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BECAUSE YOU ARE HIS SONS,
GOD SENT THE SPIRIT OF HIS
SON INTO OUR HEARTS, THE
SPIRIT WHO CALLS OUT,
"Abba, Father."
- Galatians 4:6 -



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“I Need THE Counselor!”

Do you ever feel cheated when it comes to the Holy Spirit? Look at the spectacle of Pentecost Day ... the sound of the rushing wind, the sight of the tongues of fire on the apostles' heads as they spoke in different languages. No one in attendance would soon forget that day. And the results? We'd love to see that happen here! 3,000 people were baptized on one day! We wouldn't know what to do with them all. The Holy Spirit would be remembered for his BIG impact.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, quietly comes and goes these days. The Holy Spirit just doesn't seem to be as dramatic as he was in the old days. The Holy Spirit may not seem all that exciting to you, but he is still very important, in a quieter way.

Jesus says in John 16: **“Unless I go away, THE Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”** There's one word to focus on: COUNSELOR! Jesus is calling the Holy Spirit THE Counselor, one who gives advice, support or help.

Life can be pretty tough. We struggle in relationships. We struggle with who we are. We struggle with our place in life. We are challenged financially, emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually. Young or old, life is filled with questions and challenges. What's my purpose in life? Why am I here? Why has this happened? Why am I suffering? Why this pain?

To deal with these challenges, we need some help. Often, we turn to counselors, someone who will listen to us and support us and guide us to find solutions. At some point most of us will seek some kind of advice.

The work of a counselor is not accompanied by fireworks. The work of the counselor is usually one-on-one in privacy. The result of the counsel is what is seen, not the counselor. The quiet work brings dramatic results.

The work of the Holy Spirit, THE Counselor, is also quiet work with dramatic results. His ultimate

work is converting the soul from spiritual death to life. We are reborn as children of God. Dramatic, yet quiet. There is no change in appearance. Our health didn't change. Our financial problems didn't disappear. The change is spiritual, with the soul.

Even though God has given us eternal life, we are still trapped in this body of sin, and we are still challenged **physically** and **mentally**. How can I deal with this disease? How am I going to make ends meet? Where will I live? How come I don't feel good about anything?

We are still challenged **spiritually**. What do I believe? How does my faith impact my life? How do I live in this world and stay true to my faith and convictions?

In the middle of our earthly suffering, God sends his Spirit to help. THE Counselor works quietly in our lives.

When Jesus spoke these words, he was preparing to physically leave his disciples. HE had been their Counselor for three years, but that was ending. Their future was filled with fear. But, they didn't have to fear because another Counselor (the Holy Spirit) would remind you of everything Jesus said.

We too will hear the truth if we listen to the Counselor Jesus sends. The Counselor will speak the words of Jesus and will remind us of Jesus' work. He will tell us: **“Yes, Jesus died for you. Yes, your sins are forgiven. Yes, I am with you always.”**

When we're troubled, the first thing to go is our memory. We forget where we should go. We forget that God is with us. That's when the Spirit kicks in. The Holy Spirit gives us peace and joy flows hope.

Hope is what we need to live through all the challenges we do. It is that hope that allows us to get up every day and face what is coming our way. Let THE Counselor bring you comfort and hope.

Happy Pentecost, Pastor Marshall



Church Council Meeting (May 27)

Pastor began with a Bible Study on “Heroes of Faith – Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.”

In attendance: Ken Trossen, Rory Vircks, Rich Winkler, Ruben Villa, Dave Hintz, Don Kolander & Pastor Marshall.

Minutes:

MMSP to accept the minutes of the April 29th meeting as published in the May Newsletter.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Marshall

Baptisms (1): Sophia Zaal [05/03/2025]

Youth Confirmations (9): Ella Studzinski, Allison Wesley, Harper DeWitt, Savannah Leicher, Evan Kufahl, Natalie Retherford, Cory Wroczynski, Wesley Dean, Jaxon Lechner. [5/04/2025]

MMSP to accept membership changes as presented.

