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Welcome Home

"Army of One" was probably the shortest lived recruitment slogan in US military history. It was meant to stress the strength of the individual. The Army quickly dropped it because it was the opposite of the fact that in the Army you rely on your team.

God knew, long before the Army, that team is always better. The first time God looked at Creation, He noticed something wasn't quite right: "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). Humans are hardwired by God to need fellowship, not just with him, but with each another. So, God is determined to bring believers into a Christian congregation, and he blesses us when we realize how much we really need our spiritual "team" at St. Paul's!

♦ **Special Music by Grades 1-8** ♦ **Special Message** ♦ **Special Worship** ♦

Welcome Home WorshipThursday, Nov. 76:30 pm

Welcome Home WorshipSunday, Nov. 109:30 am

Welcome Home Soup & Sandwich Lunch.....10:30 am

October 31 is the Festival of the Reformation, something which we, as Lutheran Christians, celebrate. Last month we discussed "Why are we Lutheran?" This month we'll ask:

"What Is a Lutheran?"

A Freudian psychologist is one who follows the teachings of Sigmund Freud, the most famous of all psychologists. Some might think that a Lutheran is someone who follows the teachings of Martin Luther. Yes, but there are two things wrong with that definition. **First**, some who claim to be Lutheran follow teachings that are not consistent with those of Martin Luther. **Second**, Martin Luther would never have wanted people to blindly follow his teachings.

Luther lived at a time when the gospel (the good news about Jesus) was all but lost. The church of his day taught that sins were paid for by doing good deeds that supposedly erased bad deeds. If you couldn't do enough good works to pay for all your sins, you could buy the good works of others. This purchase was known as an indulgence. Jesus was never portrayed as the Savior. He was only as a merciless judge.

Many people accepted these false teachings without question, because they had no way to hear the truths of God's Word. The few Bibles that existed were locked up in monasteries and churches, and those were Latin translations.

When Martin Luther heard these teachings, he feared he would never be able to do enough good to win God's favor. It terrified him that he had no chance of going

to heaven. He became a monk to earn God's love. But when Luther became a monk, he gained access to the Bible. As he read and studied the Bible, he learned that humans of all time have been granted forgiveness of sins — full and free — because of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

From that point on, Luther realized how dangerous it is to blindly follow the religious teachings of others. He understood that only God's Word can unlock the mystery of salvation. So, Luther translated the entire Bible into German so that people could read it for themselves.

What is a Lutheran? A Lutheran is not someone who blindly follows the teachings of Martin Luther. Luther once wrote: **"Nothing better could be wished than that all books would be put aside and nothing else stay in all the world, especially among Christians, but simply the pure Scripture or Bible."**

A Lutheran is someone who, like Luther, understands that only God's Word can guide and direct our conscience. A Lutheran is someone who, like Luther, understands how God's Word is the only way of salvation. Simply put, being Lutheran means being like Luther when it comes to God's Word. We love it and study it and share it more than anything else! Just like Martin Luther.



Movement & Music: Parkinson Disease Exercise

Classes held at Cudahy Family Library on Mondays from Oct.28 - Dec.16 ... **2-3 pm.**

An exercise specialist will lead this **FREE** class for people with Parkinson disease. The class incorporates stretches, strength training, posture, balance and walking drills, as well as vocal exercises. Manage your Parkinson's symptoms and improve the quality of your daily life while having fun!

To register, email ... maryw@wiparkinson.org or call (414)430-3561.

In partnership with Cudahy Family Library.

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The Women's Advent by Candlelight will be on **Saturday, December 7 at 4pm.** We are inviting all the women of the congregation to attend. This time is set aside for us as Christian sisters to prepare our hearts for the birth of the Savior. The program this year is entitled "**An Evening with**

Isaiah". This Old Testament prophet added to God's promise of a Savior first given to Adam and Eve.

An event like this can't go on without some help. There's nothing too hard! **We will need volunteers to host a table** ... (Bring your own decorations for a table and a dessert for everyone at your table.) **We will also need volunteers for our program** ... (5 readers.) We would like everyone who is attending to bring an appetizer to share. Look for sign up sheets in the church entryway.

Workplace Giving Program

The 2019-2020 charitable workplace giving programs begin this month. Many companies have a donor choice program in which you may designate a qualified 501(c)(3) agency to receive your donation. Last year, Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service (WLCFS) received gifts from dozens of workplace giving programs that allow a donor choice option. WLCFS qualified in these programs as a 501(c)(3) non-profit social service agency. Every year, WLCFS heals & helps thousands of people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ through Christian counseling, in-home care, and senior services. Please check your employer's guidelines. WLC&FS, Inc. - W175 N11120 Stonewood Dr. Germantown, WI 53022 [Tax ID: 39-1047224]

TIME OF GRACE Booklets

TIME OF GRACE is for people who want more growth and less struggle in their spiritual walk. Through the timeless truths of God's Word, they connect people to God's grace so they can know they are loved and forgiven and so they can start living in the freedom they've always wanted. **TIME OF GRACE** offers ways to connect people to God's grace.

Go to timeofgrace.org to find out more.

On the church entryway table is a stand with little booklets called "GRACE MOMENTS." Each booklet contains a message to help Christians in their walk of faith. Here are the titles of those available. Pick up one or more! Read it and then share it!

