



## *Pastor's Message*



<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

For the past semester we've been studying on Sunday morning the last book of the Bible, *Revelation*. It's a thrilling book that spans the spectrum of human emotions - all while feeding our faith. God warns his people about a horrible dragon and terrible beasts that will persecute his people until the end of time. He shows wonders in the heavens as we visually stand in awe at the countless numbers and great assembly of people gathered for his eternal praise. They have overcome all this by the blood of the Lamb. There is no doubt! *Christ saves his bride*, the church, and ushers in the eternal kingdom with her.

And we'd never know these things unless John wrote them down. And he never would have jotted these things down unless Jesus in verse eleven above *commanded him to write*.

The Revelation is not only a book *about* Jesus. It's a book *by* Jesus. These are his Sunday morning [Lord's Day] words spoon fed to John for your spiritual edification. These visions are given for you to consider his total authority and rule over everything seen and unseen, even as this world rejects him. [A famous female soccer star recently said her career ending Achilles tear proved there is no god.]

Keep in mind that John, your brother, had to see all of his fellow apostles lose their lives before him. He was in exile on the island of Patmos because the Romans *didn't want him to die*, they wanted him to suffer. They wouldn't give him the honor of becoming a martyr. The longest living apostle and leader of the early Christian church was suffering: persecution, struggles of old age, and separation from God's people.

And here he is on Sunday worshipping the Lord. His old age didn't cause him to turn against the Lord. It was reason all the more to turn toward him. And the letters he wrote and sent to the churches were to be *read* to them, again, likely on Sunday (or at worship). Our companion in suffering stuck on an island was still leading God's people to hear about Jesus, the one who overcame his suffering. He wanted us to read the word and receive encouragement from it - because we're also in the thick of it. He wanted us to recognize our personal and congregational sins and repent for them. Jesus from his heavenly throne still forgives our sins and causes our lamp to stay lit.

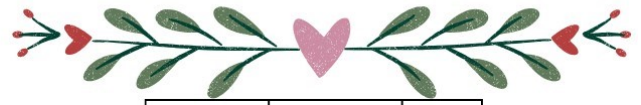
After all, it's his word. It's true. And whether it's the crown of life, eating the heavenly manna, eating from the tree of life, receiving a new name, eating with Jesus in heaven, or dressed in the heavenly clothes and having your name in the book of life - *what he promises he will fulfill*.

He told John to write them to you. And he will do it.

Pastor Mueller



# Happy Birthday



AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!



|           |           |        |
|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Nick      | Binsfeld  | Dec 1  |
| Caitlin   | Kakuk     | Dec 2  |
| Callie    | Sawall    | Dec 2  |
| MeLissa   | Wieting   | Dec 2  |
| Jenny     | Radue     | Dec 2  |
| Holly     | Clappes   | Dec 5  |
| David     | Del Ponte | Dec 7  |
| Maisy     | Schelk    | Dec 7  |
| Kimberly  | Plass     | Dec 8  |
| Patricia  | Henning   | Dec 9  |
| Trevor    | Meyer     | Dec 9  |
| Kristin   | Krueger   | Dec 9  |
| Brielle   | Pennings  | Dec 10 |
| Christina | Sprenger  | Dec 11 |
| Tim       | Reinemann | Dec 11 |
| James     | Barber    | Dec 12 |
| Neil      | Pahl      | Dec 12 |
| Blake     | Valukas   | Dec 12 |
| Jack      | Koehler   | Dec 12 |
| Jola      | Thiel     | Dec 12 |

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| Quinn     | Meyer    | Dec 12 |
| David     | Clappes  | Dec 13 |
| Nathan    | Meitner  | Dec 13 |
| Sandy     | Bolz     | Dec 15 |
| Matthew   | Schueler | Dec 15 |
| August    | Bode     | Dec 15 |
| Sharon    | Pahl     | Dec 15 |
| Elizabeth | Weber    | Dec 16 |
| Katie     | Altman   | Dec 16 |
| Tracy     | Chappa   | Dec 17 |
| Dakota    | Rabe     | Dec 17 |
| Steve     | Sprenger | Dec 17 |
| Asher     | Bode     | Dec 17 |
| Tritt     | Bull     | Dec 18 |

