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“Proclaim”

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



DATES

TO REMEMBER

October 6

Mission Sunday
Worship 9:00 AM

October 13

Anniversary Sunday
Pot Luck Brunch
Following 10:30 AM
Service

12:30 PM Panther
Parents Bike Outing

October 9

12:50 Early Release for
School

October 9-10

Mid-Quarter
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

October 17

10:00 AM
LWMS Fall Rally
@ Trinity, Lime Ridge

October 24-25

No School - Teacher's
Conference

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From the Pastor

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

This is the second in a series of ten articles. The purpose is to review what most of us learned in catechism class and to see each commandment, each law, in light of the gospel.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

I started last month's article with an entertainment reference, so why not do another? Have you seen the movie "Leap Year"? It's a (mostly) cute romantic comedy about a woman who travels to Ireland to propose to her boyfriend (with whom she has been living, so that's not good, but that's the 6th Commandment) on February 29th of leap year. Apparently, that's a tradition in Ireland on that date every four years. As is typical in this kind of movie, she ends up traveling to Dublin with a man that she can't stand, but eventually they fall in love. At one point in the movie as they are walking toward Dublin (they lost their transportation), it starts to hail on them. They find refuge in a church. When they come in, the man yells out, "Jesus Christ!", not realizing that a wedding service is taking place at that moment. When his companion looks up and sees the congregation staring back at them, she tries to cover over his blunder by saying, "Is Lord!" In contrast, Sean Connery's character Henry Jones, the father of Indiana Jones in the movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," slapped Indy across the face when he took Jesus' name in vain and told him, "That's for blasphemy."

Such scenes may get a laugh, but the sad thing is it's true to life. We know how often people misuse God's name. They do it not just when they use it as an exclamation of anger, frustration, or surprise. People use it to lie. They use it to deceive. They use it to call down harm upon others. They even use think themselves Christian when they use God's name in prayer while at the same time participating in séances, palm readings, and other ways of "communicating with the spirit-world." Such things are detestable to God, whether they think so or not (Deuteronomy 18:10-11).

What makes all this especially sad is that God wants his name to be a blessing to everyone. God's name is everything God reveals about himself in his Word in order to bless and to save us. At baptism, God's name was placed on us to bless and save us as we were buried with Jesus and raised to new life with him (Romans 6). At the end of our worship when the blessing is spoken, God's name is put on us to bless us (Numbers 6:27). As Peter said, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

How we use God's name matters. It's a sacred name. It's a saving name. Let's speak up, in love, when people misuse it. Let's not be afraid to let them know what that name means to us and what it means for them.

Church News

WONEWOC AREA LIONS FALL FESTIVAL

The Wonewoc Area Lions will be holding their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12 at the Wonewoc-Center School grounds. Activities that day begin at 8:00am and include a craft fair, a 5K Fun Run (bring your dog), a volleyball tournament, petting zoo, kids' games, raffles and more. Panther Parents will be serving walking tacos and fall desserts on that day. They are in need of help and/or donations for that day. See the Panther Parents Facebook page for information or contact Lisa Olson at 608-548-5462.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 13, we will be celebrating Anniversary Sunday, remembering 148 years of God's guiding hand and faithfulness to St. Paul's congregation in Wonewoc. Join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 am and a pot luck meal and fellowship following the 10:30am worship service.

LWMS FALL RALLY

LWMS Fall Rally will be held October 17 at Trinity, Lime Ridge. Beginning time is 10:00 AM. Guest Speakers will be Missionary Charles Flunker and his wife Beth. They will be sharing information about their mission work in Brazil. All women in our congregation are invited to attend and hear about mission work around the world.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Ladies Aid is again collecting clothing for Northside Ministries in Milwaukee. You can bring clothing to the bottom of the steps in the church basement. The deadline for collection is **October 31**. Please do not bring anything after that date.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The quarterly voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3, following the 9:00 AM service. Items on the agenda will include membership changes, and other items. All members, voting and non-voting, are encouraged to attend.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

We are looking for planners and table hosts for the 3rd annual **Advent by Candlelight** ladies gathering on Sunday, December 8. Please sign up on the stand in the stairway or call the office at 464-3212 if you can help or have questions.

