



## DATES

### TO REMEMBER

#### July 12-15

5:00-7:00 PM

Volleyball Sports Camp

#### July 24

11:00 AM -7:00 PM

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Free Community Concert  
@ Hillsboro Fireman's  
Park

Music, Food and Fun &  
Games for the Whole  
Family

#### July 25

10:30 AM

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Special Worship @  
Hillsboro Fireman's Park

#### July 26-29

5:00-7:00 PM

Basketball Sports Camp

#### August 1

11:30 AM

School Registration and  
Open House

#### August 8

11:30 AM

Quarterly Voter's Meeting

#### August 13-14

Hillsboro Charity Tractor  
Pull

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## From the Pastor

Luke 10:38-42

“ONE THING IS NEEDED”

*As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me.”*

*<sup>41</sup> The Lord answered and told her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her.”*

If you ask anyone what we need in this country, you're bound to get an answer. That answer might be as unique as the person giving it to you, or it might be one that you've heard before, one that you can categorize as conservative, liberal, leftist, right-wing, Marxist, woke, racist, or based on conspiracy theories. We are the United States of America, but we are a very divided nation right now, and it seems that certain forces want to divide us even further.

This, however, is not the focus of this devotion. We might say that focus is the focus. More specifically, it is the truth that it can be all too easy to spend time focusing on all the negative things that are happening and, in so doing, to fail to focus on what we truly need.

I don't know what was going on in Martha's life when she invited Jesus to her home, but I get the distinct impression that when she came to Jesus to complain about her sister, it wasn't the only thing that upset her. Yes, Martha was distracted with all her serving, but she may have thought that this distraction could be at least a temporary solution to whatever things were truly bothering her. Maybe her brother Lazarus, whom Jesus would later raise from the dead, was already having some health issues. Maybe she was unhappy that she was still single and was worried about her future. Maybe she thought that she would feel better about her relationship with God by having Jesus as a guest and serving him and it just wasn't helping.

Have you ever been like this, distracting yourself so that your troubles don't feel quite so burdensome? Are you doing it now? What worries you? What issues are hanging over your head? What do you have to do that you're having a hard time getting done, or what needs fixing that you can't fix?

No distraction is going to make right what is wrong. You know this. But you also know your Savior. You know that what he says is true. When he tells you that there is one thing that you need above everything else, your response and my response ought to be to get as much of that one thing as we can.

That one thing is the Word of God. It is *“living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart”* (Hebrews 4:12). It is *“useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16).

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# Church News

(From the Pastor – continued from cover page)

It is “*the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*” (Romans 1:16). It testifies about Jesus (John 5:39). Through the Word we grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18). By it our souls are purified and we are born again of imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:22,23). Peter then goes on to encourage us to crave this Word that feeds our souls so that we grow in faith (1 Peter 2:2) and are confident about the fact that we are God’s forgiven children and that there is no power that can take us away from his love.

Brothers and sisters, it’s clear that we are in constant need of God’s Word. We can’t go weeks and months at a time without the Word and expect to still grow in faith and be equipped to guard against Satan’s temptations and lies. In the midst of all the busyness and getaways of the summer, please, please, please take time with God in his Word. You need just like I do. If you’re not going to be around for a weekend or more, find a WELS church near where you are staying or get online if possible, to watch our service or that of another WELS church.

Summer is a good time to get away, but we can’t just get away from the problems that always come our way, and we dare never get away from God and his Word. We need them too much.



## Baptized in Christ

Nova Rayne Rosenfeldt – May 23, 2021

Nia Sophia Anderson – May 23, 2021

Vivian Kay Murphy – June 20, 2021



## United in Marriage

Nick Harkness & Britni Schraufnagl – July 10, 2021



## Called Home -Funeral Services

Joyce A. Thorsen – June 21, 2021

John E. Mitchell – July 3, 2022

Charles E. Steffen – July 9, 2021



Join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world for Taste of Missions, an online missions experience, from July 11-17, 2021. Get to know our home and world missionaries like you never have before, and experience mission work firsthand through short video updates, live Q&A sessions, activities and recipes for the entire family, daily devotions, and a live worship service where we commission new missionaries on July 17.

