

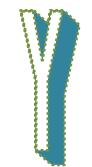


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

**“Christ is the firstborn of creation . . . Christ is the firstborn from the dead” (Colossians 1)**



Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the crucified and risen Savior of the world . . . He is to be first **“In All Things.”**



This has been the theme of our church and school year here at St. Paul’s. Jesus is truly to be first **“In All Things.”** Why?? Because who you are and every aspect of life and all of its blessings comes from Christ!! Paul writes in Colossians 1 that “all things were created by Him, through Him, and for Him.” That is why you should say a table prayer before every meal . . . for the meal comes from Christ. This is why you should rejoice in springtime, because the warming of the days, the beauty of the flowers, and joyful activities of summer all come from the hand of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If every earthly blessing isn’t enough reason to put Jesus first in all things, there is even more. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead. We are still in the season of Easter. Therefore, we continue to declare with faith and joy: **“Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.”** In your baptism you were “raised with Christ.” (Romans 6) Because Christ rose from the dead, all your loved ones who have died will rise as well. One day, when you die, your soul will go to glory awaiting the grand “Day of Resurrection” at the end of time. Jesus Christ rose for you; therefore, every day when you rise up from your bed you should begin the day, live the day . . . all day long, with Jesus Christ being first **“In All Things.”**

**“In All Things”** is also the theme of our National Youth Gathering this summer. Pastor Josh and I will be leading a group of 20 youth and another 6 adult leaders to grow in faith, in service, in worship . . . to grow in Christ **“In All Things.”** We are thankful for all of the support we have received. We are thankful to be staying at the Marriott Marquis which is connected to the convention center. Above all, we are thankful to have the opportunity to grow spiritually even as we grow together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, I want to invite and encourage you to pray. Pray for both our youth and adults to be blessed at the NYG. Pray for our church and school to always put Christ first in every aspect of our ministries. Pray for the Lord to raise up more servants at St. Paul’s and more workers in the mission field. Pray for yourself, that each and every day *you* put Jesus Christ first **“In All Things.”**

In Christ’s Love, *Pastor Bender*



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**Voters Meeting**

**May 1 at 9:15am**

Main items of discussion:

Budget and Nominations



**Join us May 5, 2022 on the  
National Day of Prayer  
for a  
PRAYER VIGIL**

**Church will be open from 3:00 – 7:00pm.**

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**Save the date!** Dr. Dale Meyer to Lead Church Workshop @ St John's West Bend (6/9-6/11) Continuing Education Credit Opportunity! *Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow* Coming this June, join us at St. John's West Bend to learn from Dr. Dale Meyer as he leads a workshop based on 1 Peter, with an emphasis on effective congregational ministry from a place of "exile." We will study how the culture *around* the church and the culture of the church come into contact with one another, and what it means to lead and serve faithfully in such a context as we bring St. Peter's venerable wisdom and teaching into modern application for the leaders of the church today.

Come and be blessed by Dr. Meyer's well-studied approach to 1 Peter, and his engaging presentation style.

Sessions will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Bend in the morning and afternoon from Thursday to Friday, with a morning-only session on Saturday. During sessions, refreshments will be provided, with time provided between sessions to have lunch in one of West Bend's many fine restaurant options.

**Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders are all invited.**

**You can register for event, and learn more about the topic and Dr. Meyer,**  
**at <https://www.csl.edu/event/prof-insights-faculty-led-workshop-professor-meyer-in-west-bend-wi>**  
**Registration fee is \$140 per attendee.**

**For any questions, please contact Rev. David Nieman (262-334-4901, Ext. 304)**

# Bible Studies

## Men's Bible Breakfast – The Letter to the Colossians and Then What?

During the month of May we will finish up Paul's letter to the Colossians. We may dive into another short study to finish out the month and could decide what we will start with next Fall. Christ is to be first **"In All Things."** As the Spirit of God taught us through the apostle Paul, this means turning away from the philosophies and ideologies of the world that stand opposed to Christ. This means to look to Christ first in all things in our lives, including family relationships. This letter penned almost 2000 years ago still speaks today!

