



March 2020

“Proclaim”

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

DATES TO REMEMBER



March 4, 11, 18, 25

Lenten Worship
 3:30 PM – Wonewoc
 6:00 PM - Hillsboro
 Fellowship Suppers
 4:30 PM – Wonewoc
 5:00 PM - Hillsboro

March 8

Daylight Saving Begins

March 9-13

Spring Break

March 27

Parent Transport Day
 Bring Sack Lunch

March 27

Community Outreach Fish
 Fry @ Legion Hall
 5:00 -7:30 PM

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From the Pastor

HUMBLER TO BE EXALTED

Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.’

¹³ “However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

¹⁴ “I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:9-14).

What’s the Pharisee’s problem in this parable? It’s a lack of humility, right?

Well, yes. But do we understand where it comes from and what it means? We might similarly look at Eve in Eden and conclude that her sin was disobedience: she ate the apple. Again, yes, but do we understand where it came from and what it means?

Prof. August Pieper, a long-time, now sainted instructor at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, wrote the following about the first sin in an essay entitled, “The Wrath of God on the Ungodly”:

It seemed so small a thing to pluck that fruit. But it was not a matter of eating some fruit, but of

- *man's obedience to God's will,*
- *of his subjection to God's authority,*
- *of staying within the confines of that measure of knowledge which corresponded to his God-made nature as God's image.*

God did not make man another God; he made him an image of God. That was knowledge and power and authority aplenty for all purposes. By making man an image of himself, God had confined him to a limited knowledge. A ruler of the world, but subject to God - - that was the law of his nature. To be or not to be subject to God - - that was the question. Man, woman chose the latter. They wanted to be like God in knowledge and in authority. They stretched forth their hands to gain deity, and the result was death! They had leaned over the cliff too far; they had reached over the realm of humanity into the realm of God. A world of human beings was hurled to eternal destruction. There cannot be two Gods; the pretender, the rebel has to die.

This is what Scripture... calls the wrath of God, or his anger. It is God's wrath that wreaks vengeance on the sinner for his ungodliness and unrighteousness. “We are consumed,” says Moses, “by your anger, and terrified by your indignation. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins the light of your presence. Therefore all our days pass away in your wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.”

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And he adds, "Who knows the power of your anger, and your wrath, how fearful it is?" (Ps 90).

We are born with a nature that is sinful, i.e., full of sin, that seeks things for self rather than for God, that seeks its own glory, not God's, that even thinks it has what it takes to be God, or god-like, but comes nowhere close. It's not a small thing to sin, no matter what the sin is. To sin is to throw off the parameters that God has established for our good. We call that rebellion. To sin is to defy the perfect will of the One who alone is holy.

Who can dare stand up before God and say, "I thank you that I am good enough as I am, and I'm better than most"? That's folly. That's deceiving oneself and trying to deceive God. That's making God out to be something far less than he is.

We thank God for godly sorrow and repentance, for seeing things through his eyes, as they truly are, so that we are led to cling to Jesus alone. Such an honest and clear view helps us to see how truly amazing God's love for us is. It helps us to see what a great Savior we have, for in our humble repentance, our Lord exalts us to the status of his dear, holy, royal children through Christ. This is why Christ came, that he might make humble sinners exalted saints, simply by faith in him.

Brothers and sisters, my fellow sinners, exalted saints is what you are now in Jesus. May this Lenten season for you be one of godly sorrow and repentance and joyful thanksgiving.

DIVINE CALL

On February 16, the voters of the congregation extended a call to Pastor Paul Jenkins to serve as an associate pastor at St. Paul's, Wonewoc. Pastor Jenkins is currently serving the congregation of Our Savior Lutheran in Springville, New York. That congregation is disbanding in early summer and Pastor Jenkins will not have a position. Ours was not the only call he received on Sunday and he now holds our call and a call from another congregation in Virginia. St. Paul's voters have also called Mrs. Rebecca Fricke to serve as our Kindergarten teacher beginning this summer. Mrs. Fricke is the wife of Pastor Joseph Fricke and is currently serving in the Little Lambs Daycare in Mauston. Please keep Pastor Jenkins and Mrs. Fricke in your prayers as they deliberate where best they may serve the Savior.

