

November 2016

“Proclaim”

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



DATES

TO REMEMBER

November 6

Quarterly Voters'
Meeting - 10:30 AM

November 13

Saints Triumphant
Sunday

November 14

No School

November 17

Hunters' Worship
Service 7:00 PM

November 20

Christ the King
Sunday

November 23-25

No School
Thanksgiving Break

November 23

Thanksgiving Worship
3:30 & 7:00 PM

November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27

First Sunday in
Advent

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From the Pastor

Cast Your Vote!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones (Proverbs 3:5-8).

I know, I know. You're probably as sick of the campaigning as I am. And it's not just the campaigning. While a presidential election seems to always bring about angst in a whole lot of people, this year the angst is turned up a few notches. With apologies in case I unintentionally offend anyone, understanding that this is my opinion: How in the world can a person cast a vote and feel happy with their decision?

Again, I know it's my own opinion, and even though it's shared by many people, I don't want to make you feel bad if you feel comfortable with your vote. What many people see, though, is a downward spiral with no end in sight. They see a two-party system that has hijacked the electorate. They see the majority of our representatives playing politics rather than truly representing us. They see under-the-table deals, the rule of law massaged and twisted to suit the powers that be, and a catering to the elite on both sides of the aisle.

With things the way they are, or are perceived to be, some people I know are refusing to vote. There are also fears by both Democrats and Republicans that enough people from their own party will either refuse to vote or vote 3rd party that it will help the other guy or gal get elected.

Are things really that bad? I don't know for certain. I suppose that my best, most honest answer would be, "Probably." But whether you read this before Election Day on November 8th or after, I want to encourage you to cast your vote.

Let me clarify: Please do whatever your conscience, guided by the Word of God, tells you to do. If it tells you that you have good reasons to vote for one of the two main candidates, then please do that. If it tells you to vote for a different candidate than one of the main two, then please do that. If it tells you to sit out this election, then do that. (To that point, someone I respect recently made the point, one that I agree with, that voting is a right and privilege, but not a civic duty or moral obligation. His point was that he doesn't want to encourage uninformed people to vote. Whether you agree with this view or not, I think he's got a point.)

But what you can do for yourself every day is "cast your vote" for Jesus. Of course, there's no election for Jesus. He IS King. He DOES rule. No one or nothing can take that away from him. No matter who is in the office of presidency here or in any other office anywhere in the world, they can't do anything if Jesus doesn't want to let them do it. And what he does and doesn't do, what he allows and doesn't allow, is always in the best interest of his Church, his family – that includes you and me!

So "cast your vote" for Jesus by remaining in his Word, praying regularly for our country, its elected and appointed officials, and its citizens. Pray for God's Word to reach more and more hearts. Trust and follow your Lord.

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Celebrating



(from the November issue of *Forward in Christ*)

Resist the temptation to act as though there is no King in your life.

Instead, cling to the living and life-giving Word of God.

“In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit” (Judges 17:6).

These words appear more than once in the book of Judges and become a theme for much of the book. Read the book. What happened back then when the people turned away from the God of Israel and his Word?

What happened then is what always happens. The nation sank into ever-greater depravity, and God in his love and mercy sent the consequences of their sin: famine, plague, chaos in the streets, and another war worse than the one before. His goal was always the same: to call them back to his grace and his rule.

WHEN THERE IS NO KING

We are observing another anniversary of the Reformation. Luther’s days too were days when people did as they saw fit. In the church, authorities imposed doctrines and rules that contradicted the chief doctrines of the Bible. “Under the bench,” Luther put it, was the gospel of forgiveness by grace, through faith, on account of the perfect work of Christ for our redemption. Gone was the notion that we strive to live a life in accord with God’s Word out of gratitude for salvation given, not in order to earn salvation for ourselves.

And what was the result? In some who imagined that they could earn their salvation, there was self-righteousness. In others, the more realistic ones, there was despair that they were doomed before an always angry God. Both ended up doing whatever they saw fit. Both wandered further away from the joy of the gospel. Both lost the peace and the love of God won for them and freely offered in the Word and the sacraments.

How everything changes only to stay the same! Today most still want to be free from the authority of the only King ever worth having. Most think themselves free to believe and behave exactly as

they please. And so society and culture sink ever deeper into the muck and mire of chaos, lawlessness, violence, self-righteousness, and despair. God lets people and nations suffer the consequences when there is no king in the land except the sinful will of the individual.

FOLLOWING THE KING

So how shall we celebrate the Reformation? Let’s resist the temptation to act as though there is no King in our lives. Let’s cling to the living and life-giving Word of God. Let’s immerse ourselves in the joy of God’s love, his peace, and his forgiveness for us in Christ. Let’s strive to live in grateful obedience to our gracious God. Such are the lives of true children of the Reformation.

