



May 2012

“Proclaim”

The Newsletter of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dates to Remember

May 6th
Quarterly Voters Meeting'
11:30 AM

May 17th
Ascension Worship
3:30 & 7:00 PM

May 24th
Graduation Service
7:00 PM

May 25th
Last Day of School
12:30 PM - Early Dismissal

May 28th
Memorial Day Observed

June 4th
Monday Night Summer
Worship Begins
7:00 PM

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From the Pastor

JOY – *More than being happy*

(Each month during this school year we've been looking at a Christian trait or characteristic that the Holy Spirit brings about in us through the gospel. This month, we consider JOY.)

“You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.” – Psalm 16:11

“I'm not happy.” When's the last time you heard this, or said it? People tend to gauge how well life is going with how happy they are. Do you do this?

God certainly cares about our happiness, but maybe not in the way we'd like to think. Recently on our synod's website, www.wels.net, there was a question about happiness and whether God wants us to be happy. The point behind the question is that there are those who will defend their sometimes sinful decisions by saying, “I know God wants me to be happy.” Here is the response:

I guess a lot depends on what people mean by being "happy." God certainly does want to give us joy and happiness -- and when the Bible refers to people being "blessed" it refers to their being happy too (as in Psalm 1 or Matthew 5:2-12). And if people are thinking of happiness this way, with God's definitions and standards in mind, we would have no argument with what they are saying and doing.

However, as you say so clearly, and as all of us have observed too many times, people usually mean they want to be "happy" by their own standards or the standards of non-Christian people in this world. God does not want us to be happy in that way, and it is wrong to try to defend bad or wicked decisions by saying these self-centered decisions would be acceptable to God because they would bring us happiness. Happiness that comes from sources contrary to God's will and revealed word are short-lived and ultimately lead to eternal unhappiness. Go back to Psalm 1 and read there how the ungodly will perish rather than be blessed or happy.

This is a good response that I'd like to think about a little more. It's not merely related to how we try to defend sinful actions. This subject is important for other reasons as well. What makes you happy? What if what makes you happy is taken away? Will you still be happy? Will you still have joy? In other words, on what have we set our hearts?

In an article by Pastor Tullian Tchividjian (yes, it's spelled correctly) entitled “**Jesus + Nothing = Everything**” (*Modern Reformation Magazine*, March/April 2012 Vol. 21 No. 2), the author shares how he realized that he was relying on the wrong things to make him happy. He writes:

I never realized how dependent I'd become on human approval and acceptance until it was taken away. For the first time, I found myself in the uncomfortable position of being deeply disliked and distrusted. I was realizing just how much I'd been relying on the endorsement of others to validate me—to make me feel like I mattered. In and of itself, human approval and acceptance are not bad things. They are, in fact, a gift from God. But I had turned them into idols by making them my primary source of significance; without them I was miserable and depressed.

I was spending way too much time thinking about me and what I needed to do and far too little time thinking about Jesus and what he had already done. And what I discovered is that the more I focused on my need to get better, the worse I actually got—I became neurotic and self-absorbed.

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Board of Trustees Highlights April 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:11 PM on April 17, 2012. The meeting opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Snyder.

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

The *Finance Committee* report noted the following: A total of \$5,000.00 was borrowed in March to meet General Fund Expenses.

A proposal for the voters to approve regarding use of interest income in the Adeline Schroeder Memorial Fund as a backup for the General Fund was discussed.

The *Elders Committee* report noted the following: Recommendations that the Eighth Grade Confirmands, Benjamin Menches, Ella Snyder, Megan Thompson & Lydia Westedt along with Adult Confirmand William Westedt were accepted and will be presented to the voters at the spring quarterly meeting for final approval.

Recommendations that Shannon Miller & children Bailey and Dawson, along with Nancy Rice, Jeremiah Balsis, Samuel Rice & Christian Thomas be released from membership per their request was accepted and will be presented to the voters at the spring quarterly meeting for final approval.

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

Discussion was held with regard to the teacher vacancy due to Mrs. Vanderhoof leaving at the end of the year. The Education Committee has recommended that we call a male graduate teacher for this position. Actual grade assignments for the teaching staff will be discussed and considered before the call is actually placed. This item will be part of the agenda for the quarterly meeting.

It was noted that wood chips need to be re-installed under the playground equipment. The cost for doing this would be about \$2,500.00. Anyone wishing to help out with this should contact Mr. Fulton or one of the Education Committee members.