Have you ever made Dal Bhat from Nepal? Tasted Pen Patat from Haiti? Savored Doro Wot from Ethiopia? Try your hand at making one or more of the ethnic recipes shared by missionary families and national church partners.

You can also get the entire family involved in learning about mission work through coloring pages, word searches, and more. By completing a Taste of Missions scavenger hunt (coming soon!), kids can be entered to win a Taste of Missions t-shirt, and we’ll mail all who participate a Taste of Missions sticker.

Visit [tasteofmissions.com](https://tasteofmissions.com) to learn more and register for this free event.

## Hillsboro/Wonewoc Merger Information

The leaders of the two congregations are continuing to meet in advance of the August Voters meetings, at which time we will vote on the proposal to merge.

We have been talking about this quite a bit over the last few years and much more recently. Here's just another reminder of what this merger is and what it isn't, as well as a few housekeeping things that we have to address in the short term that can be looked at again in the near future.

The merger is...

- **Two separate congregations becoming one congregation carrying out gospel ministry in two locations.**
- **Combining the blessings and resources God has given us so that we can work together to encourage each other with the gospel and share it with others.**

One of the very important things we need to do is get people involved in the work of the church. We will have many opportunities for will to serve. Our goal is to help you serve, as you are able, in ways that are suited to you. Just like we wouldn't ask someone who is not musically gifted to play the organ, so we don't want to ask anyone to do something for which they don't have gifts. Let's help each other use our gifts to God's glory and for the common good.

You should also know that, while there is some merit in considering a new name, after further consideration, and since we have not heard any ideas from anyone, the leadership is thinking of proposing that we call our united church St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. We would then refer to the Hillsboro campus and the Wonewoc campus of our church. We would have a logo made that is less about our location and facilities and more about our ministry. We feel that this would not only be easier for the congregation but also for the communities in which we live and serve. We will bring it up for a vote at our first voters meeting together.

Speaking of voters meeting, we would like the members of St. Paul in Hillsboro to meet together in the sanctuary of St. Paul's, Wonewoc, on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, to vote on the proposal to merge our churches (a separate letter with more information will come out before that meeting). Then, after what we hope and pray is the approval of that proposal, we will all meet together in the church basement, or possibly the sanctuary if we need the space, and carry on with the rest of the meeting as a unified congregation.

As we look to both the immediate and the long-term future, we can be confident of God's faithfulness as he blesses his Word among us and blesses our efforts to do his will.

## Church Anniversary

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul in Wonewoc. We are celebrating Grace upon Grace from our God and Savior throughout the history of this congregation. There will be a special celebration on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsboro Firemen's Park. On that Saturday, there will be a free concert from 11am (doors open) – 7pm. Four different bands/performers will be playing beginning at 11:30am: Branches Band; Leah Rachuj; Stephen Bautista; and The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra. Food will be available for purchase from both Jose's food truck out of Baraboo and The Lunch Box food truck out of Reedsburg. Games, displays, and raffles will also be a part of the fun.

On Sunday, Rev. Richard Gurgel, president of Martin Luther College, our college of ministry in New Ulm, MN, and grandson of Mr. Herman Gurgel who served for 40 years at our school as teacher and principal, will be our guest preacher and The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra will help lead us in worship. There will be a free picnic afterwards. You can go to our website to let us know if you plan on joining us for the meal: [stplutheranwonewoc.com](http://stplutheranwonewoc.com)

**We are looking for a few people to help with Friday night set up, Saturday night church set-up and Sunday afternoon clean-up. It shouldn't take much time and we want to have everyone have a chance to enjoy the day on Saturday and Sunday. Please email Chris Frick at [christopherfrick6@gmail.com](mailto:christopherfrick6@gmail.com) or call the office at 608-464-3212 and let us know you can help.**



# School Scoop

Celebrating 140 Years of Christian Education

## School Registration

As we near the middle of the summer, the faculty and staff of St. Paul's Lutheran School is working toward the first day of school. We have planned for registration on August 1, beginning at 11:30am. Look for information about registration on our church website and on Facebook. If you have a child and are interested in our school or you know someone who is, please give us a call at 608-464-3212.