CLEANERS NEEDED

We are in need of church cleaners from now until the end of the year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back entry. Please consider whether you might be able to help in this service. Thank you.

Called Home



Bruce Taylor

September 20, 2019

Memorials and Gifts



Fund

In Memory/Honor of

School Memorial

Julaine Miller

October Birthdays



- 1 Caleb Olson, Olivia Peesel
- 3 Jordan Erickson, Carol Krueger,
Breanne Schraufnagel, Britni Schraufnagel,
Julie Lankey-Smallwood
- 4 Sarah Schultz
- 6 Jessica Erie, TJ Mayer
- 7 Robert Pagel, Kathy Robinson
- 8 Caroline Apker, Michelle Pagel, Ryan Seager,
Dean Wildenradt, Clayton Wolfe
- 10 Kaden Brandau, Colton Raupp, Jerry Schultz
- 11 Daniel Eberhardt, Mark Preuss, Danica Rizzo,
Jeff Young
- 12 Rollie Jasper, Anthony Ott, Mackenzie Snyder
- 14 Christopher Haase, Charles Pattridge, Rog-
er Stanek, Barbara Young
- 15 Jett Behn, Marcus Mitchell
- 16 Jodi Lankey
- 17 Ryan Degner, Gracelyn Ott
- 18 Aubri Myers
- 19 Maddie Mitchell
- 20 Stephanie Frick, Shelby Gregory,
Sandra Hagemann, Ethel Ott
- 21 Shawn Lehman, Dan Oetzman, Marilyn Orth
Brian Schroeder, Tammy Wells
- 22 Chuck Hubele, Jeff Schmidt, Gary Wells,
Chelsea Wiese
- 23 Allen Bender, Leona Clark, Chelsey Dorow,
Zach Preuss
- 24 Jenell Snyder
- 25 Keith Campbell, Denise Lawrence, Don Preston
- 27 Jordan Lehman, Gary Myers, Melissa Pauls
- 28 Thomas Anderson, Eugene Peesel
- 29 Elaine Hepp
- 30 Carie Kopenhafer, John Mitchell, Anna Pagel
- 31 Lee Kucher

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

It is hard to believe that we are already through the first month of school. What a blessing Christian education is for our children! Each day these children sit in class and hear God's Word in its truth. Every subject is taught from a Christian viewpoint. Christian friendships are formed and every Sunday the children and their parents are refreshed together with God's Word in church. We pray that God may bless both parents and children in their growth in faith.

Our students completed the MAPS testing in September. With the addition of extra Chromebooks in our school we were able to take the MAPS test in our own classrooms instead of the computer lab at Wonewoc-Center. Thank you to the staff at Wonewoc-Center for helping train our teaches in administering the tests.

Grades 4K-8 were able to enjoy a field trip to the Necedah Wildlife Refuge at the end of September. They got to hike and learn some amazing things about Wisconsin habitats and wildlife.

Girls volleyball will continue through the middle of October. The girls are learning many skills in ball handling and team work. Parents night will take place on October 8. Not enough other schools registered, so unfortunately, we will not host a tournament this year, but we are already planning for next year's tournament. Thank you to Lisa Olson and Lacy Burns for all the time and skills they share with the girls as coaches.

Mid-quarter parent/teacher conferences will take place on October 9-10. There will be no school on October 24-25 as our teachers will be attending the WELS Fall Teachers' Conference in Milwaukee.

Over the next month students in grades 5-8 will begin preparing for the Science and Fine Arts Fair. The fall events are vocals, math, spelling, chess, and arts/crafts. Our students will have the opportunity to use their God given abilities in the arts and sciences.