The Evangelism Committee report included the following:

We will sponsor a Farmer's Market again this summer. This year it will be held on specified Saturdays at the Bank of Wonevot parking lot.

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

Leaks in the school roof continue to be a problem. It was noted that the school and gym roof are in need of replacement. Some areas of the gym roof and soffit area are in very poor condition and are over 30 years old. A motion was made to establish a roof replacement fund and to place a donation by the family of Delores Smith there to get it started.



The *Pastor's Report* included: Pastoral activity for the past month was reviewed. The summer worship schedule will include a Monday evening service at 7:00 PM beginning June 4th.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting was set for May 15th at 8:00 PM.

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

Called Home



Dolores Smith, age 80 passed away on April 7th at home. Funeral services were conducted on April 13th here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, April 22, funeral services were held at Thompson's Funeral home for **Elsie Wildenradt**, age 95. Elsie died at her home on April 19.

Our prayers are with the families that they may find comfort and strength in God's promises of eternal life through his son, Jesus.

Memorials



Fund	In Memory of	Amount
General Fund	Henry, Ella & Leland Rasch	
School		Laura Kruger
Ladies Aid		Delores Smith
Undesignated		Delores Smith
School		Delores Smith
School Roof		Delores Smith
Church Doors		Delores Smith
Church Sign		Delores Smith
School		Elsie Wildenradt

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Preoccupation with my performance instead of Christ's performance for me was making me increasingly self-centered and morbidly introspective. This is the opposite of how the Bible describes what it means to be sanctified.

The truth I was learning through fiery trials is that Christian growth is coming to the realization of just how weak and incompetent we are and how strong and competent Jesus continues to be for us. Spiritual maturity is not marked by our growing, independent fitness. Rather, it's marked by our growing dependence on Christ's fitness for us.

What a wonderful realization! May God lead us to find our approval in Him, to become ever more dependent on Him, and in so doing find real joy – in Him!



School Scoop

Celebrating 131 Years of
Christian Education



The question most frequently asked at school these days is, how many days are left this year? While we are entering our last month of school, we are already looking ahead to 2012-2013. What does God have in store for St. Paul's Lutheran School? Will the Word of God still be taught daily to its students? Will our students use the "opportunities" God gives them to share his Word with others? Will our students and teachers share in the many blessings of Christian education? The answer, of course, is YES to all of the above. There will be some changes in the faculty, but God will bless the efforts of whoever is called here to serve. We have a growing Early Childhood Ministry with our After School Care program and increased Pre-Kindergarten class. Our students excelled in the arts this past year by either singing, playing piano, or playing an instrument at various festivals. Our athletics program promotes Christian attitudes both on and off the court.

As we wrap up this school year and start planning for next year, we ask God for his guidance in all matters. We won't worry about who is called or how many students will be in each room. God is in control of all things. We will instead focus on teaching and spreading God's Word. We will, along with the congregation, use God's Word in a Christ centered education to assist families in training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity. May God bless the efforts of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School as it uses every "opportunity" to spread the Gospel.

2012 GRADUATES

Jeremiah 29:11 ~ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS IN THE FUTURE TO THE CLASS OF 2012

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL - EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Alexandro Evangelista
Mallory Jacobson
Megan Thompson

Austin Hoile
Ben Menches

Reed Hoile
Ella Snyder

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Elizabeth Danklefsen (W-C)
Mark Hagemann (W-C)*
Stephanie Kopenhafer (W-C)**
Nicholas Nelson (W-C)
Jessica Thorell (Hills.)*

Daniel Eberhardt (W-C)
Hannah Heiking (W-C)
Heidi Kruger (Maus.)*
Krystal Preuss (W-C)*
Sabrina Wells (W-C)*

Nicholas Fanta (W-C)
Lindsay Herritz (Reeds.)*
Jordan Lehman (W-C)*
Jeffrey Rick (LPS)**

VOCATIONAL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Donna Helm
Nicholas Schultz
Jordan Solchenberger

(Cardinal Stritch University, Business)
(Western Technical College, Criminal Justice)
(UW-Platteville, Criminal Justice)

* Honors

** High Honors

Summer Worship Services

Summer worship schedule begins the first week in June. Service times will be **Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 AM and Monday evenings at 7:00 PM.** The last day for Sunday School is **May 20** with no Sunday School held during June, July and August. Adult Bible Class will continue through the summer months as usual at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.