We still can be witnesses to the joy of faith in Christ, which is the opposite of the chaos that comes eventually to all those who have no such king in their lives. By our witness to God’s love and power, we can still draw few—or many—to share with us in his kingdom of peace and eternal joy.

As Luther sang in his battle hymn:

“Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,

We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpower us.

This world’s prince may still scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He’s judged’ the deed is done.

One little word can fell him” (Christian Worship 200:3).

Daniel Deutschlander, a retired pastor, is a member at St. Mark’s, Watertown, Wisconsin.

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God’s rule is the best news for us in this election year. But we must understand that it may mean some very difficult times for us as a nation and as Christians. We see God deal with nations like ours—a nation that has in many ways ignored him and his Word—with justice and mercy. He allows nations to fall that people may be led to repentance and find forgiveness in Jesus.

God rules. He’s in control. Let’s follow him. Let’s trust in him. He has given us every reason to do so, and his Word gives us the strength we need to do so. We have nothing to worry about. No matter what happens, God will be with us and give us what we need to keep us faithful, even to the point of death, so that we will receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

School Scoop



Where has fall gone? The first two months of school has sped past and the first quarter ends on November 4.

Volleyball season is over and the A and B teams worked hard at skill building and were much improved at the end of the season. Most important of all, they exhibited Christian sportsmanship and teamwork to the glory of their Savior.

Basketball practice has begun. A team will have a coed team this year and also play some boys games. A game schedule will be available soon.

Students also worked hard to display their God – given talents at Science and Fine Arts Fair held on November 5th at Luther High School in Onalaska. Students competed in vocals, chess, spelling, math and arts and crafts.

St. Paul's School will be again offering Butter Braids® for sale beginning just before Thanksgiving. These flaky, delicious, pastries are very popular and make great gifts and special treats for the holidays. Delivery will be in time for Christmas. If you would like to order, you can contact any St. Paul's student or call the school office.

In this month we celebrate Thanksgiving and we are reminded again that we have much to be thankful for every day. Because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we enjoy God's grace and mercy as his children each and every day of the year. For that we are truly grateful and praise him for this and all the gifts he showers on us always.

Happy Thanksgiving!



LWMS Fall Rally



On Saturday, October 15th, ladies from St. Paul's joined ladies from neighboring congregations at St. John's, Rock Springs for the LWMS Circuit Fall Rally. Even though the weather was overcast, the fellowship and mission zeal inside was shining.

Pastor Karow shared God's Word in devotion and Bible study for the day.

The business meeting gave information on projects being supported this past year. 58 quilts were sent to our Apache Mission, 326 pill bottles were collected and sent to Zambia for use in the medical mission and \$1,441.69 was collected by children in our circuit for the African Orphan/Infant care program. Praise God for these opportunities to serve.

New projects for 2017 will be a collection of blankets, knit caps, leggings, plastic diaper coverings, and toothbrushes for the Central African Medical Mission. Our Ladies Aid will have specifics available if you would like to participate. Also the Kids C.A.R.E. project this year is Family Ministry Outreach and our children at St. Paul's have already begun collecting their offerings for this project.

After a delicious lunch, the speaker for the afternoon, Pastor John Baumann, shared his work in the mission outreach of China Partners. The commitment and love for the Gospel among those new Christians is certainly an encouragement for us.

In April, we will be hosting the Spring Rally here at St. Paul's. Save the date - April 20th - as we gather "United to Serve Jesus".

Board of Trustees Highlights

October 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Pastor had a devotion on 2 Corinthians 7:5-16

The minutes of the September meeting approved.

Pastors Report:

- 3 baptisms have taken place in October.
- 4 in BIC class.
- 22 shut-ins are being served and 2 members are in the hospital.

Elders Report:

- The elders are compiling a list of members who have recently been absent from church to reach out to and address their concerns.

Education Report:

- There have been a few issues with networking on the internet connection. A new server is needed with cost of about \$2,300.00 to update.
- Approval was given to pay mileage to Jan Fick who drives band students to high school and back several times a week using her personal vehicle. The school may look into a different vehicle for transportation of band kids and hot lunch.

Principals Report:

- MAP testing, was done in coordination with the W-C schools. The results were shared with parents. Testing will be done again (in) January to track improvement.
- An Autumn Festival will be held Oct. 30. Panther Parents will have potluck and games for children after 10.30 church service.

Evangelism Report

- The committee is meeting next week.

Stewardship Report:

- Working on terms for Trustees
- Locating the last few years' missing confirmation pictures to put up in the ramp area
- Still looking for people to serve on Cemetery Board and Trustees

Maintenance Report:

- New lights and new ceiling tiles were installed in the sacristy.
- Landscape fabric and rock were installed on the south side of the church.
- Many small repair projects were also completed.