In **May we gather on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.** All men are welcome to come. We gather together just a bit before 7am, eat a great breakfast prepared by one of the guys, have some good conversation and study God's precious Word. The 79<sup>th</sup> street doors are open. Come and bring a friend!

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – Monumental Mountaintops and Other Topics

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1) Mountains are majestic. Mountains declare the glory of God's creative hand. Mountains have also been central in salvation history. In May we have a varied schedule:

May 1: No class – Spring Voters' Assembly Meeting

May 8 & 15: Monumental Mountaintops Study

May 22: Food for the Poor

May 29: No class – beginning of summer Sunday schedule with one service at 9am.



For the three Sundays we will meet, we gather at 9:15a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and His Word of truth.

## Thursday Morning Bible Class: The Book of James

In the month of May, Pastor Josh will be finishing up chapter 4 and moving into chapter 5. James gives us some convicting words about hoarding money and investments. James warns us about boasting about our plans, for we aren't even guaranteed tomorrow. After words of admonishment for the rich who live in luxury, James calls us to patience in suffering, prayer, and faith. Hot beverages, goodies, and wonderful Christian fellowship and conversation fill the fellowship hall. Come and join this great group of Christian folks.



**May 8, 2022**

## Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Open Flame 5081 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street in Greenfield on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

## Quilter's Patch

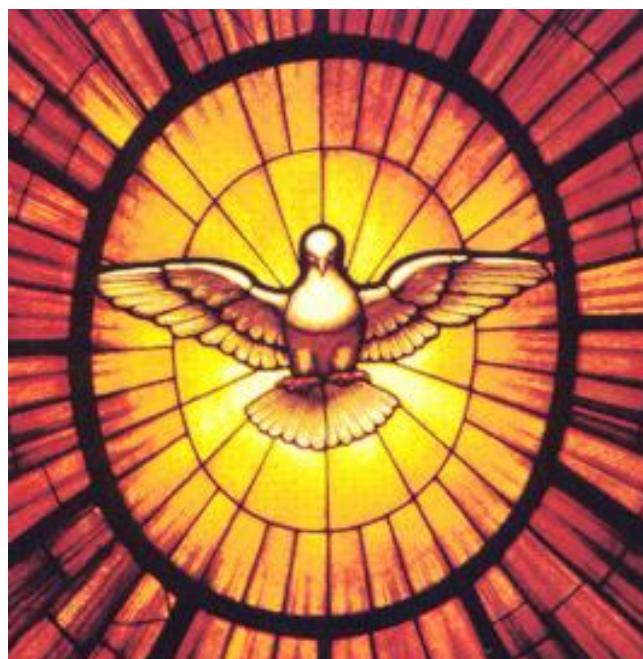
Our group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays at 9:00am until 11:30am. Below are the dates during May we will meet. You are invited to come join us....No sewing experience necessary.

May 2 and 16

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at [dzwolf2012@gmail.com](mailto:dzwolf2012@gmail.com)

## 2022 Confirmation

May 15, 2022 at 10:30am



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTK\\_vX6NR9S0VJuxmkOPpA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTK_vX6NR9S0VJuxmkOPpA?view_as=subscriber)

Subscribe to our channel! Watch our worship services and devotions! We will have worship services on-line for about 6 months and special services (Christmas, Easter etc) for 1 year.



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulwa/> Access Facebook for church and school updates, video announcements, school chapels, and devotions!



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Visit our Website! [www.splcwa.org](http://www.splcwa.org)

Support our ministry through online giving! Stay up-to-date on our activities!

*Our weekend worship services are broadcast on TWO radio stations each Sunday at 8:00am. "JOY" 1340 AM and 98.7 FM*



## Thank you

We want to thank the local organizations and businesses below for contributing items to our auction. Please consider frequenting these businesses with thanks for making our auction such a success.

