things to Christ our Savior.

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# Church News

(From the Pastor continued from cover page)

The Scripture above gives us a motto that's great to live by: *We walk by faith, not by sight.* But the context gives us the proper understanding. It's not a matter of blindly stepping out into the middle of a busy street and trusting you won't get run over. That's foolish. It's tempting God. No, what God is teaching us here is that we can be confident as we live out our lives as his people and as we seek to do his work and will. He will bless us, and no matter what happens, we have an eternal future in heaven to look forward to. That's our home! We can't see God, we can't see heaven, we can't see the Spirit working in our hearts and lives, but we know these are real and true because the Spirit is working in us through the Word. We walk by faith, not by sight.

Because we know where we're heading, we make it our goal to please God, and we know we'll be doing that for eternity. That will be great because we know we will always please God perfectly. Until then, Paul reminds us that we all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ. That might make us think that Jesus will judge us according to our works. Well, he will, but not in the way most people think, which is part of the point of all this. He will judge us according to our works, but by faith we will claim the works of Christ as our own. This is one of the reasons he came to earth, to live a perfect life for us. We will also claim the blood of Christ which washes our sin away. So we'll stand before Jesus the Judge by faith in Jesus the Savior. We know the verdict will be "not guilty" and the invitation will be, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

The point is that we want others, who will also stand before that judgment seat, to claim the same by faith so they can hear the same invitation. This is why so many of our brothers and sisters want to move forward. They know what God has called us to do. We all do. God help us to trust him, to walk by faith, and to remember the goal isn't the status quo. The goal is the salvation of as many souls as possible.

## Baptisms



Zoiee Marie Micheaux - Dean

January 26

## Memorials and Gifts



Fund	In Memory/Honor of
Debt Reduction	Elmer Wells
Undesignated	Richard Lange

## Worship for Lent



This year's Lenten theme is "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Scripture is replete with imagery and descriptions of our Savior Jesus as the warrior who fights and defeats sin, death, and Satan. Each service focuses on an aspect of our Savior-warrior as he is promised to us, fights our enemies for us, and triumphs over them for us. The title is drawn from the hymn "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Services will be as they were last year: 3:30pm in Wonewoc with a supper following and 6pm in Hillsboro with supper at 5pm. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 26/Ash Wednesday - Snyder  
The Promised Warrior ... Isaiah 42:13

March 4/Midweek 2 - Prell  
Hidden Warrior - John 11:33-37

March 11/Midweek 3 - Sellnow  
Skirmishes - Hebrews 4:15

Midweek 4 - Kimmel  
Recon Report: Know Your Enemy .... Ephesians 6:12

Midweek 5 - Neitzal  
The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers - John 6:66

Midweek 6 - Fricke/Wilke  
The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World - John 18:38

### PRE-SCHOOL ROUNDUP

February 26 – 4:30-6:00pm

March 1 – 10:30-11:30am

**Parents: If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 by September 1 and you are interested in learning more about St. Paul's pre-school program, we encourage you to stop at school on Wednesday, February 26 or Sunday, March 1. See times above. Miss Brander will be on hand to talk with you and answer any questions that you might have.**



## School Scoop

Celebrating 140 Years of  
Christian Education

As we say good-bye to January, we look ahead to the school activities that are planned for February.

The faculty will attend the Western Wisconsin Lutheran Teachers' Conference at Eastside Lutheran in Madison on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Children will have these days off from school, while the teachers get to spend a few days learning how to improve our education here at St. Paul's.

Speaking of days off, we've had a pretty rocky January with illness. We are trying to keep the environment at school as germ-free as possible and encouraging good handwashing for everyone. We have also made the water fountains off limits except to fill a water bottle or cup (no mouths on the spigot). If your child is running a fever, please keep them home until they have a normal temperature for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. Even with no fever, if they are coughing a lot, complaining of sore throat or have a lot of nasal issues, use your best judgment and "if in doubt, keep them out!" Warmer weather is on its way!

Our girls' basketball team are continuing their season. The last game is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pre – School Round-up will be held on February 26 after the Ash Wednesday worship service and March 1 after the 9:00 worship service. If you or anyone you know is interested in our pre-school program, you are invited to bring your child and come and visit on either of those dates and learn more about it.

Students in grades 5-8 will continue to prepare for the spring Science and Fine Arts Fair on March 11<sup>th</sup> in Onalaska.

Thank you for your prayers. We pray that God continues to bless our students as grow in their understanding of our Lord and Savior.

### Creation Museum Trip

Many of you are asking about further information for an upper grade trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky. While a trip was originally proposed for spring break in March, it was felt that the week following Easter might be a better fit. This trip is for grades 6-8 and families if they wish to go along. The information below is preliminary and we will keep you updated as we finalize plans.

