

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



We are headed *rapidly* into the fall time of the year, yet we are *still stuck* in the midst of a pandemic. Life has been unusual, hasn't it? Life has been different in so many ways!! It has been a challenging time, indeed. Yet, through it all, God remains the same. God is the same Rock of our salvation, the same God who makes the sun rise and the sun set. God is the same all the time, and His mercies are new every morning. God's love for us in Jesus, God's grace for our sins, God's peace that surpasses understanding . . . it is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

So, trusting in God, we are headed into a new school year . . . with in person instruction and safety protocols in place. As I write this article, we have experienced a couple days of the new school year and things are going well. We also did our first "live stream chapel service," with individual classrooms participating in chapel through video on their smart boards. There was one glitch in one classroom (8th grade didn't have sound for some reason), but other than that it went well. Please pray that God keeps our teachers and support staff, our students, and our school families safe and healthy. Please pray that we are able to continue with face to face instruction.



Several other activities will begin again in September, for those who are interested in attending and feel comfortable doing so. Thursday morning Bible class, Men's Bible Breakfast, Sunday morning Bible Class, Sunday School for grades pre-k through 4th and Discipleship Hour with Pastor Noah for 5th grade through adults, Public School Confirmation class . . . all of these will start up the week after Labor Day weekend.

Our nation may be a bit limited in its activities. However, the mission of Christ goes on in many ways. We at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School are the family of Christ on a mission to share His love, His truth, and His salvation with others. From the oldest to the youngest among us, we are ***Generations United in Mission***. That is going to be the theme of our upcoming capital campaign, which is a lot more than simply raising money for some worthy projects. ***Generations United in Mission*** is about growing servant leaders among us, growing relationships with the people of God, and extending our reach beyond the walls of St. Paul's.

Watch for more details to come. Already be praying to the living God, asking His blessing, asking Him to show you just what He wants you to do, and asking our God and Father to bind us ever closer together as a family of believers in Christ's mission together.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church
COVID-19 Issues for Church and School Activities

Worship Services

We have had gatherings ranging from about 40 people to 75 people in services the past couple of months. We are confident that we can socially distance 100 to 110 people or so in the lower part of the sanctuary; choir loft is for overflow. We have plenty of space, so please join us when you are comfortable doing so. For Labor Day weekend, services will be held at 5pm on Saturday and 8am and 9:30am on Sunday. Beginning the weekend of September 12-13, we will have 5pm Saturday, and Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. We will also continue to record worship services and stream them on the internet through our website, our facebook page, and through YouTube. Under current mandate, face masks are required; however, certain people with medical conditions are not required to wear them. Please respect all people, regardless of use of face masks.

Bible Classes

- **Thursday Bible Class:** This class will resume on September 10. About 18 out of 25 class members preferred to attend in person. We will record the class and post it on our website.
- **Men's Bible Breakfast:** Pastor Bender will begin "in person" beginning on September 12. All men are welcome to join us. With about 10-12 men on average, we can easily "social distance" at the tables. We will finish up our study of Zechariah this fall.
- **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 and social unrest, 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 has decided to start these classes on September 13. Pastor Noah's Discipleship Hour will be held in the gymnasium so that social distancing will be accomplished.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

- **School Began on August 25:** In person teaching, with face masks and social distancing are taking place. In the upper grades, teachers are rotating classes for different subjects, rather than students to minimize contact among student body. Please pray for a safe and successful fall quarter!



Men's Bible Breakfast – The Book of Zechariah

Well, we started last winter taking a look at the Book of Zechariah, with its many prophetic visions. This challenging and engaging prophetic book has powerful truth that points us to Christ and strengthens our faith. We will start with a review of the main things we learned in the first several chapters. Then we will continue on, hoping to finish up this study by the end of the year.

During the month of September, we will meet on the 12th and 26th of the month. We gather shortly before 7am in the fellowship hall; 79th street doors are open. ***We will be preparing breakfast; those who are comfortable . . . come hungry. We will also practice social distancing.*** We pray over both joys and burdens (boy do we have a lot to pray about in these days), and we grow in our knowledge of God and His Word. We'd love to see you there! All men of the congregation are welcome.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – Every One His Witness

We began the new year by starting this study about sharing our faith with others. Then we were abruptly interrupted by COVID-19. So, we are going to review the first four lessons we finished and then we will finish up. The following is the schedule for the month of September:

- September 13: Review of Lessons 1 & 2 – Witnessing, What's it all About
- September 20: Review of Lesson 3 - Vocation
- September 27: Review of Lesson 4 – Listen and Ask (so important in these days)

The mission statement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church reads as follows: ***“Responding to God's love in Christ, through Word and Sacrament, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul's congregation lovingly and urgently proclaims Jesus is Lord, seeking to disciple all generations.”*** Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. You will be strengthened in your faith. You will see others through the eyes of your Savior. Most importantly, you will be equipped to share your faith in conversational, informal ways as you live your day to day life.