AJ collectibles \* Zillis Hospitality Group \* Rupenas \* David Breen Wines

Milkman \* Lakefront Brewery \* Boelter \*Chinooks \* Tiki Brands \* Milwaukee Public Museum

Friend of 3 n 1 Thrift \* Golden Gyros \* Budweiser \* Frito Lay \* Milwaukee Admirals

Summerfest \* Discovery world \* Life fest \* Salon Marie \* Life coaching with Natalie

Irene's catering \* Natty Oaks \* Wisconsin State Fair \* Milwaukee Brewers \* Milwaukee County

Zoo \* Timber Rattlers \* Martin Luther High School \* CUW Athletics \* Milwaukee Parks

Milwaukee Wave \* Germanfest \* Phd Salon and Spa \* Rudig Trophy \* Lulu's Pedals

Wisconsin Lutheran College Performing Arts \* One Wild Life Pampered Chef by Jessi Ehlinger

Pampered Chef by Barb Heimsoth \* Delaney April Designs \* PayPay Nails (Color street) by Lindsay Radtke

We also want to thank our friends and families from St Paul's who donated great items and baskets. We couldn't have done this auction without you. Thank you!

Thank You

## Music Notes

Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
    praise him in his mighty heavens![a]  
Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
    praise him according to his excellent greatness!  
Praise him with trumpet sound;  
    praise him with lute and harp!  
Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
    praise him with strings and pipe!  
Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
    praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord! Psalm 150



THANK YOU to all our musicians! It has been a blessed year praising the LORD through singing, ringing and sharing our instruments in praise! We pray it has been a blessing for everyone in our congregation.

### Summer Music opportunities:

Praise Team - Wednesdays prior to leading worship. Praise Team will lead worship once to twice monthly during the summer on Wednesday evenings. Watch the bulletin for practice times or contact Michelle to join us.

Evening Choir and Bell Choir will start up again in September. Watch the August Herald for a start date. Prayerfully consider joining us!

Michelle Prince-- (414) 541-6250; michelle@splcwa.org ; 414-552-4938



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of His heart to all generations.  
Psalm 33:11

# Sharing God's Bounty

## **Whom Are You Looking At?**

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since his resurrection, he had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when he talked about “*wait[ing] for the gift [his] Father promised*” (Acts 1:4), and, then, “*He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight*” (Acts 1:9).

You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now he is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood ... probably with mouths agape ... looking into the sky where they had last seen him.

It took “*two men dressed in white*” (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. “*Men of Galilee, ’’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven*” (Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more ... all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus had ascended. We can only imagine his joyful triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen victorious Savior. Because he is that Savior, because he is the “*author and perfecter of our faith,*” “*let us fix our eyes on Jesus*” (Hebrews 12:2). Though his Word and Sacraments, he will lead us in his ways; he will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; he will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!

*God comes first, not last. Otherwise, we give him only the leftovers after we have made sure that we have provided for our own comforts.*

*The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that he has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.*

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## TWO SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

MOTHER'S DAY.  
WE REMEMBER AND THANK.  
GOD FOR OUR MOTHERS.  
THEIR LOVE AND PRAYERS.  
WHICH GUIDED US ALONG  
LIFES WAY.

MEMORIAL DAY  
WE REMEMBER AND THANK  
GOD FOR OUR FALLEN HEROES.  
WHO GAVE THEIR ALL FOR THE  
COUNTRY THEY LOVED.

## TWO SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

Elaine Lemke

# Our Anniversary & Farewell Celebration

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon.



Come celebrate the Special Anniversaries of the St. Paul's staff, rejoice in the Milestone Wedding Anniversaries of our church members, say Thank You and send blessings to our staff who are retiring & beginning new career paths in their lives.