Weddings (1): Courtney Ubl and Peter Rausch [05/17/2025]

Pastor reported: Avg. Weekly Worshipers in May: 176; Communion Total in April: 223.

Rory Vircks will be representing our Circuit at the 68th WELS convention, from July 21-24 at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. He will be part of almost 400 voting delegates, (pastors, teachers, laymen and staff ministers) who will attend and make decisions on the next 2 years of our WELS ministry.

Principal’s Report: Principal Kolander

Maggie Sims has been assigned to teach in our 3-4 grade classroom for the 2025-2026 school year. We currently have 31 students accepted into the Choice program for the 2025-2026 school year. The yearly accreditation report must be submitted by the end of June.

Financial Report: Written report from Jim Nygaard

The Church Council was presented with 10 months of expenses and offerings as they put together the 2025-2026 Ministry Plan Budget that is presented to the congregation in this Newsletter and will be voted on at the June 29th Voter’s Meeting.

Outreach Report: Rory Vircks

St. Paul’s will have an information tent at National Nite Out in St. Francis on 8/6, and in Cudahy on 8/7.

Properties Report: Dave Hintz

The church courtyard bricks are back in place. School doors on north entrance will be replaced this summer. And the east door of the church sticks and needs some work. The chair lift to the church basement will be replaced sometime this summer. There are 15 open projects to be completed on a priority basis. Next work weekend June 7, 2025 8:00 am to Noon.

New Business:

Unfortunately, St. Paul’s was not assigned a graduate from the Seminary to replace Pastor Marshall, whose final Sunday is August 31. The Church Council is working with District President Leyrer as to what the next steps would be, and has asked us to put on hold calling a pastor until we see how the “Mission Together” will play a role in calling a pastor.

Next Church Council Meeting, June 24 at 6:00 pm.

Next Voters’ Meeting, June 29 At 10:45 am.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:30 pm. Recorded by Ken Trossen.

St. Paul's School Notes and News June 2025

TEACHER FAREWELL

We thank God for the faithful service of Tammy Smukowski and Rebecca Hengst.

Mrs. Smukowski has accepted a call to teach K4 at St. Paul's (Franklin). Mrs. Hengst will be moving to Colorado with her husband Caleb, who will serve as a vicar for one year at Christ Lutheran Church in Denver.



A LETTER FROM MAGGIE SIMS

Dear Members of

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On May 17th I received the divine call extended to me through the Assignment



Committee to serve your congregation and school as grade 3 and 4 teacher. I am happy to announce my acceptance of this call. I am excited to get to know you, serve you, and worship with you. I welcome your communication and prayers these next couple of months as I prepare for the upcoming school year. My husband Marcus and I are currently serving in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where he is a vicar. We love our ministry there, but I am also very excited to be back in a classroom. I pray that our ministry can be a blessing to you. Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you. I can't wait to meet you!

In Christ, Maggie Sims

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Each June, our school must submit a report to WELSSA – our WELS accrediting agency – that provides an update as to progress that has been made on the recommendations from our accreditation visit. The report is reviewed by a committee of educators and administrators during the summer months.



WELS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Three of our teachers will attend the WELS National Education Conference from June 23-25 in Green Bay. The 2025 WELS National Education Conference theme, *Now You Are*, contrasts our natural state with the wonderful blessings we have as members of God's family in Christ. The conference provides a wonderful opportunity for professional development with WELS teachers from across the country. The costs of the conference are covered through the Title II funds that our school receives each year.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It takes many hands to make our VBS program such a success! If you are interested in teaching, helping, decoration, snacks, crafts, or anything else, please contact

Tammy Nygaard (414) 678-8104 or the church office (414) 744-9988.

