



July 2012

# "Proclaim"

The Newsletter of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Dates to Remember

### Installation of Mr. Aaron Ewald

**July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM Service  
Potluck and Welcome to  
Follow at 11:30 AM**

### Vacation Bible School

**July 10-12  
5:30 – 8:30 PM  
Potluck Supper  
Beginning at 5:30  
Followed by Lessons  
For All Ages  
Preschool Thru Adult**

### Farmers Market

**July 21 – 9:00 AM  
Bank Parking Lot**

### Annual Voter's Meeting

**July 29, 11:30 AM**

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## From the Pastor

### Take Some Time

*"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." – Psalm 27:14*

You'd think that on vacation people would slow down a little. It's fine to be on the go, doing things. But isn't the purpose of vacation some relaxation? I had this thought a couple of times this week. We decided to do something fun with the kids: a NASCAR Speedpark – Go-kart race tracks, rides, mini-golf and even a rock-climbing wall. I decided to race on one of the tracks with the kids. I should have known I was in trouble when a little fella in his 20's with a Dale Earnhardt mustache ran past me when we were let out to go to the go-karts, heading straight for the kart he knew was the fastest. You should know that the rules are no bumping and no aggressive driving. He started out of the gate behind me and then *aggressively* got around me, having to slam on his brakes after he nearly side-swiped me off the track. I'll admit that my kart wasn't the fastest, and my 230 lbs. didn't help matters. Later, another racer, about 60 years old, was apparently getting frustrated that he couldn't get around me and he bumped me from behind a couple of times. I know there were several others that couldn't get around me for the rest of the race. Overall, it was not a fun experience. We got done with the race and I was just waiting for someone to make a comment to me on how slow I was or how I should have gotten out of the way. I was ready to let them know a few things. Yep, my sinful nature was alive and kickin'.

The next day we drove up into the Smoky Mountains. It was a beautiful day with beautiful views. Who would want to be in a hurry on a day like that in a setting like that? Apparently a lot of people. On our way back down, there were people riding my tail the whole way. I was going the speed limit and with all the curves I wasn't inclined to go any faster. There are no passing lanes along the way, so people were stuck. I don't mind people behind me, just not so close.

I know I'm not immune to being in too much of a hurry, and I'm afraid our hurried lives spill over into our spiritual lives. It's so easy to be busy, too busy to take time with God, too busy to make him and his word our priority, too easy to put ourselves and our hurried lives before others, unless it fits into our schedule or makes sense to us to make it a priority.

The psalmist encourages us to wait for the Lord. The context tells us that he wants to patiently wait for the Lord to act, protect and provide in His good time. But we also see that we wait for the Lord when we pray, "Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path." When we listen to his word to lead us in repentance of our sins, to show us our Savior's grand, forgiving love that sealed our redemption with his blood, and to guide us in the way we should go, we are waiting for the Lord.

*Lord, help us to wait for you, to receive the precious, life-giving gospel that we always need, and to trust in your promises to guide and bless us in Jesus. Help us to slow down and wait for you.*

## Board of Trustees Highlights June 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:10 PM on June 19, 2012.

Regular reports of the standing committees were read and approved as presented. The following items were noted:

The *Finance Committee* report noted the following:

- The General Fund Debt stands at \$10,900.00 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. It was also noted that \$1,516.21 was received in Debt Reduction envelopes in June and will be applied to the debt.
- TNT Accounting has been retained to prepare monthly payroll withholding payments. This service is being provided for \$15.00 per month.

The *Education Committee & Principal's* reports included the following:

- Installation for Mr. Ewald, our recently assigned 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. A potluck welcome dinner will be held following the 10:30 AM service.

The *Long-Range Planning Committee* reported the following:

- A recommended priority list of projects and plans included the following:
  - School roof replacement – 1 month
  - Church basement water problems – 3 months
  - Every member stewardship meetings – 6 months
  - Consideration of Pastoral assistance – 6 months
  - Church basement remodeling – 3 years
  - Church sign replacement – 5 years
  - Narthex remodeling – 5 years

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

- Progress on the school roof replacement project was reviewed and discussed. Additional information will be presented at a special Voter's Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The date of the Annual meeting of the congregation was set for July 29<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 AM worship service.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting was set for July 24th at 8:00 PM.

The Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer in unison.

## Special Voters Meetings July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Two special voters meeting were held during the month of June to review and discuss information regarding the need for re-roofing of the school and gym and the church entry door replacement project. The roof on the school was replaced 15 years ago and the gym roof is over 30 years old. The church entry doors are starting to deteriorate and are difficult to open at times.

Information was presented on asphalt shingles, steel shingles and standing-seam metal roof panels. Additional information was presented on the condition of insulation in the roof and attic areas, the need for additional venting and replacement or repair of fascia and soffit areas.

A decision was reached that the best choice is to install new asphalt shingles, additional insulation and venting with the work is to be completed by the time school begins. The condition of the fascia and soffit will be evaluated during the roofing project and repaired or replaced as necessary. The maintenance committee was authorized to proceed with the project at a total cost of no more than \$50,000.00

A special fund has been established for anyone wishing to contribute to this project.

The voters also reviewed plans for replacement of the outside church entry doors. A decision was reached that the new doors should include construction in the shape of a cross, surrounded by four glass panels to allow additional light into the entryway of the church. The total cost of this project will be approximately \$13,000.00.

An amount of \$10,000.00 has been authorized from the Alvin and Emma Bell Degner estate gift to defray to cost of this project in addition to memorial funds already earmarked for this purpose. There is a door replacement fund available for anyone wishing to support this project.

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### Memorials

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<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Scholarship	Laura Kruger	\$1,000.00
School Roof	Elsie Wildenradt	\$10.00



# School Scoop

Celebrating 131 Years of  
Christian Education



## Installation Service

On July 8, 2012, at the 10:30 AM service, installation of Mr. Aaron Ewald, our new teacher will be held. Mr. Ewald has been called to teach grades 3-5 and serve as athletic director.

Mr. Ewald comes from Burton Michigan where his father is a pastor. He is the second youngest of seven children. He is a 2012 graduate of Martin Luther College where he majored in education with a minor in life science.

After the 10:30 service, a potluck lunch and welcome will be held in the church basement. All are invited to come and welcome Mr. Ewald and introduce themselves to him. Parents of school children are being asked to help with the serving and clean-up.

A gift card shower for Mr. Ewald is planned to welcome him to our church family. If you would like to participate, you may purchase a gift card of any kind or amount at your favorite store. A door collection will also be taken after services on the 8<sup>th</sup> if you would prefer to welcome him that way.

## More Church News

### Farmer's Market

The first of the St. Paul's Farmers Markets will be held on July 21 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. The location will be at the Bank of Wonevoc parking lot. This is an outreach to our own members, but also to the community at large. The produce and goods offered are free for all, but if someone wants to leave a donation, the proceeds are donated to the Wonevoc Area Food Pantry.

We would welcome any donations of garden produce, baked goods, jams, jellies, etc. If you could help, please call the church/school office by Thursday, July, 19. We can even arrange to pick up your goods if you would like. Or you may drop your donation at the bank on the morning of July 21 by 9:00 AM.

Thank you for your consideration to assist in this outreach to our community. It is good to help families in need for Jesus sake.



### July Birthdays

- 1 Shelby Ott
- 2 Lydia Fulton, Deane Hellpap, Parrish Helms, Arda Rabuck
- 3 Desiree Hubele
- 4 Jessica Fry, Gus Smallwood, Brandon Verthein
- 5 Traiten Hepp, Lacey Ott, Jenny Rizzo
- 6 Melissa Gehri, Matthew Roloff
- 7 DeLinda Campbell, Sophia Gander, Karen Wafle
- 9 Pamela Voigt
- 11 Roxanne Dempsey, Margaret Roloff
- 12 Patrick Shore
- 13 Gracie Brandau, Marion Pagel
- 14 Ken Field, Virgil Gehri, Izabell Haugh
- 15 Albert Becker, Haley Krueger, Nathaniel Miller
- 16 Carson O'Dell
- 17 Kyle Helm
- 18 Joan Doering
- 19 Eleanor Brockman, Olivia Demaske, Beth Good, Diane Schroeder
- 20 Vicki Miller
- 21 Deborah Weber
- 22 David Leatherberry
- 23 Valerie Schauer
- 24 Joyce Hamburg, Dean Miller, Tim Pagel, Kaylee Snyder
- 25 Ben Snyder
- 26 Natalie Becker, Brittany Bolton, Scott White
- 27 Buddy Daus, Jasmin Mistele, Shana Olson
- 28 Arvin Kaske, Marisa Scheel, Kody Vaassen
- 29 Tessa Gehri, Kaylynn Haugh,
- 31 Jeremy Hellpap, Linda Rosko, Kourtne Weber