Farmer's Market

Last year, St. Paul's members shared their extra garden bounties at a weekend Farmers Market in late summer. Anyone was welcome to take the produce and if anyone left a donation it was given to the local food pantry. Plans are to continue the market this summer as a blessing and outreach to the community. If you plant a garden perhaps you could consider planting a little extra to share with neighbors in need. Last summer we were able share food and the gospel through extra **Forward in Christ** issues and gave over \$125.00 to the Food Pantry as well. If you think that you would be interested in providing produce for this outreach, or if you could assist in helping to set up on a Saturday, you can sign up on the sheet at the communion registration stand. This gives an idea of who might be able to share, but does not obligate you in any way. A schedule of Saturdays that the Market will be set up will be available early in the summer.

Cemetery Flowers

The Cemetery Board requests that for mowing purposes, all flowers need to be in an urn or container and placed on the foundation, on a shepherd's hook, or on a wire stand placed at the side and in line with the headstone. Thank you for helping us keep our cemetery looking its best.

School Roof

The Board of Trustees is recommending that a fund be set up for future replacement of the school roof as parts of the school and gym roof are more than 30 years old. Thank you to the family of Delores Smith for the memorial to begin this fund. If you are interested in contributing to this project, you may do so as a memorial or contribute through your regular offerings.

Parish Nursing

We have several nurses and others in the medical field who are members of our congregation. If you are one of these people and are interested in exploring the possibility of a Parish Nursing program for our church, finding out what it would entail and whether we could do it, please speak to Pastor Snyder.

You may also do some exploring online at www.welsnurses.net. There will be a conference Saturday, May 5, at St. Mark in Watertown where more information could be gathered. Thank you for considering this!

Teacher

With the coming departure of Mrs. Vanderhoof from our faculty in order to follow her husband to Beaver Dam, the Board of Ed and the Trustees are recommending to the congregation that we call a male graduate from Martin Luther College if you have any thoughts that you would like to share before the May 6 meeting, please do so with one of the Trustees, one of the Board of Ed members, Pastor Snyder or Principal Fulton.

May Birthdays

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

- 1 Danyelle Fry, Tyler Robinson, Alan Scott, Dusty Solchenberger
- 2 Doris Herrewig, Amanda Lawrence, Gordon Ott, Jim Voigt
- 3 Jenny Miller
- 4 Bill Lange, Ilda Schmidt, Kingston Schmidt
- 5 Camryn Hanson
- 6 David Fulton, Tammy Miller, Mary Ann Rasch, Zach Robinson, Beverly Schultz, Lucas Voigt
- 7 Robert Kennedy
- 8 Nathaniel Hagemann, Brandon Pagel, Jody Strait
- 9 Arvin Laubscher, Norm Smith, Jenny Wells-Erie
- 10 Hannah Heiking, Logan Rohn, Kelsey Vaassen, Perry Zinke
- 11 Stacie Kopenhafer, Hayden Verthein
- 12 Sarah Fick, Lorraine Haas, Brian Thompson
- 14 Mark Brooks, Ginny Thompson
- 15 Judith Ott, Linda Wildenradt
- 18 Josh Hubele, Mick Ott, James Weber, Sara Weber
- 19 Ryan Hug, Rollie Schultz
- 20 Sally West
- 22 Tayler Bellows, Todd Krueger, Bruce Rick
- 23 Becky Fassel, Merna Mittlestadt, Sherise Vaassen, Dan Weber
- 24 Amber Fick, John Ott
- 25 Mercedes Huebel, Ruth Schmidt
- 26 Megan Schmidt, Jean Stittleburg
- 27 James Raese, Christopher Young
- 28 Wilmer Penshorn, Jacob Pharo
- 29 Lynn Butler, Karen Ennis, Brooklyn Holder-Dean, Quentin Schmidt, Michael Young
- 30 Amanda Gehri
- 31 Debra Danklefsen, David Pagel

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Managing God's Blessings

"ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK, EACH ONE OF YOU SHOULD SET ASIDE A SUM OF MONEY IN KEEPING WITH HIS INCOME." 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2 NIV

