

To the community of St. Paul's

Hello from the ministry team at St. Paul's! I know that I speak on behalf of others when I say that I hope you have had a safe and healthy summer under strange circumstances. I do not think we have ever experienced anything like this before. The pandemic and its effects have covered all of life and that can bring all sorts of feelings. Maybe, you have felt anxious. Maybe you have felt sad. Maybe you are longing to spend time with family and friends without a conscience that is causing you to wonder if you might get sick. Maybe, you're tired of wearing a mask every time you go out of your house. All of these experiences can lead us to feel uncertain about all of life.



In light of this, there is a chunk of Scripture I would like to share. Moses writes this in Psalm 90:

*“Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”*

If there was ever a guy who faced uncertainty and restlessness in his life, it was Moses. A man who was called by God after murdering a man in Egypt, ran away, became a shepherd in the desert, and was afraid to speak. Yet, he was called to lead a people who didn't always want to be led and God gave him words to speak and promises to lean on as they were restless and anxious in forty years in the wilderness. Just as Moses had God's promises and blessing, you do too in these anxious times. God is your dwelling place. He knows you in and out. He formed you in the womb and will sustain you.

I hope that you find this month's Herald exciting and informative of the ministry happening at St. Paul's. Join us and our community for worship, time in the Word, friendship, and much more! God's Blessings to you this month!

Sincerely,

Pastor Noah

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

COVID-19 Issues for Church Activities

As we head into a new school year cycle, we are working on “reopening” activities in a careful and safe way. We are navigating uncharted waters, so please be patient with leadership as we seek to continue ministry in these unprecedented times. Here is the information regarding Worship and Bible Classes as we head into the fall:

Worship Services

We are confident that we can socially distance up to 100 people or so in the lower part of the sanctuary, so we are no longer taking “reservations” for worship. For the entire month of August, weekend services will be held at 5pm on Saturdays and 8am and 9:30am on Sundays. We will also have Wednesday services for at least the first three Wednesdays in August (5, 12, 19). We will also continue to record worship services and stream them on the internet through our website, our facebook page, and through YouTube.

Bible Classes

- **Thursday Bible Class:** This class might resume on September 10. Class members should be considering whether they would like to attend in person beginning in September, would like to have an “online” format of the class using computer technology, or prefer an in person class but would like to wait until later in the fall. Pastor Bender will be in contact with class members for their wishes.
- **Men's Bible Breakfast:** Pastor Bender has decided to start this class “in person” beginning on September 12, with whoever feels comfortable to attend. With about 10-12 men on average, we can easily “social distance” at the tables. We will finish up our study of Zechariah, with the first gathering or two being a bit of a review of what we got through last winter.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** This class will resume on September 13. We will finish the course, “Every One His Witness,” and take the first week or two to review the first four lessons to “get us back up to speed” in the study. New class members are welcome. In these days of pandemic, we have a fantastic opportunity to share the hope, the peace, and the joy we have in Christ!
- **Sunday School and Pastor Noah's class:** The Board of Christian Education will be discussing Sunday School at their meeting on August 4. Watch for further details.



Boldly Moving Forward

“I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you . . .” Jeremiah 29:11

Of course, these words were originally penned by Jeremiah to the people of God who were facing exile and a very uncertain future. God wanted to assure them that their future was in His hands, and that future would be a good future.

This is the promise of God that stands firm for all of God’s people in their varied life circumstances. This promise is ours even in the face of a pandemic and other challenging circumstances that we are facing in our lives.

With the promise of God as our foundation, our Voters’ Assembly made a decision to “boldly move forward” even in these days. We are hoping to have a playground for our school. We are hoping to one day have a parking lot for both church and school. We are boldly moving forward in these directions.

What does this mean in practical terms?? Here are a few details at this time:

- **The Purchase of the Duplex located on South 79th:** As the writing of this article, we are in the process of negotiating a purchase price for the third house south of our facility on south 79th street. We own the first two. This would be the place of the proposed playground for our school.
- **LCEF Loan Approval:** We have received approval to borrow the funds necessary to purchase the above mentioned home. Thanks be to God for His provision.
- **Capital Campaign:** Of course, this will take financial resources to accomplish. So we will begin the process of a capital funding campaign to raise the necessary funds not only to purchase the house and build the playground, but also to continue reducing our debt.
- **Parking Lot:** We have been in contact with the owner of the home just south of the church entrance. We are hoping for a willingness by the owner to sell to us. We own the other two properties farther south on 78th street.

Please keep all of this in your prayers. Please be prepared to participate in the capital campaign. Please consider being a part of the leadership team to work for the Lord in accomplishing the things He has planned for our future!!