## HHS Mandate and a Response

Brothers and sisters, I share with you a letter from our synod president, Rev. Mark Schroeder, regarding a recent mandate by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that requires churches, with minor exceptions, to provide insurance coverage for contraception, even if it goes against the church's beliefs. For example, a church that opposes abortion because it believes it is murder according to what the Bible says, could be forced to provide contraceptives that cause an abortion. Of course this is sinful. But this also intrudes on our religious freedom. It is unconstitutional. Pastor Schroeder explains further:

*Recently an open letter to the American people was prepared by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in response to the incursion of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) into the realm of religious freedom with its controversial contraceptive mandate issued earlier this year. I was offered the opportunity to add my signature to that letter, as was President John Moldstad of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Along with 24 leaders of other religious organizations, we have signed the letter, entitled, "Free Exercise of Religion: Putting Beliefs into Practice," an open letter to all Americans.*

*While representing a wide range of religious beliefs, the signers of the letter have one thing in common: the recognition that the blessing of religious liberty is threatened when the government mandates that religious organizations comply with government regulations that violate their teachings and religious beliefs.*

*This letter has been released even as the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to rule on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The HHS contraceptive mandate represents one of the reforms included in the law. The ramifications of the anticipated ruling are, of course, as yet unknown.*

*It should be noted that this letter is not a response to the entire health care legislation. Rather, it is specifically a response to one effect of the contraceptive mandate—one that would require religious organizations, with only narrowly defined exceptions, to include coverage for contraceptives, including those that could cause the death of unborn babies, in their employee health plans. This is in direct opposition to a core teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod that only God gives and takes life. More broadly, we believe that any action of the government that would infringe on our right to practice our religion according to the clear teachings of Scripture and our conscience must be opposed.*

We have printed copies of this letter and made them available at church. I encourage you to read the letter. You will note that there are even non-Christian religious leaders who have attached their names. They recognize that the U.S. Constitution is at stake.

Some are wondering why our synod president would sign this and how the separation of church and state apply here. Also, if this is something signed on behalf of the church, why isn't God's Word proclaimed in the letter, especially since it is directed to the American people and not the government?

I'll try to answer these questions as simply as possible. While we don't believe it is the church's job to influence the government, we also don't believe it is the government's job to interfere with the gospel ministry of the church. When it does so, we have a right to speak out against it, not so much based on the Word of God, but based on our U.S. Constitution. The reason the letter is directed to the American people is because many church leaders have already addressed this issue with government officials. The purpose of the letter is not to proclaim the gospel, which the church *does* want to do at every opportunity, but to make it clear to those who may not realize it that our *right to proclaim* the gospel, and also the right of anyone to worship as he or she wants, is in jeopardy if this mandate is allowed to stand. From there, it's not far down the road to having many other constitutional rights taken away.

Finally, if this *is* allowed to stand, we will continue to obey our government, but we will not disobey God in the process. We must obey God rather than men, no matter the consequences.

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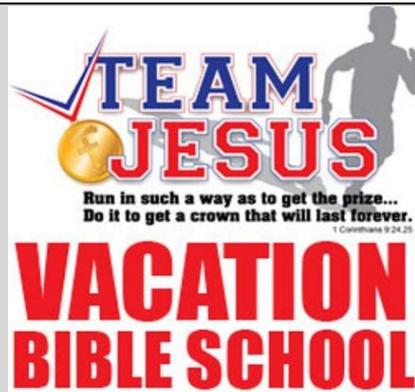
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Vacation Bible School entitled "**TEAM JESUS**" will be held July 10-12 from 5:30-8:30 each evening. It's based on the bible passage,

***"Run in such a way as to get the prize...Do it to get a crown that will last forever." - 2 Corinthians 9:24,25***

We'll see how God's champions *run* with their faith, *exercise* forgiveness and *listen* to their coach. The schedule will be similar to last year with classes for both children and adults. A light supper will be served at the beginning of each evening.

