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“Proclaim”

The Newsletter of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Dates to Remember

January 3**School Resumes****January 21****Pioneers Sledding
(Weather Permitting)****January 23****No School – In-service****January 29****11:30 AM****Soup & Chili Dinner****12:30 AM****Annual Voter's Meeting**

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From the Pastor

Trust – An Act of Faith

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.” – Proverbs 3:5-8

There are plenty of people who don't trust others for various reasons, some valid and others not. But what about God?

God has never failed to keep his word. He provides daily bread and so much more. But some think that God has let them down when trouble happens, especially the deeply painful loss of a loved one. What such people often don't realize is that as Christians we can't expect a perfect world. God never promised us such a thing. Actually, he did, but that's what we call heaven. As long as we are sinners living in a world full of sin and trouble, we should expect trouble.

But there is good news. By his life, death and resurrection from the dead, Jesus has reversed the devastation. Sin no longer brings punishment to those who are in Christ. Death's sting has been removed for those who are in Christ. In all things, good, bad, and ugly, our Lord brings blessing to those who are in Christ.

In the face of this good news that we know to be true because the Holy Spirit has enlightened us and blessed us to believe it, why do we still doubt? Why do we look to ourselves for answers?

We have had an operating debt at our church for many years. While our Lord wants us to be wise and faithful in the management of the things he has put in our care, is God's blessing dependent on our wisdom and faithfulness? Sometimes we think so. But even in our faithlessness, God remains faithful. Of course, if we should disown our Lord, he would disown us, but he is always faithful (cf. 2 Timothy 2:11-13).

Now God has provided a gift to us that, should we decide to use it this way, would completely pay off our operating debt with a good amount leftover. This blessing brings two thoughts to mind: God, forgive me for faithless worrying. And God, how great you are! Everything is in your hands! You will provide!

Of course, this blessing pales in comparison to the blessing of Jesus our Savior and the word that reveals Jesus to us. So we pray: *Lord, continue to make us wise for salvation! Your word working in us is what is most important! That word causes us to love you, your word and each other. So help us to seek your kingdom, to faithfully hear your word and receive your sacrament, that our faith in Christ our Savior stands firm and that we trust in you for all things! You will provide because you have provided salvation in Jesus!*

Church News

Board of Trustees Highlights December 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:00 PM on December 20, 2011. The meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Pastor Snyder.

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

The *Treasurer's Report* was reviewed and approved as presented. The Treasurer noted that Mission (Synod) offerings are now \$4,277.76 behind the year-to-date goal of \$20,000.00.

The *Financial Committee* report noted the following:

- The General Fund Debt remains at \$131,134.51 with no new borrowing required in the month of January. There were no debt reduction offerings collected during the past month.
- The Financial Committee noted that an estate gift of \$88,806.04 has been received from the Emma Bell Degner Estate. Discussion is ongoing as to the best use of this blessing.

The *Elders Committee* reported the following:

- The Elders have recommended that Cindy Field be transferred to English Lutheran in Viroqua per her request.
- The Elders have been discussing the recent Estate Gifts and the best options for the use of these blessings.

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

- A gift from the Emma Bell Degner Estate in the amount of \$74,000.00 has also been received for the school. Discussion continues as to the best use of this gift.
- The school accreditation process continues to move forward.
- Laptop computers have been purchased for use in each of the classrooms.

The *Principal's Report* included minor additions to items already reported in the Education Committee report.

The *Pastor's Report* included:

- Pastoral activity for the past month.
- Discussion and guidance with regard to the estate gifts received recently.

Unfinished business items:

Approval was given to proceed with the set up of a CD recording and duplicating system for outreach ministry. This will be done through a memorial offering made in honor of Dane Nash.

A proposal from Cameron-Aslaksen Architects, LLC to research and develop various building maintenance and renovation plans was reviewed briefly and tabled until the January Trustees meeting.

Organization of the Board of Trustees per the bylaws of the constitution was held.