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| Faith     | Specht     | Dec 18 |
| Tanya     | Schmidt    | Dec 19 |
| Randy     | Grunewald  | Dec 19 |
| Kelly     | Goedeke    | Dec 19 |
| Will      | Belitz     | Dec 19 |
| Don       | Last       | Dec 20 |
| Randy     | Wehrmann   | Dec 20 |
| Ellen     | Pennings   | Dec 20 |
| Bryna     | Pennings   | Dec 21 |
| Zacharias | Theobald   | Dec 22 |
| Cole      | Reinemann  | Dec 23 |
| Christi   | Probst     | Dec 23 |
| Dan       | Radue      | Dec 24 |
| Jordon    | Geurts     | Dec 27 |
| Jill      | Grzonka    | Dec 29 |
| Mary      | Eick       | Dec 30 |
| Barbara   | Thiel      | Dec 30 |
| Brandon   | Lis        | Dec 30 |
| Tyler     | Truttschel | Dec 30 |
| Daniel    | Goetsch    | Dec 30 |



# Happy Anniversary!



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| Mark & Kalen    | Eirich    | Dec 1  |
| Will & Eileen   | Belitz    | Dec 7  |
| Larry & Karen   | Schomberg | Dec 10 |
| Gavin & Nicole  | Wallander | Dec 18 |
| Andrew & Bonnie | Dais      | Dec 29 |
| Fred & Beth     | Pahmeier  | Dec 30 |

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ~Mark 10:9



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE  
THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SEASON - JESUS!

**MERRY**  
  
**Christmas**

**LIVING NATIVITY**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 6-9PM  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND 6-9PM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 4-7PM

**CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH  
8AM - 1ST-8TH GRADES  
10:30AM - 3K-8TH GRADES

**THE LUTHERAN CEILI ORCHESTRA  
CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH AT 7PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH  
9AM ADVENT WORSHIP  
3PM & 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 9AM

# Council Meeting Minutes

## November 1, 2023

Pastor Bode, Pastor Mueller, Luther Curia, Eric Eickhoff, Todd Marten, Principal Wieting, Jim Van Alstine, Dan Radue, Eric Specht, Lynn Litt, Trevor Wehrmann, Dave Wehrmann, Jim Eick

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Eickhoff.

Pastor Bode opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The Secretary's minutes from the October 4 Council Meeting were approved.

### Transfer In

- Mike Berg

### Transfer Out

- Samuel Eickhoff

### Profession of Faith

- Maren Romanoski
- Etta Romanoski

### Baptism

- Harper Gabsch

### Current membership:

Communicants = 665

Children/Other = 160

Total = 825

Motion to Approve the Membership Action Motion Carried

### Staff Minister Mr. Curia:

Christmas at St Paul's December 17

8:00 (1st - 8th) & 10:30 (3K - 8th)

Christmas Eve

9:00 Advent 4 service, 3:00 and 5:00 services in the gym.

Offering for all 3 services

Area one-night WELS teen rally quarterly

Blessed to host in the new facilities!!

Next is planned for January 13

### Pastor Bode:

- Moms Group
  - Meeting on Wednesday mornings.
  - Planning to take December off
- Sunday School
  - Contacts ongoing to increase enrollment / attendance
  - Thanks to Will Belitz for developing a monthly SS newsletter to boost communication / attendance!
- Pioneers
  - Fishing unit on Wednesdays in October and also happening in November
- Next Youth Night is scheduled for January 13, 6:00-8:30 pm.
- Worship
  - December 10 -- MLHS Sunday with the Lancer Singers
  - December 17 -- Christmas at St. Paul's.