Anyone who wants to teach or help in any way should contact Pastor Snyder.

**Through the Bible in One Year**

Readings from both Old & New Testaments  
For 1 Year

Jul 1: [Jer 22-23; Titus 1](#)  
Jul 2: [Jer 24-26; Titus 2](#)  
Jul 3: [Jer 27-29; Titus 3](#)  
Jul 4: [Jer 30-31; Philemon](#)  
Jul 5: [Jer 32-33; Heb 1](#)  
Jul 6: [Jer 34-36; Heb 2](#)  
Jul 7: [Jer 37-39; Heb 3](#)  
Jul 8: [Jer 40-42; Heb 4](#)  
Jul 9: [Jer 43-45; Heb 5](#)  
Jul 10: [Jer 46-47; Heb 6](#)  
Jul 11: [Jer 48-49; Heb 7](#)  
Jul 12: [Jer 50; Heb 8](#)  
Jul 13: [Jer 51-52; Heb 9](#)  
Jul 14: [Lam 1-2; Heb 10:1-18](#)  
Jul 15: [Lam 3-5; Heb 10:19-39](#)  
Jul 16: [Ezek 1-2; Heb 11:1-19](#)  
Jul 17: [Ezek 3-4; Heb 11:20-40](#)  
Jul 18: [Ezek 5-7; Heb 12](#)  
Jul 19: [Ezek 8-10; Heb 13](#)  
Jul 20: [Ezek 11-13; James 1](#)  
Jul 21: [Ezek 14-15; James 2](#)  
Jul 22: [Ezek 16-17; James 3](#)  
Jul 23: [Ezek 18-19; James 4](#)  
Jul 24: [Ezek 20-21; James 5](#)  
Jul 25: [Ezek 22-23; 1Pet 1](#)  
Jul 26: [Ezek 24-26; 1Pet 2](#)  
Jul 27: [Ezek 27-29; 1Pet 3](#)  
Jul 28: [Ezek 30-32; 1Pet 4](#)  
Jul 29: [Ezek 33-34; 1Pet 5](#)  
Jul 30: [Ezek 35-36; 2Pet 1](#)  
Jul 31: [Ezek 37-39; 2Pet 2](#)

**Greeters for July**

Sunday, July 1, 8:00 a.m.

**Buddy Daugs**

Sunday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.

**Pat Dettman**

Monday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.

**Karen Dempsey**

Sunday, July 8, 8:00 a.m.

**Buddy & Laurie Daugs**

Sunday, July 8, 10:30 a.m.

**Delores Wells**

Monday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.

**Roy & Caroline Apler**

Sunday, July 15, 8:00 a.m.

**Ethel Degner**

Sunday, July 15, 10:30 a.m.

**Sam & Heather Mobley**

Monday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

**Karen Dempsey**

Sunday, July 22, 8:00 a.m.

**Stan & Janice Voigt**

Sunday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.

**Steve & Jan Fick**

Monday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.

**Ken & Janet Field**

Sunday, July 29, 8:00 a.m.

**Stan & Janice Voigt**

Sunday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.

**Sam & Heather Mobley**

Monday, July 30, 7:00 p.m.

**Ken & Janet Field**

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Mr. Aaron Ewald -  
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 Mrs. Valerie Hagemann - 464-3299

# July 2012

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion  9:15 AM Adult Bible Class	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Worship with Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4th of July	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Installation for Mr. Aaron Ewald will be held at the 10:30 service  9:15 AM Adult Bible Class  Potluck lunch and welcome for Mr. Ewald	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Education and Finance	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 AM Elders  9:15 AM Long Range Planning Committee
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 5:30 - 8:30 PM						
<b>15</b> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion  9:15 AM Adult Bible Class	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Worship with Communion	<b>17</b> 4:00 PM Care Ministry	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 - 11:00 AM Farmer's Market @ Bank of Wonewoc
<b>22</b> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship  9:15 AM Adult Bible Class	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Newsletter Article and Calendar Deadline  7:00 PM Worship	<b>24</b> 8:00 PM Trustees	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship  9:15 AM Adult Bible Class  11:30 AM Annual Voter's Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>31</b>	Jun 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		Aug 2012 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	