Widows Lunch

All widows of the congregation are invited to Steak House 100 located at 7240 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis on Wednesday August 12th at 11:00am. Please contact Judy Hurst (414-543-5839) if you would like to attend.



Quilter's Patch



We hope to start gathering again this Fall. If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

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St. Paul's Child Care Center is looking for individuals to work with children in our child care center. The child care is open from 6 AM - 6 PM, Monday-Friday. Early morning shifts are a major need along with late afternoons. All positions are part time. Interested candidates can apply online to Amy Puechner by sending their resume to amy@splcwa.org or call 414 430-2542.

AUGUST

OUR BIG MONTH EVENT "WISCONSIN STATE FAIR" WILL NOT BE. BUT WE MAY PURCHASE OUR CREAM PUFFS. WILL THIS BE OUR NEW NORM ? MORE EVENTS BEING CANCELLED WEARING MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND NO LARGE GATHERING. PLUS THE UPSETTING UNREST IN OUR CITIES. REMEMBER, TRUST GOD, FOR HE IS NEAR. HE WILL GUIDE US THROUGH THIS TRYING TIME. ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN FOR YOU AND ME AND OUR NATION.

ELAINE LEMKE

Youth News

High School Youth Ministry NEWS

WE ARE GOING SWIMMING!

When? Thursday, August 6th Meet at Church steps at 1:00 PM and Swimming

from 2:00-4:00 PM

Cost? \$5 per car entry

Where? Fox Brook Park Brookfield

Who? All 2020 8th grade graduates and current high school students!

Please contact Pastor Noah 262-302-9575 for more information!





Jesus Loves Me

Music Notes

In the Word

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

Of the Word

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

"Jesus Loves Me" is often thought of as a children's hymn, but it is really for God's children of all ages! The words remind us that the Bible, God's Word, is the source of our faith in Jesus.

What does the Bible tell us? It tells us that we sin and do things that build a wall between us and God. God's Word also shows us our Savior, the "wall-breaker," the One who saves us from our sin. God's Word in its entirety points to Jesus, who died for us, washed away our sin, and opened wide the gates of heaven for us. "Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."

Walking with my Lord

Loving Savior, You paid the bitter price for sin! Give me the desire to pass Your love on to others. Together we will sing, "Yes, Jesus loves me!" In Your name, Amen.

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This devotion reminds us of the messages songs from our childhood. In every weekly service we are singing a "children's song". The song is NOT just for anyone under the age of twelve, but for ALL of God's children, of ANY age. These songs bring all of us together in God's Word, reminding us of God's rich love for us. We pray this addition to our worship service will be a blessing for children of ALL ages!

Opportunities for YOU

to come join in praising the Lord through music

***Praise Team** - Our group leads worship during Sept - May on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 AM and June-August - selected Wednesdays at 5:00 PM

We NEED: Bass player, guitarists, singers

***Evening Bell Choir** - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 6:10 PM -Sept - May. We play for worship services throughout the months we practice. If you are able to count, tap your toes, we can help you learn how to ring a bell at the right time in the music. Come out and give it a try. We plan to start up again in September, if protocols allow.

***St. Paul's Choir** - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 7:30 PM Sept - May. We sing for worship services throughout the months we practice. If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, come out and give our group a try. We plan to start up again in October, if protocols allow.

***Instrumentalists** - Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play a song sometime for worship? Add your instrument to a hymn or song? Accompany a choir piece? Contact Michelle and let her know if you can help serve the Lord in this way.

Contact: michelle@splcwa.org or (text) 414-552-4938 or call: 414-541-6250 ext 3013

School News

Sent to Serve

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”
(Matt. 20:28).

Lutheran schools are “Sent to Serve”. They are sent to serve children. They are sent to serve children whose baptismal faith is also being nourished in Christian homes and Lutheran congregations. They are sent to serve children who first hear of their Savior in a Lutheran school classroom. Lutheran schools serve families from diverse backgrounds. The Lutheran school serves as a ministry of the local congregation and a mission outpost to the community. Lutheran schools serve in cultures and contexts around the world.

Lutheran schools serve because Jesus served. The Son of Man came to serve as teacher and as a miracle worker. Jesus came to serve the diseased and the distraught. Jesus served by feeding thousands and washing the feet of His disciples. Jesus came to serve little children. Contexts of Jesus’ service and recipients of His service are noted throughout the New Testament.

Jesus came to seek, to save and to serve sinners. Jesus’ ultimate act of service is seen in the “ransom” on the cross. Jesus came to pay for the sins of the whole world.