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## November 1, 2023

### Pastor Mueller

Painting in Garden Gym *finished!*

Online business course going well. Just had class last night.

BIC started. 8 enrolled (some are our members)

Attended WELS Board for Ministerial Education Meetings in Saginaw at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Monday 10/23. Next year will be at LPS. Conducted an MLC Governing Board meeting via zoom to call a professor on 10/12. Attended my brother in law's 25th anniversary in ministry service at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary on 10/20.

Presided at the wedding of Remi and Devyn Becker on 10/14. Presided at the wedding of Kirby and Nicole Post on 10/15. All weddings are completed at St. Paul's for the year!

Evangelism plans to hand out the new directories on 10/29. The electronic version will go out on 10/28 via email.

Worked with Pastor Bode to help Abacus Architects do a professional photo shoot here on 10/21. We will get access to their photos.

Two EME [Early Ministry Experience] students from MLC coming to St. Paul's in early January to shadow me/staff. See more information below.

Thank you to Eric Vant Hul for speaking to honor the Ladies Aid on October 15.

### Elder's Report

Will Belitz has formed a committee and they had their first meeting on October 25th. The school emergency action plan was reviewed and will serve as a guide for the church as a whole.

The elders are working on updating the current list of ushers and then actively recruit to fill openings and create a list of substitutes.

### Principal's Report

Commission on Lutheran Schools requests that every teacher develop a Ministry Development Plan (MDP). This is a three-year process and includes research, course work, action research in the classroom, and a reporting of accomplished goals. The faculty has decided to proceed with this task together under the theme of "Proper Use of Law and Gospel - Discipline/Classroom Management". While we will all be studying the same theme, each teacher is responsible for his/her own MDP.

The School Board has approved a new policy entitled "Transportation Guidelines for Field Trips". This document is endorsed by the faculty and is already in use.

The faculty is beginning a study on enrollment projections for 2024-2025.

### School Board Report

Athletic Handbook discussed and approved

Issues related to ECM; Enrollment policies to be better enforced next year and keep searching for more aides for next year.

3 and 4K aides need to be in place before enrollment next year; this will be an ongoing conversation.

Mrs. Post is no longer going to do lunch, there is possibly someone interested in this position.

Transportation Guidelines were approved.

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### Trustee's Report

We have decided to add one more position to the Trustee Committee. This will bring our total to 6. We will still serve in the 3-year terms. That will mean two positions will need to be filled each year.

The Trustee group has come up with a plan to schedule four Trustee work Saturdays throughout the year. We will get together to complete major projects during these times. Also getting members of the church involved to help with bigger projects. Hopefully this can be an annual event. It is scheduled to take place the 2nd Saturday of January, April, July and October.

Looking for a list Individuals who have keys for the building. If you have a key please let Trevor W. know. Will still be giving keys as well as fobs for those who need them.

### Evangelism Report

Have begun distributing the Church Directories.

### Activities Report

Church Picnic 9/10; People seemed to enjoy the themed meal and activities

Fall Family Movie Night 10/13; 125+ in attendance

Meitners organizing the pickleball. (Come and join the fun)

### Officer's Report

Working on Facility use policies, this will be an ongoing process.

Long Range Planning (see New Business for more on this)

### MLHS Report

- Click [here](#) for the Lancer Express, a weekly video update.
- Calls
  - Pastor Jason Hacker, currently serving at Grace in Waukesha, WI, has accepted the call to serve as the next MLHS President.
  - Pastor Steve Bode has declined the call to teach theology at MLHS. A new call was placed to Pastor Brett Krause from Denver, CO, on October 28.
- Professional Growth
  - Attended a conference on Two Kinds of Righteousness (one before God - only righteous through faith in Christ; the other before humans - civil righteousness and its importance for other people around us) in Elkhart Lake on October 17-18. Presenter President Earle Treptow of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.
  - Attending classes in Appleton on October 25-27. Age of Lutheran Orthodoxy. Professor Joel Otto.