- Thursday, April 16 - Leave from Wonewoc and travel by coach bus to Kentucky to arrive Thursday evening.
- Friday, April 17 - Tour the Ark Encounter
- Saturday, April 18 - Tour the Creation Museum
- Sunday, April 20 – Attend worship at a local WELS church and travel home

Estimated cost per child is \$125 and estimated cost per adult is \$175. This includes a 4-person occupancy for 3 nights in a motel, admission to both the Ark and the Museum and the bus ride. This trip is only possible though some generous support from St. Matthews Church, Southridge and some other donations. There might be some additional cost for meals or purchases at the attractions, but plans would include bringing some food in coolers at least for the first day on the road.

We are looking at reserving a block of rooms at a local motel as soon as we have an idea of how many are attending.

**We want to make this affordable for every child, so if a family feels that the cost is not manageable, we want to hear from you. Let us know how much you think you can afford and we will find a way to make this work for you. We hope that as many students as possible can take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact Pastor Snyder or the school office as soon as possible to let us know if your child or your family will be able to attend.**

School will be held as usual for the rest of the St. Paul's students during that week. Younger children are welcome to go on this trip with their family.

## Trustee Highlights January 28, 2020

The meeting was called and opened with a devotion.

Minutes from the December 17, 2019 Trustees Meeting were presented in print and accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. Baptisms: Zoiee Marie Micheaux-Dean (John Dean, Marcella Micheaux) January 26, 2020.
2. Recommend to transfer out Michaela Kennedy to St. John's, Sparta
3. Recommend to receive Al and Teresa Triebs (Grace, Elroy) by affirmation of faith
4. Men's Bible Study will be starting soon. Leadership (Trustees, Elders, as well as others) encouraged to be in Bible Study. Will also have Bible Study (Sunday School) for children by the fall.
5. Will also explore having layperson-led Bible Study.
6. Circuit Ministry Conference will be on Sunday February 16, 2020, from 2-5pm at St. Paul's in Mauston.
7. Leadership Conference had many good presentations. We helped to send 6 members from our congregation.
8. Also got some previews of the new hymnal and the suite of resources that go along with it. Advent 2021 is the scheduled release to begin using the new Christian Worship.

Elders' Report presented by Sam Mobley.

1. Sunday Bible Study will explore the roles of men and women based on Scripture.
2. Looking to expand usher program (husband/wife, family).

Principal's Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. Some of our students will participate in the LPS Co-ed basketball tournament in March.
2. April 16-19 will be class trip for grades 6-8 to the Ark Experience and the Creation Museum. Much of the trip is being funded by St. Matthew's, Ontario. Jay Witt is helping plan the trip.
3. Teachers Conference will be held February 20-21.
4. Will be discussing with the Board of Education about the possibility of making one of the teachers assistant principal next year.

Board of Education Report presented by Troy Gander.

1. Planning to have meeting ECM Planning Phase Committee in February to start to figure a business plan and startup costs (not including facility). Also looking for more people to join the committee.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report Presented by Dale Wells.

1. General Fund Debt is \$122,129.40 as of December 20, 2019.
2. The Finance Committee has again chosen to split the reporting duties. Bruce Schroeder was appointed as Finance Committee Chairman and will continue to report to the Trustees. Dale Wells was elected the new treasurer and will give the treasurer's report.
3. Will be preparing a budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year in April of May. Discussed how the new Associate Pastor/Principal and also a possible new Early Childhood Ministry Director will be a part of the budget.

Unfinished Business.

1. Items on hold: Building and Grounds Inspection Committee; School doors access control system; Church organ refurbishing or replacement; Parking along south side of church/school; tree trimming along bluff and in front of teacherage and parsonage; Merger/consolidation; Teacherage evaluation.
2. 150th Anniversary planning committee, October 2021.
3. School 140th Anniversary, March 2020.
4. Family restroom project has started and expected to be completed by mid-February.
5. Video screens in church coming soon.

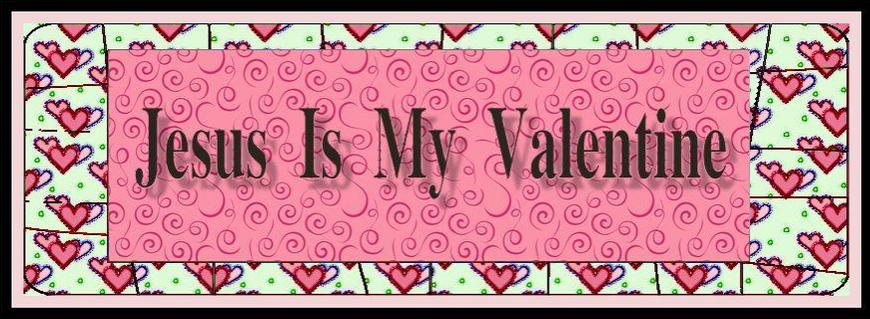
New Business/Items to discuss.