## Pizza & Praise is BACK

The Board of Missional Community welcomes you to join us Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for an evening of Pizza + Praise! Dinner will start at 5:30pm in the gym. There will be music, a short devotional, and an opportunity to praise God. Come and share in God's goodness!



May 30, 2022

### KORN Scholarship Fund

#### College Students

#### Preparing for Church Work

The Korn Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church assists students financially who are preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Applications are available in the church office. Please return applications to the church office by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Youth News



## High School Youth

❖ **Youth Dinner & Auction!!** What a *great* success! Over 160 people were in attendance and we raised over \$12,000. What a joy. Thanks to all who donated items. Thanks to everyone who attended. Thanks to our youth and parents for serving. Thanks especially to Kelly Crist and Stacey Kukor who carried the weight of planning and organizing. Thanks, above all, to Jesus, who inspires us, has saved us, and continues to grow us all up “In All Things” in faith and life.

❖ **Final NYG Registration Payment Due Now**

Pastor Bender gave all youth in attendance at the April NYG meeting the amount remaining due. Please get it to Pastor as soon as possible. If you are unsure if you owe or how much you owe, please contact Pastor Bender at 217-779-7985.

❖ **NYG Family Group Meetings**

Our final two family group meetings are coming up in May and June. The next meeting:

**Sunday, May 15 @ 2pm at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall**

Please plan on being there. We will have Bible Study, we might have some T-shirts to give out, we will share more details of events to take place as we journey “In All Things” with Christ, in Christ, and for Christ. These pre-gathering meetings are very important for our youth to get the most out of the NYG!

**Final meeting for Youth and Parents: Wednesday, June 22 @ 7pm @ St. Paul's**

Parents and youth, *please plan to attend this very important final meeting.* Information for flights, hotel arrangements, packing lists, and a final Bible study will be part of this final meeting. Also, information on how parents can participate through live-streaming will be provided.

❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Senior High School Bible Study - Sunday at 9:15am in the Library “The Book of Daniel”

The Senior High Youth are studying the book of Daniel. It is a great book full of wonderful topics including: how is a Christian supposed to live in a non-Christian world, prophecy and end times, and God’s faithfulness. Please join us as we study this wonderful book!

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## Concordia University Wisconsin Servant's of Christ Conference Youth Event for Grades 9-12 on

**Tuesday June 21 at 2:30pm to Wednesday June 22 at 4:30pm.** Cost: \$25 and covers lodging & three meals.

Adult chaperones are welcome to attend for the same cost of \$25. This conference will ground youth in the grace of their baptism, teach them about the doctrine of vocation, give them information about college and careers, and allow them to take part in breakaway sessions led by CUW professors and other guest speakers. These sessions are designed to strengthen their faith and help them to live as servants of Christ in our challenging world. Contact Rev Ron Mudge at [ronald.mudge@cuw.edu](mailto:ronald.mudge@cuw.edu) 262-243-4301 with questions.

# Save the Date

# Rainforest Explorers

Jesus Leads the Way



## Vacation Bible School 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran Church-7821 W Lincoln Ave

June 20th-June 24th, 9am-noon

Children entering 4k-6th grade are invited to attend

[vbspro.events/p/55f60a](https://vbspro.events/p/55f60a)

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# May 2022

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Voters Meeting 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Anniversary & Farewell Celebration	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Quilts	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education  <b>7:00 PM Board of Missional Community @ Sanchez'</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Praise Band	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM Board of Stewardship  <i>National Day of Prayer - Prayer Vigil 3:00 - 7:00pm</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 PM Worship
<b>8</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Council	<b>11</b> 11:00 AM Widows Lunch  5:30 PM Pizza & Praise 	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Bible Class  6:30 PM Confirmation Questioning 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
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<b>22</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Piano Recital	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM Ladies Guild	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Elders	<b>25</b> ECC Spectacular	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Bible Class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> 	<b>31</b>				