### Old Business

Reminder about the Nomination Committee Meeting tomorrow.

Craft Masonry issue has been resolved

### New Business:

Long Range Planning Committee and Proposed Process

Motion to approve this process, motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting, motion carried

Pastor Bode Closed with the Blessing.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Specht

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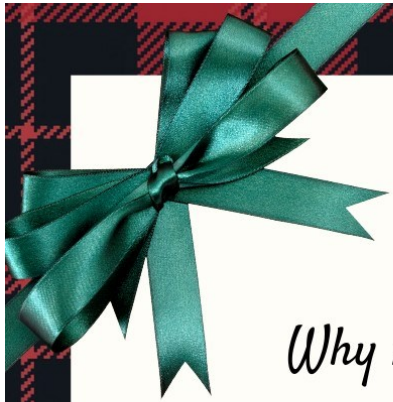
### Old Business

1. Secretary wage discussion  
Motion to Increase the hourly wage effective in October Motion carried.
2. Craft Masonry Update  
There are many emails going back and forth.

### New Business:

1. Temporary Playground proposal  
This will be roughly 10' x 10' with monkey bars, balance beam and hanging bar. This will be done by volunteers and is just until the permanent playground is in place sometime next year. Motion to approve this motion carried.
2. Nominating Committee  
Planning a meeting for this committee to meet. There will be an email going out for this meeting.
3. Garden Gym Policy. What committee writes it?  
Will be input from Teachers and School Board along with officers and council.

Motion to close the meeting, motion carried



# St. Paul's Shut-ins

*Why not brighten their day this Holiday Season!*



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# December 2023

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                    | Wednesd  | Thursda                        | Friday                            | Saturday  |
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|   |  |                            |  |                                | <b>1</b><br>4-7pm Living Nativity | <b>2</b><br>4-7pm Living Nativity                 |
| <b>3</b><br>8am Worship<br>9:15am Family Bible Hour<br>9:15am Christmas at St. Paul's Practice<br>10:30am Worship<br><b>4-7pm Living Nativity</b> | <b>4</b><br>6pm Worship<br>7pm Adult Choir                           | <b>5</b>                   | <b>6</b><br>9am Bible Study in HR<br>4:15pm Pub. School Cate<br>6:30pm Church Council                                  | <b>7</b>                       | <b>8</b>                          | <b>9</b><br>9am Christmas at St. Paul's Practice  |
| <b>10</b> <b>Lancer Singers</b><br>8am Worship<br>9:15am Family Bible Hour<br>10:30am Worship   | <b>11</b><br>9:30am Pastor Circuit<br>6pm Worship<br>7pm Adult Choir | <b>12</b>                  | <b>13</b><br>9am Bible Study in HR<br>4:15pm Pub. School Cate<br>6:30pm Evangelism                                     | <b>14</b><br>1:30pm Ladies Aid | <b>15</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>        | <b>16</b><br>9am Christmas at St. Paul's Practice |
| <b>17</b><br><b>Christmas at St. Paul's</b><br>8am (1st-8th)<br>10:30am (3K-8th)  | <b>18</b><br>7pm Adult Choir   | <b>19</b>                  | <b>20</b><br>4:15pm Pub. School Cate<br>6:30pm School Board<br>6:30pm Officers<br>7pm TLCO Celtic<br>Christmas Concert | <b>21</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>     | <b>22</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>        | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b><br>9am Advent Worship<br>3pm Christmas Eve<br>Worship<br>5pm Christmas Eve<br>Worship<br>*No Communion*            | <b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>9am Worship    | <b>26</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> | <b>27</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>6:30pm Elders  | <b>28</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>     | <b>29</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>        | <b>30</b>   |
| <b>31</b><br>8am Worship<br>9:15am Family Bible Hour<br>10:30am Worship<br>*Communion*  |  |                            |  |                                |                                   |   |