Baptisms



Theo Branston Behn

February 22



LENTEN WORSHIP

"The Son of God Goes Forth To War"

is the theme for this year's Lenten worship. Area pastors will be preaching on a rotational schedule at each church as they have in previous years. There will be a 3:30 PM service each Wednesday here in Wonewoc and a 6:00 PM service at St. Paul, Hillsboro for each Wednesday in Lent. This worship sharing is part of a cooperative worship schedule with Wonewoc, Hillsboro and Elroy congregations. Please feel free to attend which ever service is more convenient for you.

March Birthdays

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

1. Robin Degner
2. Sherryl Lankey, Lois Mitchell, Donne Roehling
3. Carol Beechler, Cora Young
4. Barney Baldwin, Lacy Burns, Aliyah Solchenberger
5. Katie Pagel
6. Pam Abbott, Ronald Burfeind, Angel Ennis
7. Kaitlin Elder
8. Honna Anderson, Kasey Penshorn, Kevin Wright
9. Kylee Souvannasone
11. Janice Pagel, Cole Stanek
12. Ben Field, Jacob Hepp
14. Valerie Hagemann, Lana Kennedy, Andrew Leavitt,
15. Bruce Schroeder
16. Anna Bender, Annette Hug, Brooks Mitchell, Andrew Voigt
17. John Gehri, Makenna Haugh, Jaxon Oetzman, Tom Schraufnagel, James Thornson Jr.
19. Merry Preston, Tyler Roloff, Alma Schnurr, Angie Schultz, Stacie Vogler
20. Brent Demaske, Avery Erie, Skeeter Jaech, Nick Schultz
21. Cassidy Burns, Autum Jaech, Elaine Pattridge, Noah Wafle
22. Nia Anderson
23. Kody Pagel
24. Sid Schroeder
27. Paula Danklefsen
28. Oliver Barton, Alexander Radavich, Pam Rick,
29. Karen Dempsey, Kenton Lindemeyer, Ardith Schroeder
30. Thom Herrewig, Sr.
31. Justin Haugh, Rudy Herrewig, Larry Laack

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



School Scoop

Celebrating 140 Years of
Christian Education

This month will see a lot of activity for our students and also some down time.

Our Christian Education will be celebrated the week of March 1st. God's command to us as Christians is clear: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). We thank and praise the Lord that we have Christian Education available for our children. We pray that he continues to bless our efforts as the children grow in their understanding of God's love for them, and that their foundation is set on Christ!

Spring Break is the week of March 9-13 and there will be no school for students.

On March 14, we have students competing in Instrumental and Piano at the Science and Fine Arts Fair at Luther High School.

Every classroom will be bringing their gifts to the Lenten services each Wednesday where they will sing before the congregation.

The Early Childhood Committee is continuing to assess the possibility of adding an Early Childhood Center and are discussing possible locations and budget needs as well as working on determining exactly how we want to provide services (hours, building, size, age groups). We would love to have more input as we go through this process. If you would like to help, our next meeting is Monday, March 16 at 5:15pm in the church basement.

Christian Education Week – March 1-6

St. Paul's School will be celebrating Christian Education Week, this week.
Each day **highlights a different activity as follows:**



- ❖ **Sunday - All School Students** will be singing at the 9:00 AM service.
- ❖ **Monday - Panther Pride Day** Show your school spirit by dressing in school logo clothing or school colors.
- ❖ **Tuesday – Alumni Breakfast** All alumni and school families are invited to join us before school for rolls and breakfast beverages.
- ❖ **Wednesday – Dress Up Day** Dress in your best today. ***Panther Parents/School Families are hosting the fellowship supper after the 3:30 PM Lenten service.***
- ❖ **Thursday - Family Lunch Day** Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to come eat lunch with your student. Chicken Casserole is the entree. **Please let us know by Monday, March 2nd, if you will be eating.**
- ❖ **Friday – Slipper Day** Get your comfy slippers out for today (but bring your boots for outside play). We will also have a special guest speaker for chapel. Parents and family members are invited to worship with their child and hear this presentation beginning at 8:05.