Thursday Morning Bible Class – Denominational Differences

Right before the pandemic hit, our Thursday morning Bible class had overwhelmingly voted to have a study on “Denominational Differences.” Before we could even start, we were in lock-down. During the month of August, Pastor Bender personally polled most of the students of Thursday morning Bible class. Of those contacted, 18 wanted face to face instruction with mask/social distancing; 3 wanted online, and 3 wanted to wait a few months. ***So, on September 10 at 10am, we will begin this study in the Fellowship Hall.*** We plan to record it and upload it to our website so those unable or uncomfortable to attend in person can learn with the rest of the class.

Dear Pastor Bender and the congregation of
St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for your
generosity towards my goal in
becoming a full-time church
worker. I look forward to
using my God given abilities
in my future profession.

God's Blessings,

Jack Mueller

Thank You



thank you

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for your generous
giving and enabling me to have the opportunity
to pursue full time church work. The scholarship
has blessed me and my family immensely! I am
grateful for the education I am receiving at
Concordia University Wisconsin and look forward
to the journey of becoming a pastor! God is so
good and it is evident his generous spirit flows
through the members of St. Paul's!

God's Blessings.
Joseph Bender

Widows Lunch

All widows of the congregation are invited to Clifford's located at 10418 W. Forest Home Ave. on Wednesday September 9th at 11:00am. Please contact Judy Hurst (414-543-5839) if you would like to attend.

Quilter's Patch



We have begun meeting again! Join us Monday morning September 21st at 9am in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

Ladies Guild

Greetings Ladies – I hope that you have had a safe and healthy summer. We will be having a potluck supper at our meeting on September 28 at 6:30pm with social distancing. All ladies are invited.

Thank you to all who donated to our Mite Box. The money donated will be given to the agencies that received the mission grants.

Sunday School Begins

September 13 at 9:15am



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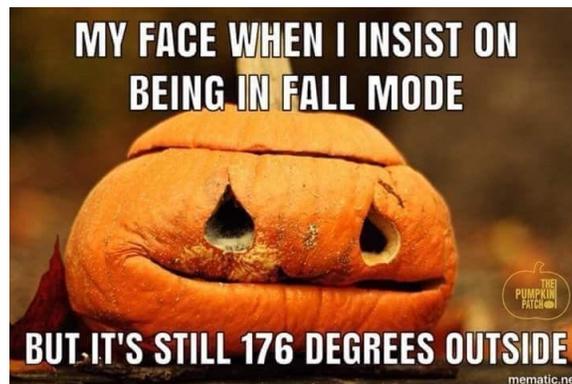
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CHURCH & SCHOOL

High School Youth Ministry News

We're going on a **Fall Hike!** Stay tuned for more details! A date will be finalized soon! Watch your email and worship announcements!

What will it look like? ...Fun! Bible Study! Friends! AND Pumpkin Spice and Everything nice!



Group Discipleship Hour is Back!



When? Sunday September 13th @ 9:15

Where? Gymnasium



Music Notes

Opportunities for YOU
to come join in praising the Lord through music
YES! We can still praise Him 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 6:00 PM

We NEED: Bass player, guitarists, singers

*Evening Bell Choir - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 6:10 PM - 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 late September. Email me if you would like to join our group! We will be practicing and playing using accepted socially distance guidelines!

*St. Paul's Choir - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 7:30 PM. We sing for worship services throughout the months we practice. I am praying that we will be able to join together in song for the Advent/Christmas season, with practices starting in mid- November. Please watch bulletins, newsletters and personal emails about singing.

*Soloists/Duets- During this time we WELCOME anyone who would like to sing a solo or duet. Please contact me and share your gifts through singing.

*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

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.



School News

Back to School

Well, we did it! After months of hard work and planning our school reopened on August 25 and greeted 130 students! Back to school looks a little different these days though with kids and staff all wearing masks, getting temperature checks, staying 6 feet apart, and carrying around their individual water bottles. Our school is taking many other precautions to keep both students and staff safe and healthy, and it is our fervent prayer that all things go smoothly. I am also glad to report that all of our dedicated and talented staff from last year has returned and is serving the Lord here at St. Paul's.

For a number of reasons, I have come to realize that I am very privileged to be the principal at St. Paul's. The first days of school were very hot and humid, yet I was privileged to hear one sweaty young man tell his mom that his first day was, "Totally awesome." I was also privileged to watch the smiles and witness the energy of this hard-working faculty that has missed interacting with kids since March. I was privileged to hear one of our youngest learners say about me, "He's not really THAT old!" I was privileged to have one of our parents offer to make masks for the faculty. I was privileged to have parents and grandparents volunteer to help sanitize the school and take daily temperatures. I truly am privileged!

This school year promises to be an interesting one! Please continue to keep the students and staff of St. Paul's in your prayers as we embark on this journey.