Set building and decorating will be on July 9, 10, & 11 from 6:30 pm-10:30 pm

Look for donation sheets to be posted on the bulletin board at church! Take a sheet, purchase the item(s), and drop them off in the church office!

We Need Your Help



Men's Bible Study

Daniel, the prophet, was one of the Jews taken into captivity by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, in 606 BC and made an advisor in the king's court. After the Persians defeated the Babylonians, he became the prime minister.

Chapters 1-6 are historical, showing just how the Lord used great kings of the world to carry out his will.

Chapters 7-12 are prophetic, as God used Daniel to receive future world happenings.

Landmark by the Lake
4671 S. Lake Dr. in Cudahy
June 3 & 17 at 6:15am

Baby Bottle Project

Do you have spare change and want to help mothers in need? Check out the front entryway table at church filled with baby bottles! TAKE one home, FILL IT with change, cash, or a check, and RETURN IT anytime by Father's Day (6/15). Proceeds go to: New Beginnings: A Home for Moms (WELS Christian Life Resources)



Summer Fellowship

Our Fellowship Teams will be taking most of the summer off. We will still have a special fellowship on Father's Day (June 16) and the Sunday following VBS (July 20).

Thanks for Coming! Come and Join Us!

St. Paul's School Parents Group had a terrific turn out for their Rummage Sale. They raised almost \$1400.00! Here's a list of some amazing things to come!



Community Game Night & Touch-a-Truck! **Friday, June 6** (4:30 pm) Join us for Cudahy's 4th Annual Community Game Night! Get ready for a fun evening with games, activities, entertainment, and free hot dogs from the Cudahy Lions Club. Climb into and explore your favorite big trucks (construction vehicles, fire engines, and more!) St. Paul's Parents Group will have a tent there as a vendor welcoming guests at: *Kosciuszko Elementary School, 5252 S. Kirkwood Ave, Cudahy*



4th of July Decorating! Every year, members of St. Paul's have a spot reserved to walk in the Cudahy Parade. St. Paul's Parents Group would love to put together a float for our school! We use this opportunity to do outreach and invite kids to our VBS program with a little packet of information. Come to the school on June 28th from 9am-noon to help build and decorate the float. Look for more info on where to meet to walk in the parade and hand out VBS invitations.

If you are interested in donating any ideas, time, materials, talents, or just want to hang out with some pretty cool people, contact Sarah Schellinger at (414) 531-4632 or stpaulscudahyparents@gmail.com

St. Paul's School Parents Group Mission: to actively promote and celebrate our school within the broader community while fostering a strong, connected, and inclusive environment within our school. We strive to build meaningful relationships among families, staff, and community members through collaboration, outreach, and shared pride in our school's success.

Looking for Mountains of Fun?

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What is VBS? We have Jesus—our True North! Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus! New friends, amazing experiments, creative games and songs, surprising adventures, and so much more!

Location? St. Paul's Lutheran School (3766 E. Cudahy Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110)

When? July 14 - July 18, 9am-Noon

Who? VBS is for children who have just completed K3-6th grade

Register? online at stpaulscudahy.com or call the church office (414)744-9988

Cost? \$40 per child (includes a VBS t-shirt, snacks, games, crafts, and so much fun!)

Financial Picture

Monthly:Expenses.....Income
May\$ 73,994.00.....\$115,226.00

Monthly Basics

Outreach.....\$ 2,350.
2 Payrolls each month.....\$35,000.
Health Insurance.....\$ 6,500.
Pension\$ 3,000.
Property Insurance\$ 2,250.
Technology\$ 1,800.
Utilities.....\$ 3,750.
\$ 52,500.

Notes on May:

Our May income included the fourth School Choice check of \$78,000 for this school year. Gifts totaling \$37,220 were brought by God's people through their regular gifts, cheerfully and generously given to our living Lord!