“Sent to Serve” is our theme for the 2020-2021 school year. We do not know what this year has in store for us, but we do know that Jesus has promised to be by our side through it all.

Our **current** plan to serve students is to open up school on August 25 with face-to-face instruction. We have been working all summer trying to make this a safe experience for our students and our staff. We will be taking many steps to mitigate the disease, and those steps will soon be laid out in detail. Everyone needs to be aware that those plans are flexible, and more than likely will be changing as COVID continues to change.

We ask for your prayers as this school year begins and as we try to navigate these uncharted waters.

Principal, Jack Burkee



Sharing God's Bounty

God Calls Us to be His Workers

In spite of our foolish and sinful ways, God calls us to be his workers. Scripture tells us that Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when he chose his workers. Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector. Paul wrote, "*Brothers, think of what you when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things . . .*" (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by the lowly and oppressed people.

Certainly, God can use celebrities and very successful people in his work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have accomplished anything of worldly significance, broken any records, or won any awards, God can use and transform us into effective workers in his kingdom. "*I can do everything through him who gives me strength*" (Philippians 4:13). Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus who does the choosing. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

So why does God elevate the foolish and the lowly to be his workers? A reason may be found in 1 Corinthians 1:29: "so that no one may boast before him." It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in his service. If we come into God's work with impressive credentials, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, "*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

"Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have." (1 Timothy 6:18) May Timothy's letter move us to better see how we are using all that the Lord has entrusted to us; our income, our talents. This sense of stewardship will help us grow in faith and concern one for another. That's what faith community is all about."

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August 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship	3	4 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education	5 6:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Praise Band	6 7:00 PM Finance	7	8 5:00 PM Worship
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SERVING THE LORD

ALL OVER ASIA

NEWS FROM THE FERRY FAMILY



July 2020

Our Lord Working Through Everyday Life

Christians live out their vocations wherever the Lord has placed them. This is what you do where your life is, even (especially!) in these days of pandemic and protest. You simply live out the life you've been given, speaking and acting in accord with the faithfulness to who our Lord Jesus has made you to be in the waters of Holy Baptism. You speak and act as a faithful Christian (also known as Lutheran) in everything, confident in His forgiveness and love. This is also what we do here in Taiwan, where the Lord has placed us through you, His church. And many times, without us even realizing it, He is working wonderful things through this everyday faithfulness.



We take the bus to church every Sunday, from one side of Chiayi to another. Then we have about a ten-minute walk through a busy market area, from the bus stop to the actual church building itself. Along that way, we pass food and drink stalls, and sellers of everything from pants to pineapple.

One of the pineapple sellers has a young daughter of seven years old, just in between our Cassandra and Carissa. The family is not Christian, but we had interacted with them several times as they sold us pineapple on the way to church, and as they asked curious questions about our large white family, and why we passed their stall every Sunday about that time.

After several Sunday mornings of this interaction, the family had more to say: they actually asked us to take their daughter along with us so that she could attend Sunday School and church with us, since their stall was just a few doors down from the door of the church. The daughter did not speak any English (and neither did the parents!), so we were thankful for our two years of Chinese lessons thus far! Would we take their daughter to church, where she could hear about Jesus?!? You bet we would. What a privilege.

The girl joined us for Sunday School and church, sitting with the pastor's wife and daughter, and with Cheryl, and interacting with our kids. She clearly had no idea what to expect, but she was anxious to learn more about what we were doing. God only knows what she took away, but we know that because we sing Lutheran hymns, follow the church's liturgy, and are a Lutheran church, she certainly heard the Word of God in Christ, for her!

To our pleasant surprise, the parents sent her along with us the next week, too. And the week after that! It's been several weeks now that we've had her along with us, and the local Chinese pastor has made contact with the parents as well. God grant His Word to take root in the lives of this family, and spring up into eternal life according to His promise. And all this from buying some pineapple! Thanks be to God.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Those like the neighbors we all have who do not yet know Jesus and His peace.*
- *Courage and wisdom to take advantage of the chances we have to speak the Word of God with confidence.*
- *Your newest LCMS missionaries who cannot freely visit congregations to raise support.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Protection and health for your LCMS missionaries as they continue to live out their vocations where you have placed them.*
- *Our generous church, which continues to support her missionaries and servants even in uncertain times.*

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Congratulations and Happy Birthday to two of our girlies who celebrated birthdays in May and June...



Chloe (left) turned four years old, and picked out a chocolate cake to share with the families in the building. Chloe wanted to watch a movie with her family to celebrate her day, and chose the latest from the Frozen franchise.