Principal Jack Burkee



Sharing God's Bounty

The Exalted State of Servanthood

Martin Luther, as professor of theology in the 1,500's wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: ". . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how he lived his earthly life and what he has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those he has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood.

Time is a gift that is given to man.

We are to use it according to God's own plan.

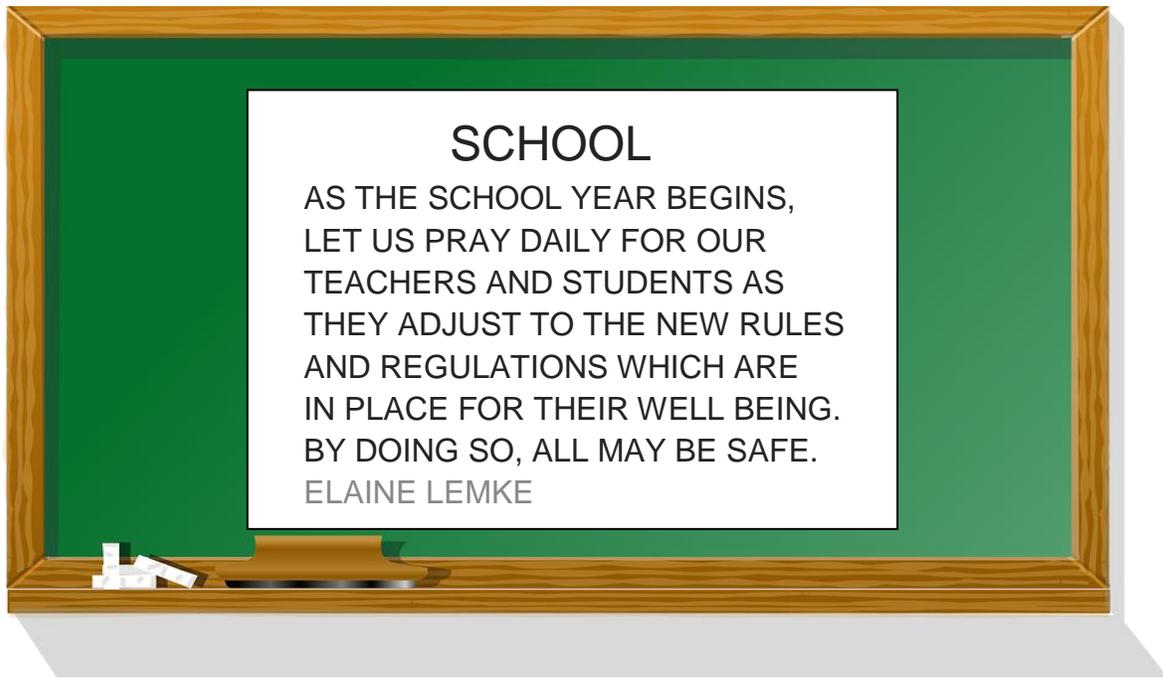
To each he gives a measured amount; to each a directive to make it count.

Spend this gift wisely. Develop life's plan to the Glory of God and the Service of Man.

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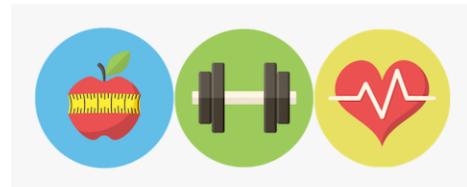




Wellness Fair

Concordia University WI Occupational Therapy Students will be hosting a Wellness Fair on Tuesday, September 22nd from 5:00-7:00pm in the gymnasium. They will have tables set up with information on the following topics for you to stop by and learn more about:

- Healthy Aging and Fall Prevention
- Healthy Cooking
- Exercise Programs
- Home Safety Tips
- And MORE!



We hope to see you there!

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Steeple View

An Independent Senior Community
Embracing Christian Values

Open House Set for Sunday, September 20, Noon-3:00 p.m.
Your RSVP is Needed Please!

**Steeple View Senior Community will be hosting an Open House on
Sunday, September 20 from noon - 3:00 p.m.**

We ask though, that you please RSVP so we can monitor our group tours to keep a safe number for social distancing. Come and see why Steeple View was voted Best Senior Living Facility in the Journal Sentinel's Top Choice Awards two years in a row and why residents (like the ones pictured above) just LOVE living here!

**Please RSVP for the Open House by either calling Cindy at 414-525-5500 or
with the link below:**

<https://form.jotform.com/202104080669045>

Steeple View is offering your first **SIX MONTHS FREE RENT** on Belmont apartments with a completed application received by November 30, 2020.

Can't make the Open House but are interested in finding out why Steeple View is an outstanding 55 and better, independent Christian Community? Please contact

Cindy at cindy@steepleview.org

or 414-525-5566 to schedule your personal tour.

Steeple View Senior Community 12455 W. Janesville Rd. Muskego 414-545-5500
info@steepleview.org

September 2020

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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