Upcoming Events



Bike Outing

On Sunday, October 13 all students and families are invited to go on the annual fall bike outing. Everyone will leave from St. Paul's Church at 12:30pm (right after the anniversary potluck) and bike to Union Center. Return will be 3:30pm.

Fall Dance

On Friday, October 25, students and families are invited to a fall dance/costume party. Everyone should meet at the Neighbors at 5:00pm for a snack and then will be taking a horse drawn rides to St. Paul's school gym. Look on the Panther Parents Facebook page for more information.



**Board of Trustees Meeting
September 17, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by President Steve Fick with 8 members present and opened with a devotion by Pastor.

Minutes from the August 20, 2019 Trustee Meeting were presented and accepted as read.

Pastor's Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. Several Bible study groups have begun or will soon begin for the fall.
2. Plans are to start a Bible Information Class in October for parents who have children in our school.
3. Will start the Children's Message in worship October 6th.
4. Welcome Home Sunday will be tabled until this Spring.

Elders' Report presented by Sam Mobley.

1. Motion was approved to release by request - Myrtle Doering, Doug, Pat, and Eleanor Westedt.
2. Motion was approved to release Debra Mistle, Garrett Barry, Shelby Barry, and Jasmine Mistle.

Principal's Report presented by Pastor Snyder.

1. Beginning the year with 68 students.
2. Pastor Clint Burow of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Roscoe, IL, will be here for chapel and a presentation on Friday, October 4th.
3. Bathrooms are done except for a few minor things. Coat racks are completed as well.
4. The lights will be replaced throughout the school as the year goes along.

Education Committee report presented by Troy Gander.

1. We are exploring the Planning Phase of the Early Childhood Ministry.
2. May discuss/look into WI Parental Choice Program.
3. Call process for Principal can begin October 15th.

Treasurer/Finance Committee report presented by Lee Kucher/Bruce Schroeder.

1. General fund Debt is \$132,542.05 as of August 31, 2019.
2. Approval was given to pay Diane Pacl for 10 days teaching time as substitute teacher while Miss Brander was unable to be in the classroom.

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.
2. Wonewoc/Hillsboro/Elroy merger/consolidation on hold.
3. Teacherage evaluation, repairs, cleaning, etc. on hold.
4. 150th Anniversary planning committee has begun meeting. The anniversary is in 2021.

New Business/Items to discuss.

1. Mother's room project quote total about \$6500 and paid for from the Ralph Leverenz fund will begin after the first of the year.
2. Sam and Tom will re-varnish front church doors.
3. Starting a Welcome Committee for new members.

Next Trustees Meeting will be October 22nd at 6:30pm.

Quarterly Meeting will be held November 3rd after 9:00AM service.

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

Ladies Aid

Ladies are again meeting the first Wednesday of each month after the summer break. In September, they met at the Neighbors for lunch and then returned to church for the meeting. One of the recent activities was donating Bibles to the school children - 32 were distributed to grades 3-8 at the opening service in September since we had waited several years for the new translation to be completed. Usually they are presented to the 2nd grade each spring.

The Ladies Aid hosts the fellowship after services the first Sunday of the month and are using the donations to support the new outreach ministry in Richland Center. The new congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran, held its opening service September 29th. Please stop down in the basement to see the trifold of pictures from that ministry.

October 17th, our congregation ladies are invited to attend the fall rally of our LWMS circuit being held at Trinity in Lime Ridge. The guest speakers this year have ties to this area as Missionary Flunker's wife is the former Elsbeth Nommensen, whose parents served in Hillsboro and Wonewoc. Mrs. Nommensen was the kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's for many years. Charles and Beth have spent their years of ministry in mission work in Puerto Rico and Brazil and will be speaking about their Brazil work at the rally. They are still active there – spending a few summer months in Wisconsin and returning to Brazil in the fall.

In other mission news – we are supporting the missionary at a new mission outreach in Idaho – Pastor Kevin Schultz, and world missionary, Peter Janke, whose serves in East Asia and whose father will be joining us for our mission festival this week. Our gathered offerings during the year are supporting mission work in Africa and First Public Service for home mission startups.