Through the Bible in One Year

Readings from both Old & New Testaments
For 1 Year

May 1: [Ps 132-134; 1Cor 11:17-34](#)
May 2: [Ps 135-136; 1Cor 12](#)
May 3: [Ps 137-139; 1Cor 13](#)
May 4: [Ps 140-142; 1Cor 14:1-20](#)
May 5: [Ps 143-145; 1Cor 14:21-40](#)
May 6: [Ps 146-147; 1Cor 15:1-28](#)
May 7: [Ps 148-150; 1Cor 15:29-58](#)
May 8: [Prov 1-2; 1Cor 16](#)
May 9: [Prov 3-5; 2Cor 1](#)
May 10: [Prov 6-7; 2Cor 2](#)
May 11: [Prov 8-9; 2Cor 3](#)
May 12: [Prov 10-12; 2Cor 4](#)
May 13: [Prov 13-15; 2Cor 5](#)
May 14: [Prov 16-18; 2Cor 6](#)
May 15: [Prov 19-21; 2Cor 7](#)
May 16: [Prov 22-24; 2Cor 8](#)
May 17: [Prov 25-26; 2Cor 9](#)
May 18: [Prov 27-29; 2Cor 10](#)
May 19: [Prov 30-31; 2Cor 11:1-15](#)
May 20: [Ecc 1-3; 2Cor 11:16-33](#)
May 21: [Ecc 4-6; 2Cor 12](#)
May 22: [Ecc 7-9; 2Cor 13](#)
May 23: [Ecc 10-12; Gal 1](#)
May 24: [Song 1-3; Gal 2](#)
May 25: [Song 4-5; Gal 3](#)
May 26: [Song 6-8; Gal 4](#)
May 27: [Is 1-2; Gal 5](#)
May 28: [Is 3-4; Gal 6](#)
May 29: [Is 5-6; Eph 1](#)
May 30: [Is 7-8; Eph 2](#)
May 31: [Is 9-10; Eph 3](#)

Greeters for May

Sunday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.

Gary & Yvonne Louks

Sunday, May 6, 10:30 a.m.

Eileen McDermott

Sunday, May 13, 8:00 a.m.

Steve & Vicky Leavitt

Sunday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.

Ben Menches

Thursday, May 17, 3:30 p.m.

Gordon Ott

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Sam & Heather Mobley

Sunday, May 20, 8:00 a.m.

Steve & Vicky Leavitt

Sunday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.

Eileen McDermott

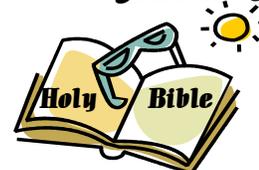
Sunday, May 27, 8:00 a.m.

Scott & Jeannie Manis

Sunday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.

Ben Menches

Vacation with Jesus this Summer!



Rev. Peter Snyder - Pastor
 Church - 464-3212 Home - 464-3900
 Mr. David Fulton - 464-7446

Mrs. Helen Rick - 985-8745
 Mrs. Valerie Hagemann - 464-3299
 Mrs. Tiffany Vanderhoof - 548-1788

May 2012

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 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	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	1	2 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 6:00 PM Public School Catechism	3 10:00 AM Bible Class	4 8:15 AM Chapel	5 8:00 AM Track Meet - Onalaska Luther High School 10:00 AM Planning Committee Meeting
6 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 AM Allar Guild 11:30 AM Quarterly Voters Meeting	7	8 10:30 AM Circuit Meeting Reedsburg 7:00 PM Education and Finance	9 9:00 - 11:00 AM Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-up 4:00 PM Track Meet - Mauston 6:00 PM Public School Catechism	10 10:00 AM Bible Class	11 8:15 AM Chapel 8:30 AM Grades 3-5 Class Trip to Cave of the Mounds	12 8:00 AM Elders
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Gr. Pre-K and K sing @ 10:30 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	14	15 4:00 PM Care Ministry 8:00 PM Trustees	16	17 10:00 AM Bible Class Ascension Worship 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM	18 8:15 AM Chapel	19
20 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion Jr. Choir sings @ 10:30 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	21 9:00 AM Newsletter Article and Calendar Deadline 8:00 AM Grades 4K - 2 Class Trip to Vilas Park Zoo	22	23	24 10:00 AM Bible Class 7:00 PM Graduation Service School Children sing	25 8:15 AM Closing Service Last Day of School 12:30 PM Early Dismissal	26
27 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship No Sunday School or Bible Class	28 <i>Memorial Day Observed</i>	29	30	31 10:00 AM Bible Class	