- Dale Wells was re-elected as President,
- Steve Fick was re-elected as Recording Secretary
- Richard Voigt will remain as Chairman of the Elders Committee
- Sam Mobley will remain as Chairman of the Education Committee
- Bruce Schroeder will remain as Chairman of the Financial Committee
- Lloyd Ott will remain as Chairman of the Evangelism Committee
- Stan Voigt will remain as Chairman of the Stewardship Committee.
- Alvin Hagemann was appointed as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee.

Discussion was held regarding the recent estate gifts to the congregation. A decision was reached to continue to discuss these blessings in the individual committee meetings and to then hold a joint meeting of all Board of Trustee and committee members on January 17th at 10:00 AM. Any action on this matter was tabled until the January Board of Trustees meeting to be held on January 24th.

Discussion was held on the possibility of designating specific handicapped parking spaces near the church. Pastor suggested that a note be placed in the bulletin encouraging those who are able to park near the school or in the playground area so the spaces across from the ramp are available for those less able to walk the greater distance. The matter was then tabled for further discussion at a later date.

The date for the winter Quarterly Meeting was confirmed as **January 29, 2012** following the annual Soup and Chili Dinner. Start time will be approximately 12:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM and closed with The Lord's Prayer in unison.



January Birthdays

- 1 - Claudette Haase, Lindsay Herritz, Gary Miller, Rita Wright
- 2 - Jeannie Manis, Steve Reed, Sr.
- 3 - Vicky Leavitt, Jon Schmidt, "Tate" Wells
- 4 - Brandon Gehri, Joyce Sturtz
- 5 - Faith Krueger, Jason Oetzman
- 6 - Pat Westedt,
- 7 - Lawrence Brockman
- 8 - David Burton
- 10 - Jane Dallman
- 11 - Lisa Anderson, Cheryl Laack, Ed Lange
- 12 - Laurie Daus, Aria Hagemann, Nicholas Miller
- 13 - Sara Eberhardht, Wanda Field, Jerita Hubele, Lydia Westedt
- 14 - Helen Christopherson, Ron Sebranek, Nancy Wolfe,
- 15 - Steven Nichols
- 16 - Elizabeth Danklefson
- 17 - Kolten Grauvogel, Donna Herrewig, John Kennedy
- 18 - Patrick Campbell, Nathan Helms, Austin Schmidt
- 19 - Laurie Jaech, Darlene Kopenhafer
- 21 - Shawn Feldman
- 22 - Krystal Preuss
- 23 - Laura Krueger, Richard Voigt,
- 24 - Dawn Herrewig, Jeanne Jasper, Melynda Phephles, Megan Solchenberger
- 25 - Nancy Rice, Adeline Rick
- 26 - Garrett Barry, Stephanie Kopenhafer, Nolan Page!
- 27 - Lucas Peshorn, Will Westedt
- 28 - Kelli Fry, David Rick
- 29 - Carolyn Becker, Trish Schroeder
- 30 - Savannah Dorn, Tom Lange
- 31 - Clarence Degner

Thank you!

Not wanting to be too impersonal but understanding this is a good venue for this, I and my family want to extend thanks to all of you for all you've done for us this past year. The list includes prayers, kind and encouraging words, generosity of time, talents and gifts, and a willing spirit. I know that all these things are a product of your faith, and God gets the glory for that. But it's also appropriate to thank God for you and to thank you. God bless you all and our fellowship together in the New Year!

Pastor Snyder

THANK YOU!

The faculty and staff of St. Paul's School would like to thank you for your many prayers, cards and gifts during the Christmas season and throughout this last year. We pray for God's blessings for all in the year to come!

School Scoop

Happy New Year!

We are at the mid-point of the school year. The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone who donated their time, offerings, and talents last year. One major project that was completed in January was the new retaining wall behind school. The alley is now wider to allow for better snow removal and drainage from run-off. A number of people helped with this project and it looks great.

The Education Committee has been trying to locate the source of a water leak in the school roof. It has damaged numerous ceiling tiles and drips onto the floor in places. Once the weather gets warmer they will resume their repairs.