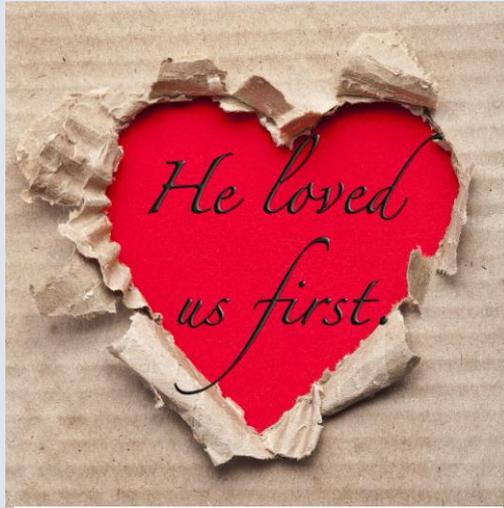
1. After listening to input from the open forum meeting on January 26 the Trustees will propose to voters at the Quarterly Voters Meeting on Sunday February 4, 2020, to call an Associate Pastor and a Kindergarten Teacher.
2. Discussed starting a Building Committee.

Next Trustees Meeting February 18, 2020 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor Snyder led closing with The Lord's Prayer.

# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Worship with Communion Jr. Choir Sings</p> <p>10:15 AM Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 AM Quarterly Voters' Meeting</p> <p>11:00 AM Swimming Outing at Mauston Pool</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>12:30 PM Principal's Conference - Onalaska</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Anniversary Committee</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Shut-In Visits</p> <p>1:30 PM Ladies Aid</p> <p>7:00 PM Public School Catechism</p> <p>7:30 PM Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:05 AM Chapel</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Elders</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM Usher's Meeting</p> <p>9:15 AM Fellowship and Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship (Gr. 3K-K Sing)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Circuit Meeting</p> <p>4:30 – 7:30 PM Cabin Fever Chili Supper</p> <p>6:00 PM A Girls Basketball @ Home vs. Sacred Heart</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Shut-In Visits</p> <p>7:00 PM Public School Catechism</p> <p>7:30 PM Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 PM A &amp; B Girls Basketball Away – St. Peter's Reedsburg</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:05 AM Chapel</p>	<p>15</p>
				Parent – Teacher Conferences PM		
<p>16</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship with Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM Fellowship and Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship with Communion (Gr. 6-8 Sing)</p> <p>2:00 PM Circuit Ministry Conference Mauston</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:05 AM Chapel</p> <p>9:00 AM Shut-In Visits</p> <p>7:00 PM Public School Catechism</p> <p>7:30 PM Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p> <p>:00 PM A Girls Basketball Away vs. Sacred Heart</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
				No School – Teacher Conference		
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM Fellowship and Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 PM Steering Committee</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>3:30 PM Worship with Communion Wonec (Jr. Choir Sings)</p> <p>4:30 PM Fellowship Supper</p> <p>4:30 PM Pre-K Roundup</p> <p>6:00 PM Worship with Communion - Hillsboro</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:05 AM Chapel</p>	<p>29</p>



## Cabin Fever Community Supper

On Tuesday, February 11, from 4:30 - 7:30 PM, you are invited to visit the St. Paul's fellowship area in the church basement and share a hot chili supper with all the fixins' and dessert and have some fellowship with friends and neighbors. This is a free event for all members of the community sponsored by St. Paul's Panther Parents. The more the merrier! Invite a friend or neighbor.

## February Birthdays

This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it...Psalm 118:24

- 2 Leona Peek, Steven Rasch
- 3 Jeff Ott
- 4 Kathryn Preuss, James Smallwood
- 5 Marceil Manske
- 7 Lynell Fry, Michelle Gardehl, Mary Peterson
- 8 Rhys Becker, Cooper Larson
- 9 Donna Biermeier, Kyle Peterson
- 10 Henry Gander, Lucius Wells
- 11 Debora Rick, Mark Schultz
- 12 Kelli Mitchell, Natalie Nichols
- 13 Mike Miller
- 14 Evan Pagel, Jordan Schraufnagel, Jared Smallwood
- 15 Marion Demaske, Patrick Herritz
- 16 Rick Field, Peter Lange, Joretta Weber
- 19 Philip Snyder
- 20 Nicholas Fanta
- 22 Brandon Bolton, Jay Bolton, Dylan Laack, Sam Mobley, Andy Ott, Raegon Stanek
- 23 Kenady Olson
- 24 Mechelle Thompson
- 25 Yvette Daniels, Steve Fick, Eric Preston
- 26 Dennis Biermeier
- 27 Nicole Olson, Todd Schroeder

If we missed your birthday, we're sorry.  
Please let us know and we will make the correction.



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