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN ALL WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER THE WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND OVER THE NOON HOUR ON FAMILY LUNCH DAY

A congregation member has blessed us with a special gift so that each child will receive a FREE BOOK at the fair. Teachers are working with the book fair to get these selected.

Can't make it to the Book Fair? eWallet allows you to shop online for over 6,000 products. Visit Scholastic's homepage to access eWallet or follow this link: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulslutherschool8>



MORE NEWS

Trustees Meeting Highlights February 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order and opened with a devotion.

Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Trustees Meeting were presented and accepted.

Pastor's Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. BIC class has 2 attendees.
2. Wednesday Bible Study is being led by Steve Mitchell.
3. Will be planning a meeting with our leaders and leaders from Hillsboro to continue talks about merger.

Elders' Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. Motion to transfer out per request, Emily Herritz and children to Faith, Reedsburg was approved.
2. Motion to transfer out per request, Dennis and Cindy Eberhardt to St. Paul's, Mauston, WI was approved.
3. Steve Mitchell and Chris Frick were approved as Elders.

Principal's Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. 36 students and parents/adults will be going on the April class trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.
2. Miss Brander plans to take class this summer toward getting her Masters in Early Childhood.
3. Teachers Conference will be held February 20-21.

Board of Education Report presented by Troy Gander.

1. ECM Committee is meeting twice a month. Will be working on sending letters to adjacent property owners, a business plan, building/start-up cost, and Mission statement.
2. Approved \$500 MLP Scholarship in Sadie Bolton's name.
3. Looking into any codes or regulations regarding securing classroom doors.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report presented by Dale Wells/Bruce Schroeder.

1. General Fund Debt is \$119,983.48 as of January 31, 2020.
2. Finance Committee members are Dale Wells, Bruce Schroeder, Lee Kucher, Jeff Wafle, and Gary Pharo.

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; Teacherage evaluation; Refinishing of entry doors; Church designer discussion.
2. 150th Anniversary Planning Committee (October 2021). Planning observances during the year and 3 services.
3. School 140th Anniversary (May 2020). Plans for May and September. 5k run/walk in September to include gathering school supplies in a backpack to be donated to families in need of them.
4. Family restroom project is nearly complete with some staining, painting and minor electrical still to complete.
5. Working on installing video screens is progressing

New Business/Items to discuss.

1. Discussed meeting with WELS Financial.
2. Discussed student sponsorship.

Next Trustees Meeting March 17, 2020 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Creation Museum/Ark Encounter

Many of the students in the 6-8 grades, along with their families and others from St. Paul's and St. Matthews, Ontario, will be traveling by bus to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter the week following Easter. We are trying to make it as affordable as possible for all students and families. The bus is paid for, but there will be expenses for tickets, hotel rooms and meals to cover. If you would like to help with some of these things for this educational experience, you can talk to Pastor Snyder, or put an envelope in the offering basket marked "Trip". Thank you for helping to support Christian education at St. Paul's, Woneoc! **(It looks as if there may be some room opening up on the bus, so if anyone is interested in going, please let Pastor Snyder or Jan Fick know as soon as possible).**

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship with Communion (All School Sings) 10:15 AM Fellowship	2	3 7:00 PM Anniversary Committee	4 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 3:30 PM Lenten Worship Wonewoc (Gr. 1-2 sings) 4:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:00 PM Lenten Worship Hillsboro 7:30 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	5 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 8:05 AM Chapel	7
Christian Education Week March 1-6			Co-Ed Basketball Tournament- LPS			
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Yet Sinners

Romans 5:8
But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us.




Join us for a community outreach fish fry held on March 27, 2020 at the Wonewoc American Legion

Post. The meal is 2 pieces of fish with a choice of baked potato or fries, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. We are serving from 5:00 PM until gone. Price is \$10.00 per person. Proceeds from this event will be going to the Wonewoc Area Food Pantry. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and support a great community program.

8th ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

H.A.N.D.S For Autism



April 18, 2020
 Mauston High School Track
 Registration is from 8:00 am – 8:50 am
 Race begins at 9:00 AM

Registration forms are located on Mauston.com/chamber.
 Questions? Call 608-847-5343
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