The accreditation committee is ready to submit the WELSSA application and begin the self-study. Throughout this endeavor we seek to identify our strengths and discover areas in need of improvement. Christian education is a team responsibility involving parents, school, and congregation. Christ's love compels all Christians to serve others as he did.

The school received some rather notable donations last year. As was mentioned in church last month, the school also received part of the Emma Bell-Degner estate. Discussions will be held over the next month in various committee and congregation meetings as how to use this blessing appropriately. We also received from Steve and Lucinda Bolton a donation from the Burnstad Foundation. Don Slama and Hillsboro Equipment donated a riding lawnmower and a snow blower for church/school maintenance. There are many more who have given their time and talents to Christian education, We are truly thankful for people who consider education, especially Christian education important to our children. thank you everyone.

God's blessings to everyone this New Year.

Through the Bible in One Year

Readings from both Old & New Testaments
For 1 Year

- Jan 1: [1King 14-15; Luke 22:31-46](#)
- Jan 2: [1King 16-18; Luke 22:47-71](#)
- Jan 3: [1King 19-20; Luke 23:1-25](#)
- Jan 4: [1King 21-22; Luke 23:26-56](#)
- Jan 5: [2King 1-3; Luke 24:1-35](#)
- Jan 6: [2King 4-6; Luke 24:36-53](#)
- Jan 7: [2King 7-9; John 1:1-28](#)
- Jan 8: [2King 10-12; John 1:29-51](#)
- Jan 9: [2King 13-14; John 2](#)
- Jan 10: [2King 15-16; John 3:1-18](#)
- Jan 11: [2King 17-18; John 3:19-36](#)
- Jan 12: [2King 19-21; John 4:1-30](#)
- Jan 13: [2King 22-23; John 4:31-54](#)
- Jan 14: [2King 24-25; John 5:1-24](#)
- Jan 15: [1Chron 1-3; John 5:25-47](#)
- Jan 16: [1Chron 4-6; John 6:1-21](#)
- Jan 17: [1Chron 7-9; John 6:22-44](#)
- Jan 18: [1Chron 10-12; John 6:45-71](#)
- Jan 19: [1Chron 13-15; John 7:1-27](#)
- Jan 20: [1Chron 16-18; John 7:28-53](#)
- Jan 21: [1Chron 19-21; John 8:1-27](#)
- Jan 22: [1Chron 22-24; John 8:28-59](#)
- Jan 23: [1Chron 25-27; John 9:1-23](#)
- Jan 24: [1Chron 28-29; John 9:24-41](#)
- Jan 25: [2Chron 1-3; John 10:1-23](#)
- Jan 26: [2Chron 4-6; John 10:24-42](#)
- Jan 27: [2Chron 7-9; John 11:1-29](#)
- Jan 28: [2Chron 10-12; John 11:30-57](#)
- Jan 29: [2Chron 13-14; John 12:1-26](#)
- Jan 30: [2Chron 15-16; John 12:27-50](#)
- Jan 31: [2Chron 17-18; John 13:1-20](#)

Memorials

<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Undesignated	Bill Dreischmeier
Debt Reduction	Fern Talg
Church Sign	Laura Kruger
Church Doors	Charles & Dan Pagel
Sr. Choir	Art & Dorothy Lange
Debt Reduction	Henry & Ella Rasch
Debt Reduction	Leland Rasch
Debt Reduction	Roy Field
Utilities	Emmie May Thayer



Greeters for January

- Sunday, January 1, 8:00 a.m.
Valerie Schauer
- Sunday, January 1, 10:30 a.m.
Dennis & Diane Plantenberg
- Sunday, January 8, 8:00 a.m.
Mark & Krystal Preuss
- Sunday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.
Jim & Sally Raese
- Sunday, January 15, 8:00 a.m.
John & Karon Schmidt
- Sunday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.
Dennis & Diane Plantenberg
- Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.
Tom & Sheila Schraufnagel
- Sunday, January 22, 8:00 a.m.
Valerie Schauer
- Sunday, January 22, 10:30 a.m.
Gary & Bonnie Pharo
- Sunday, January 29, 8:00 a.m.
John & Karon Schmidt
- Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.
Stuart & Dianne Pacl



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