Carissa (right) turned eight years old, and decided she wanted to visit the water park for her birthday. We swam all day long, even in the midst of a lightning storm; being careful to stay under the roof of the pool. She's a social little girl who loves to be in the middle of everything. Her cake was a Black Forest cake she picked out at the local bakery.



Cheryl did some research as part of her Chinese class and discovered that there's a brass instrument factory right in the general area of where we live. We took a day and visited the Carol Brass Factory, about a 30 minute drive outside of Chiayi. The

tour was all in Chinese, but was a fascinating opportunity to interact with our host community and meet some new people. The kids even got to try out some instruments. Charlotte was somewhat less than impressed.



God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.

*- Your Servants and partners in Asia, **the Ferry Family**
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NEWS FROM RACHEL MEYER



June 2020

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*"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."
Psalm 34:1*

Beginning with Praise

STEPPING OUT OF LOCKDOWN

We thank God for His hand of protection as thus far, Uganda has not registered any COVID-19 related deaths. In the last month, some of the lockdown restrictions have been eased, except in border districts identified as hotspots for local transmission. We are grateful that some people have been able to return to work and that limited public and private transportation are allowing for some movement throughout the country. However, I continue to work from home during this time as schools, churches, and other large gatherings remain closed for now.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the health, safety, and wellbeing of people affected by the virus in Uganda and around the world.



These morning glories outside my window remind me of God's mercies anew each morning.

In a recent phone conversation with one of my Ugandan colleagues, he inquired about the wellbeing of my family in America. When I told him that they are all safe and well, he replied, "We must praise God for that!"

While this is a fairly common exchange here, it always humbles me to hear that my Ugandan friends are praying for the family in Christ in America, even as I know you pray for us here.

Yet, in these days when my prayer request list can seem long and overwhelming, this teacher's comment also gave me an important reminder not to lose sight of the praise among the petitions. In fact, his first response was to praise God for what He is already doing.

As we unite together in praying for all the challenges our world is facing these days, I invite you to join with me in beginning with a posture of praise for who God is and all the faithful ways He continues to act in our daily lives. It is there, with our eyes fixed firmly on Him, that we may know His peace as He invites us to bring our requests to Him in hope-filled faith as we pray according to His will.

*** I praise God for His boundless Word.**

May God provide ways for people around the world to continue to grow in His Word, even amidst limitations on corporate worship.

*** I praise God for His wisdom.**

May God provide ways for students to grow spiritually and academically during this time.

*** I praise God for His righteousness and mercy.**

May God guide and embolden us to be reflections of His love and integrity to every person we meet.

*** I praise God for His faithfulness in each of our lives.**

May God continue to provide for your needs and sustain you in faith.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *The LCU as they find ways to continue to share God's Word with people while congregations are unable to meet for worship.*
- *Opportunities for students in Uganda to safely continue in their education*
- *Health and safety of people around the world*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *God's faithfulness*
- *The body of Christ praying for one another around the world*
- *Continued learning through graduate classes*
- *The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for, encourage, and support me*

YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- *I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.*

A Time to Learn

Prior to receiving the call to serve in Uganda, I had begun working on a master's program in religion online through Concordia Chicago. As I transitioned to life and service here in Uganda, I have been able to continue taking a few classes, but it has not been possible to do so consistently. For the past year or so, I have been praying for God's direction on how He would have me continue with these studies. This time of lockdown has been an answer to those prayers as it has given me a more flexible schedule during which to continue working on these graduate classes. I have completed one class already during the lockdown and am now working on a second.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue my studies during this time. These classes not only help me personally to grow in God's Word, but they better equip me for the work God has called me to do in curriculum development and teaching the faith as I serve alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda. Thank you for your continued prayers!

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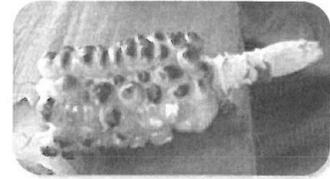
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
-2 Peter 3:18-

***Humbly in the Lord's service,
-Rachel Meyer***

Kids' Corner

Harvest Time

Did you plant anything in a garden this summer? Many of my students are busy helping their families harvest maize right now.



roasted maize

It is a favorite treat to roast the fresh maize by the fire. The roasted kernels can easily be broken off and shared with friends.

Most of the maize harvest will be dried and ground into a flour which families will use to make posho and porridge for the next several months.



Rachel and fellow LCMS missionary Megan Mantey wearing masks made by local seamstresses as they go to buy groceries in town



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