Treasurers Report:

- General Fund Debt is at \$139,486.68.

Financial Management

- Total monies borrowed to date from Norb Talg emergency fund is \$5,025. Monies still available are \$4,975.
- The Cemetery Committee presented a letter that they propose to be sent to families who repurchased cemetery plots with an offer to reimburse them for this. A motion was approved to allow them to do this.
- A motion was approved to re-deposit Thrivent Choice Dollars into the General Fund for the present.

Unfinished Business

- The church basement floor to be installed on October. 26 will be completely done in 3 or 4 days. Help is needed to move everything out of basement.
- A short discussion was held on Thrivent Funds. The matter was tabled for later discussion.

New Business

- The Trustees have some names for elections for Cemetery Board and Trustees. More names are always needed.

Next Trustees Meeting is November 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM

The Fall Quarterly Meeting is November 6, after 9.00 AM service.

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

Baptisms



On October 9, these children were welcomed into God's family of believers by the power and promise of His Word in Holy Baptism. We praise God for this precious gift of faith and ask him to continue to bless these little ones and their families.

Kyla Rose Dougherty, daughter of David and Mindy Dougherty

Ella Marie Fry, daughter of Eric and Jessica Fry

Connor James Heiking, son of Justin Herritz and Hannah Heiking

Memorials and Gifts

<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor Of</u>
Debt Reduction	Elmer Wells
Debt Reduction	Laura Kruger
Sound System	Albert Becker
Jr. Choir	Curt Stratman
Care Ministry	Curt Stratman

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Mrs. Jenell Snyder - 479-0565
 Mrs. Helen Rick - 985-8745
 Mrs. Valerie Hagemann - 464-3299

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 2016 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		1	2 1:30 PM Ladies Aid	3	4 8:20 AM Chapel	5 8:00 AM Science and Fine Arts Fair @ Luther High, Onalaska
6 <i>Last Judgement</i> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion Jr. Choir Sings @ 10:30 10:15 AM Fellowship Quarterly Voter's Meeting Following Fellowship 1:00 PM Public School Catechism	7	8 10:30 AM Circuit Meeting Reedsburg 6:30 PM Panther Parents Meeting	9 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	10 9:30 AM Mid Week Bible Study	11 8:20 AM Chapel	12
13 <i>Saints Triumphant</i> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Gr. 3-5 Sing @ 10:30 11:30 AM Altar Guild 9:20 PM Fellowship, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 1:00 PM Public School Catechism	14 No School Teacher In-Service 7:00 PM Education Committee Meeting	15 1:30 PM Care Ministry	16 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	17 7:00 PM Hunter's Worship Service 9:30 AM Mid Week Bible Study	18 8:20 AM Chapel	19
20 <i>Christ the King</i> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship with Communion Gr. PreK-2 Sing @ 10:30 9:20 PM Fellowship, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 1:00 PM Public School Catechism	21 9:00 AM Newsletter Article and Calendar Deadline	22 8:20 AM Chapel	23 3:30 and 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Sr. Choir Sings	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26 8:00 AM Elders
No School - Thanksgiving Break						
27 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship 9:20 PM Fellowship, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 1:00 PM Public School Catechism	28	29	30 8:00 PM Sr. Choir			Dec 2016 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



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November Birthdays



- 1 Edward Fry, Pastor Snyder
- 2 Paul Danklefsen, Betsy Schultz
- 3 Hunter Bolton, Alisa Perry, Olivia Pharo, Kayla Zimmerman
- 4 Kory Helm, Janet Ott
- 5 Julie Bolton, Shannon Hug, Roselle Ruetten
- 6 Dusty Ott
- 7 Mark Hagemann
- 8 Owen Behn, Alexis Peesel
- 9 Mikaela Kennedy, Debbie Lange
- 11 Bradley Ott
- 12 Richard Lange, Katie Roloff
- 13 Josh Preuss, Jordan Solchenberger, Karen Thorell
- 14 Noah Herritz
- 15 Josh Hamburg, Sabrina Wells
- 16 Lee Hamburg
- 17 Dylan Degner, John Roloff Jr.
- 18 Aiden Frick, Leland Hagemann, Dawn Leatherberry
- 19 Katherin Roesler
- 20 Eric Degner, Olivia Olson, Kevin Weber
- 21 Collin Hug
- 22 Julie Erickson
- 23 Gordon Stittleburg
- 24 Brac Bradley, David Degner, Amanda Schmidt
- 25 Jade Hamburg, Dianne Pacl
- 28 Bryon Degner, Dawn Feldman, Colleen Lehman
- 30 Susan Kennedy, Sharon Laubscher, Andrew Rick, Palmer Schroeder, Collinn Thompson

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