- **Bring Them Back**
- **Fathers and Mothers**
- **Fear Not**
- **God and Me**
- **Happily Ever After**
- **Here I Am, Lord**
- **I've Got The Blues**
- **Overcoming**
- **Teach Me To Pray**
- **There's Hope**
- **You Are God's Temple**



Thanksgiving Worship Times:
Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9:30 am

"Promises! Promises!" - Our November Worship Series

November 3 Reformation

"The truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

November 10 Welcome Home

"So Jesus is not ashamed to call you his brother or sister." (Hebrews 2:11)

November 17 Saints Triumphant

"You can no longer die, for you are a child of the resurrection." (Luke 20:36)

November 24 Christ the King

"You will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

October Coordinating Council Meeting

Pastor Marshall began the meeting with a devotion. Attending: Pastor Marshall, Don Kolander, Rich Winkler, Dave Hintz. Ruben Villa, Mike Fairbanks

Pastor Report: Pastor Marshall

- ◆ Transferred: John Koniar to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church—Iron Ridge, WI
- ◆ Transferred: Kayla Samosky & Arden to Abiding Savior Lutheran—Killeen, TX
- ◆ Funeral: Louis Zaja 05-05-1939 — 09-23-2019

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ "Welcome Home" Celebration Worship is planned for November 7 and 10.
- ◆ "Welcome Home" Lunch of Chili / Soup & Sandwich immediately following the service.
- ◆ 10-for-10 Stewardship Emphasis starts January 12, 2020
- ◆ C19 (Christmas 2019) Outreach ... inviting friends/family/community to our Christmas services.
- ◆ Branches Band will be here for our worship at the end of VBS Week on July 17, 2020.

School Report: Don Kolander

- ◆ We hosted a presentation for parents by Christian Family Solutions. About 25 people (faculty and parents) attended.
- ◆ A grant for the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) lab has been submitted to the Antioch Foundation (Kwik Trip)
- ◆ The Audit for School Choice is complete.
- ◆ We had a terrific turnout for Grandparents' Day on Friday, October 18.
- ◆ The Fall Family Festival is scheduled for Friday, November 25.
- ◆ Rory Vircks & Don Kolander worked on a monthly Outreach Activity for School & Church.

Discipleship: Rich Winkler

- ◆ Shared information on "10-for-10" (a Stewardship emphasis) which will start in January, 2020. You'll be receiving more information in the coming months.

Building & Grounds: Dave Hintz

- ◆ Flag Pole at school has been repaired.
- ◆ The contents of Ed Siegel's house is a work in progress. Each week more work is being accomplished and items are being sold. The house should be on the market soon.

Next Meeting: Dec.1 / Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Hintz

Church and School Financial Report

October Expenses
\$ 59,484.00
October Income
\$ 35,845.00

- ⇒ Our expenses in October included \$4,000 for the auditor the state of Wisconsin requires for schools that are part of the School Choice program.
- ⇒ The surplus from the \$36,000 Choice check we received in October (the first of four during the school year) was used to cover the gap between expenses and income.
- ⇒ Your support through constant prayers and consistent offerings is vital for the Lord's ministry here.

Thank You

November is a month when people often take some extra time to thank God for the many blessings that he has shown to them. It is an excellent time for us as a congregation to stop and think about the many blessings that are being provided through Christian education. There is no greater gift that we can give to our young people than to teach them about Jesus. As principal, I recognize that it takes a tremendous amount of time and money to provide our children with the one thing needful. On behalf of the faculty and students, I would like to thank all of the members of St. Paul's that faithfully support our school. It is my prayer that God would continue to bless the hearing and learning of his word at St. Paul's Lutheran School!



Trick or Treat Event



In an effort to increase our visibility in the neighborhood, the School Board came up with an idea to host a trick or treat event. Members of the School Board and faculty set up in front of school and gave out candy and hot chocolate/hot cider to families as they walked the neighborhood in their costumes. Even though the weather was cold and rainy, many families stopped and seemed to appreciate a hot beverage to help them warm up!

Congratulations VB

Congratulations go out to the girls' volleyball team on their fine season. The team finished the season in third place in their conference in the Lutheran Athletic Association (LAA). In addition, they brought home awards at the Loving Shepherd kick-off tournament (2nd place) and the conference tournament (3rd place). Thanks to coaches Mary Jo Trotter and Brad Nommensen for their work with the team throughout the season!



Fall Festival



On Friday, November 15, we will be hosting a fall festival & fund raiser for our school. The evening will run from 6:00-8:00 PM and feature some delicious food, some great fun for young and old, and an opportunity for some wonderful Christian fellowship. There will also be some auction items for you to bid on in support of our school. Please make plans to join us for this exciting event!

The 7th Grade Visits Wisco

On Wednesday, November 13, the 7th grade students of St. Paul's will spend the morning at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The day will consist of a variety of presentations and a guided tour that will help the students to better understand what it would be like to continue their Christian education at WLHS.



STUDENTS SING ON THANKSGIVING

Students in grades K4-8 will sing at the Thanksgiving Day service on November 28.

November Calendar

- November 01 No School – P/T Conferences
- November 10 Grades 1-8 Sing in Church
- November 15 Family Fall Festival
- November 28 Thanksgiving – K4-8 Sing in Church
- November 29 No School – Thanksgiving Break



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
The children's Christmas Eve service will be held on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 PM. The service is called, *See What Great Love*.