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THANK  
YOU!

Our world seems to get better and better at finding fault and criticizing others for the work they do. That's why it is so important that, as Christians, we pause and reflect on all the blessings God has given to us as individuals and as a congregation.. Then, we are moved to express our appreciation not only to God but to each other.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER their time, talents and energy at St. Paul's Church and School. There are too many of you to name and only God knows how many hours you have so unselfishly dedicated. Your hard work, in serving your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, has enabled us to carry out a very large and demanding program of ministry..

You don't serve and haven't served to get noticed. You do what you do because it is a "fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18). You do because Jesus is the Lord of your life. He's the reason you pitch in and help. We thank Jesus for all of you!

## Who is in Charge?

When we watch a child telling her parents what she wants to do, and where she wants to go, we wonder, "Who is in charge?"

When a father or mother loses their job - which supported a family of five, we ask, "Who is in charge?"

When a retired couple on an fixed income can't afford the medicine the doctor prescribed, we question, "Who is in charge?"

When a child - so needing love and direction - loses a parent either through death or divorce, we doubt if anyone is in charge.

When a hurricane devastates property, people and their possessions, we assume, "No one is in charge!"

Most of us like to think that when it comes to our lives – WE are in charge! And as one day passes to another, each of us with our own unique experiences, we soon learn the sad and painful truth – we ARE NOT in charge!

We have no control over most things. We have a hard time controlling ourselves, let alone someone else.

Who REALLY is in charge of our county, of our lives, of our church? Jesus answers that question for us. Just before he ascended into heaven our living and reigning Savior told us, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"** (Matthew 28:18).

As you and I go through life, as we experience health and prosperity, as we face illness and financial stress, as we go through good times and troubles, we need to ask, "Who is in charge?"

The answer is JESUS! He promises us that he has all authority and power. He also assures us, **"That in all things (whether good or bad) God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"** (Romans 8:28).

Isn't it great to know that when you or I experience the rough times in life, we have someone in charge who is guiding and directing what is happening? We have an almighty Savior who has promised us that everything that happens will always be for our eternal good.

This promise is true for family, for finances and for the future. It is also true for the church. What a comfort it is for the members of our congregation to know that Jesus, our living Lord, IS in charge of our congregation.

Everything that happens here, both what we consider good or bad, the Lord will always work out for our spiritual good in the end.

Our Lord's words to us are sure, **"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine"** (Isaiah 43:1). Ultimately, all things are under his control. He's in charge!

## Key Points from the August Coordinating Council Meeting

- Pastor Marshall began with a 19-minute Bible Study.
- Dave Hintz, Ruben Villa, Don Kolander, Bob Carr, Rory Vircks, Rich Winkler and Pastor Marshall.
- Transfers from St. Paul's to another WELS Congregation:
  - Randy & Christel Strutz to St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego
  - Tina Willis, Nakia Jr., Briyauna and Gabriel to St. Jacobi Lutheran – Greenfield
- Baptism: Matilda Phyllis Marie Janikowski ... 6-29-2019 / 7-14-2019
- Funeral: William Walker Brandt ... 1-3-1935 - 8-17-2019
- School Report: See Mr. Kolander's Report on the back page.
- Financial Report: See Financial Report below.
- Outreach Report: Mr. Vircks reported we shared info about our church and school and had 8 different outreach events in Cudahy and St. Francis this summer. Thank you to the volunteers.
- Properties Report: Mr. Hintz reported 7 completed projects (all at school in preparation for the new school year starting). Thank you to the Properties Group for their continual and ongoing work.
- Thrivent Action Teams — continue to help cover special events/gatherings at church.
- Siegel Estate — The group continues to work through the belongings in the house in preparation for the sale of the house.
- Audio/Video Project — we are still targeting a completion date of Thanksgiving.
- WELS National Conference on Leadership — January 21-23, 2020 in Chicago.
- Spent time identifying and discussing 90-day and 1-year goals as a congregation.

### Church and School Financial Report

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| July Income ..... \$ 28,759.00   | August Income ..... \$ 44,592.00   |
| July Expenses..... \$ 48,320.00  | August Expenses..... \$ 69,524.00  |
| (\$10,000 was borrowed from savings to make up the shortfall and pay bills.) | (\$20,000 was borrowed from savings to make up the shortfall and pay bills.) |

Traditionally, summer offerings drop. Soon, we will receive the first of four checks from Choice for \$36,200.

## St. Paul's School - Quality Christian Education K4 – Grade 8

- 9/10 School Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 9/11 Cross Country @ Star of Bethlehem – 5:15 PM
- 9/13 VB Tournament @ Loving Shepherd
- 9/17 VB @ St. John / Word of Life – 4:30 PM
- 9/18 Cross Country @ Sussex – 4:15 PM
- 9/19 VB vs. St. Paul's (Franklin) – 4:30 PM
- 9/24 VB vs. Mt. Lebanon – 4:30 PM
- 9/25 Cross Country @ Mukwonago



**Parent Presentation**  
 Wednesday, October 9  
***Loving and Leading - Building a Strong Parent-Child Relationship*** by Sara Reik



**Grandparent's Day**  
 Friday, October 18

## School Notes and News / September 2019

### School Theme

The theme for the 2019-2020 school year is *Set Your Minds on Things Above*. The theme will give us an opportunity on a daily basis to remind our students to focus their lives on the promise of heaven that is theirs because of what Jesus has done for them. We hope that this theme will help us as we partner with parents to teach and train our children in the truths of God's precious word.



### Faculty News

- Mrs. Tammy Smukowski has completed her course work for her synod certification. She will receive her "official" certification at the end of the fall semester when the MLC faculty and Conference of Presidents act upon the work she has completed. Congrats, Mrs. Smukowski!
- Brad Nommensen served as a delegate to the 2019 synod convention in New Ulm, MN.
- The faculty completed a CPR course in August led by local Cudahy firefighter, Brandon Specht.



### Mission Project

For our first semester mission project, the students of St. Paul's will support the 2019-2020 kids c.a.r.e. project – Indonesia: Early Childhood Education. Indonesia is a country of more than 17,500 islands with a population of over 264 million people. Sadly most of the people living there do not know about their Savior. Money collected will help establish early childhood education programs which can form a "natural bridge" to bring the good news to young families of Indonesia.

### School Choice Update

We are excited to report that the number of students attending our school through the Choice program has increased from 13 students in 2018-2019 to 20 students this year. We hope that we will be able to continue to see increased numbers so that we can share the gospel with more students and families. We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome nineteen (19) new students to St. Paul's this year!

### STEM Education

As many of you know, STEM stands for Science-Technology-Engineering and Math. Our new teacher, Janise Janikowski, previously taught STEM classes in the West Milwaukee School District. Mrs. Janikowski is working with the teachers to bring STEM instruction to the students in all grade levels of our school. We are even starting to look at some options for creating a STEM lab. What a blessing to be able to add this program to the curriculum of St. Paul's Lutheran School!