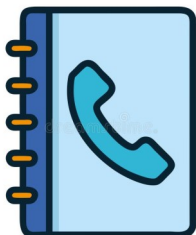
Additional May expenses included:

- ▶ New Chair Lift (soon to be in stalled) (\$8,000),
- ▶ Final payment of our School Choice audit (\$1,200).

During the 2024-2025 school year a School Choice check for \$78,000 arrives in Sept. / Nov. / Feb and May.

Guide Book

It's that time of year to update your contact information for our annual Guide Book / Directory. Please contact the church office at church@stpaulscudahy.com if we do not have your current info up to date. Once completed, the Guide Book / Directory will be sent out to each member's home by the end of August.



SPECIAL COMMUNION *Service*

Members remain seated every other pew for this Communion service with hymns, Scripture, and a sermon, followed by a delicious Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Join us at 11:00 am on

Thursday, June 12

WELS Night at the Brewers!

Reserve Friday, July 11th for a night at the ballpark to watch the Brewers take on the Washington Nationals! Tickets for all WELS members and guests receive a discount up to 50% off and are reserved together in all three seating levels. Groups of 15+ will receive the opportunity to have unique access on the field. Go to brewers.com/wels to purchase tickets.



June Ushers (6:30 pm Thursdays)

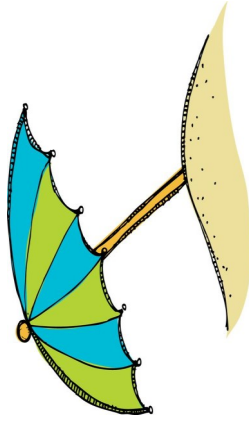
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Rory & Tierney Vircks	Roger Stack	Rory & Tierney Vircks	Roger Stack

June Ushers (9:30 am Sundays)

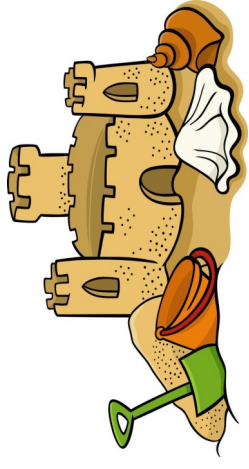
June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Duane Rickaby Kurt Nygaard Rob & Robert McMurphy	Darold Borree Jim Ziemann Diane Richter Mike Retherford	Jim & Lucas Nygaard, Adler Henn, Jerry Doherty, Luke Ubl	Ruben & Emma Villa Will Roepke Conor Ubl	Darold Borree Jim Ziemann Diane Richter Mike Retherford

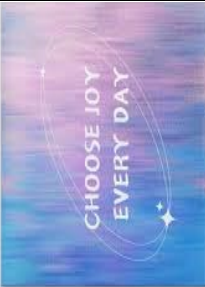
June Greeters (9:30 am Sundays)

June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22
Shaun & Jessica Kelly Mike Retherford	Charlie & Ruth Price Jeff & Kim Nordby	Kathy Hahn Michelle Helgeson	Kim & Carol Eisenberg Rich & Sharon Winkler



June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship / Comm 9:30 am Rummage Sale		3 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am	4	5 Worship 6:30 pm	6 Game Night & Touch a Truck 4:30 pm	7 Properties Team 8:00 am-Noon
8 Pentecost Worship 9:30 am 	9	10 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm	11	12 Special Communion and Meal 11:00 am Worship/Comm 6:30 pm	13	14
15 Happy Father's Day! Worship/Comm 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Comfort Quilters 1:00 pm 	16	17 Men's Bible Study 6:15 am	18	19 Worship 6:30 pm	20 Happy First Day of Summer! 	21
22 Worship 9:30 am	23	24 Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm	25	26 Worship 6:30 pm	27	28 Float Decorating 9:00 am-noon
29 Worship 9:30 am Voters Meeting 10:45 am	30	July 1	July 2	July 3 Worship/Comm 6:30 pm		July 5 Properties Team 8:00 am-Noon