We received a thank you for the gifts gathered for the New Beginnings Home for Mothers. \$1509.52 was gathered in the baby bottles. Thank you to all of you who helped make a difference in the lives of those mothers and babies there.

Clothing is being collected for the Northside Ministries in Milwaukee and that will continue through October.

We have about 12 ladies that meet each month in our little group. We would like to expand this to include so many more of our congregation ladies and discussion is continuing for a way to make it more available to you. We realize the time of the meeting is limiting attendance so please let us know if evening meetings would be welcomed by some of you. We exist to serve our Savior through meeting needs in the congregation as well as reaching out in any way possible to support and encourage mission outreach locally and within our synod.

Submitted by Dianne Pacl



The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra

What a wonderful worship service! Beautiful iturgy and music with a Celtic flavor combined with a lot of education about the contributions that the early Celtic Christians have made to our way of worship. Thank you to TLCO for coming to Wonewoc and we hope to have you return soon

Farmhouse Fest 2019

A great night of music! We would like to thank Farmhouse Fest 2019 and Neighbors Sandwich Bar and Deli for generous gifts to St. Paul's School. We appreciate it so much. To God be the glory for faithful hearts supporting his ministry here at St. Paul's.



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!</p> <p>PSALM 100:4</p>		1 6:00 PM A Team Volleyball @ W-C	2 9:00 AM Shut In Visits 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 6:00 PM Public School Catechism 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	3 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	4 8:05 AM Chapel 9:00 AM School Picture Day	5
6 Mission Sunday 9:00 AM Worship with Communion (3K-K sing) 10:15 AM Fellowship & Adult Bible Study	7 5:00 PM A & B Team Volleyball @ St. Peter's, Reedsburg	8 9:00 AM Circuit Meeting - Reedsburg 1:00 PM Lions Vision Screening 5:00 PM A Team Volleyball Home vs W-C (Parent's Night) 6:30 PM Panther Parents	9 9:00 AM Shut In Visits 12:50 PM School Early Release 3:30 PM Mid Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00 PM Public School Catechism 7:00 PM Finance 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	10 9:30 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Mid Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00 PM B Team Volleyball @ St. Luke's, Plain 6:30 PM Bible Study	11 8:05 AM Chapel	12 8:00 AM Elders 8:00AM-4:00PM Lions Fall Festival@ W-C
13 Anniversary Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship (Sr. Choir Sings) 11:30 AM Pot Luck	14	15	16 9:00 AM Shut In Visits 6:00 PM Public School Catechism 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	17 10:00 AM LWMS Fall Mission Rally @ Trinity - Lime Ridge 5:00 PM A & B Team Volleyball @ St. Peter's, Reedsburg 6:30 PM Bible Study	18 8:05 AM Chapel	19
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27 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	28 9:00 AM Newsletter Article & Calendar Deadline 7:00 PM Anniversary Committee	29 6:30 PM Steering Committee	30 6:00 PM Public School Catechism 8:00 PM Sr. Choir	31 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study Deadline for Clothing Collection for Northside Ministries		



ELECTRONIC OFFERING OPTION

We have an option, if you are interested, for having your offering electronically deposited. This is safe and confidential. Members who use it like the convenience of paper-free, regular giving. There are forms on the back table to fill out. Follow the instructions on the form and envelope. There is also a card to turn in to the church office. (This automatic giving goes into the General Fund account only. If you regularly contribute to Mission Fund or Building Fund, we ask that you please continue to use your contribution envelopes for those gifts). Let the church office know if you have any questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SIGN-UP

If you are interested in participating in a men's Bible study, there is a sign-up sheet in the entry way. This is a 4-session Bible study entitled "Man Up"! that looks about what God has called men to be vs. what the world tells us. There are a couple of different options to participate. Contact Pastor Snyder if you have questions.



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