## July Sports Camp

Our first sports camp is volleyball, which will be held on July 12-15 in the evenings. It begins at 5:00pm and ends at 7:00pm each night. Then from July 26-29, we will be holding a basketball camp also running from 5:00-7:00pm in the evenings. The camps are co-ed and are for kids entering Grades 3-8. This is for all kids, parochial, public, or home schooled. There is a link on our website with information to pre-register. Come one day or every day. See you there!

## Early Childhood Ministry

We have been in the planning stages to establish an Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) in Hillsboro as a ministry of our new combined congregation. We have received some drawings of it and will share them with you at church. (One concept drawing is shown below). With what has been called a desperate need for daycare, it seems the Lord is putting an opportunity before us to use such a ministry to share the gospel with little children and their parents. There are been many things that have happened already that have been a blessing and have opened the door further to this opportunity. Please keep it in your prayers and we will keep you updated.



07/07/21 **HILLSBORO CHILDCARE** RENDERINGS  7780 Elmwood Ave., Suite 208 - Middleton, WI 53562 - 608.836.7570



# FREE Community Concert

## HILLSBORO FIREMAN'S PARK

July 24, 2021 | 11AM - 7PM

**11:00 AM - Gates Open** (come and go as you wish)

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Branches Band**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM Leah Rachuj**

**3:30 - 5:00 PM Stephen Bautista**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM The Lutheran Ceili Orchestra**

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM:

**Jose's Authentic Mexican Restaurant • Lunch Box Express**  
**Baraboo Reedsburg**



**BOUNCE HOUSE FOR THE KIDS & CORN HOLE BEANBAGS FOR ALL AGES**

**Bring your own chairs, boards, frisbees, balls or other sport equipment. There is plenty of space to play. You are welcome to bring coolers, but please NO ALCOHOL!**

*There will be a free-will offering received in the building. Half will go to defray costs & half will go to a local charity.*



# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Come join us as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul's Wonewoc!</p> <p>Free Community Concert on <u>Saturday, July 24</u> from 11:00am-7:00pm at the Fireman's Park in Hillsboro, WI. 4 different bands/artists. Food trucks and games for everyone at the park. Bring your own coolers if you wish. (No alcohol please).</p> <p>Special Worship Service on <u>Sunday, July 25</u> beginning at 10:30am. Rev. Richard Gurgel will be the guest speaker and the worship service liturgy will be led the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra. Free picnic lunch following.</p>				1 7:00 PM Worship	2	3
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# August 2021

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## PANTHER PARENTS

Panther Parents continue to meet through the summer and have a couple of things on the activity list this before the beginning of the school year.

- A work day is being planned for some time in August. The plan is to do some sprucing up on the playground. New metal in-ground benches have been ordered and will need to be installed and some general clean-up of the grounds should be done to make it school ready. There are also some possible plans to paint the bleachers in the gym.
- Panther Parents are also working the Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull on August 13 and 14. We sell pizzas, root beer floats and pulled pork sandwiches as concessions during the pulling events. We have used the proceeds in past years to do various projects around the school like bathroom refurbishing and painting. There is a sign-up link on our church website if you can do a shift selling concessions or help with clean-up.

Watch the Panther Parent Facebook page for more information and updates.

### Hymnal Coming Soon!

The new hymnal offers a comprehensive set of resources to cultivate a rich worship life in Lutheran churches, schools, and homes.

CHRISTIANWORSHIP.COM



As you have likely heard by now, our synod has a new hymnal coming out this fall and the First Sunday in Advent, which is also the beginning of a new church year, is slated as the official "Opening Day" for the hymnal. It will still be called Christian Worship. Our recommendation will be that we buy 75 hymnals for Wonevoc (instead of 300) and 50 for Hillsboro. We will encourage anyone who wants a hymnal to buy one through the church and to bring it with you to church if you want to use it in worship. The services will still be on the screens.

We will have some other things to consider logistically, but we are looking forward to this new hymnal.

It will still have many hymns from our current hymnal. It will restore a few hymns from 1941's *The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH)*, and it will have several newer hymns that have beautiful words and lyrics and are appropriate for worship. Look for more information at church and in the next newsletter.

If you would like to learn more, visit [ChristianWorship.com](http://ChristianWorship.com) for information, video presentations and updates.



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