

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL June 2023

Pastor's Message

"If it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach...." - Romans 12:7

Besides being the place where we see the Lord's plan of salvation for all people, God's Word is a rich source of wisdom and guidance, offering insights on how to live a purposeful and fulfilling life of serving others and bringing glory to God's name. In Romans 12:7, the apostle Paul highlights the gift of service as a crucial aspect of Christian living. Jesus Christ, the ultimate servant, exemplified service throughout his earthly ministry. He washed the disciples' feet, healed the sick, and even sacrificed himself on the cross. When we serve others selflessly, we mirror Christ's sacrificial love, pointing others to his redemptive work.

The gift of service involves selflessly assisting others, demonstrating compassion, and meeting our neighbors' practical needs. It encompasses acts of kindness, volunteering, caregiving, and actively participating in community or church activities. Those with the gift of service find fulfillment in using their God-given talents and abilities to make a positive impact on the lives of others. However, the gift of service is not merely about helping others; it is also a means to glorify God and

provide opportunities to share his saving love. By acknowledging him as the ultimate source of our abilities, we shift the focus from ourselves to him. This mindset allows us to approach service with humility and gratitude, giving glory to God for equipping us to serve others. Instead of seeking recognition or personal gain, our motivation is to advance God's Kingdom and demonstrate his love to others. By imitating God's nature, we bring honor and glory to him, showing others his goodness and grace through our actions.

The gift of service can be applied in various settings and contexts. The specific expression of this gift will depend on individual talents, opportunities, and the unique needs of the community or individuals being served. Volunteer your time at a local homeless shelter, assisting with meal preparations, serving food, and engaging in conversations with the residents to provide encouragement and support. Help an elderly neighbor or member of the congregation by running errands for them, offering transportation to appointments, assisting with household chores, or simply spending time with them to alleviate their loneliness. Ask our school principal if you can mentor or tutor students in our grade school, particularly those who may be struggling academically or emotionally. This could involve offering guidance, academic support, and a listening ear to help them overcome challenges. Volunteer at a hospital or healthcare facility by providing comfort to patients, assisting with administrative duties, or helping in rehabilitation programs. In times of natural disasters or emergencies, those with the gift of service can join relief organizations, (such as WELS Christian Aid & Relief), and actively participate in providing aid to affected communities. This could involve distributing food, water, and supplies, helping with cleanup efforts, or offering emotional support to those affected.

Whether it's through volunteering, caregiving, or actively participating in community/church/school activities, the gift of service provides a unique platform to share the gospel: the hope we have in Jesus Christ. When we serve others and proclaim the Good News, we glorify God by participating in his mission to reconcile humanity to himself. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10)



Happy >> Birthday

AND GOD'S BLESSINGS!

Karen	Kuhn	Jul 1
Danielle	S tu r m	Jul 1
Clay	Schroeder	Jul 1
William	Hemenway	Jul 1
Sawyer	Mikkelson	Jul 2
Talia	Mueller	Jul 2
Charlotte	Radue	Jul 3
Porter	Moyer	Jul 4
Jesse	Bramstedt	Jul 5
Courtney	Boys	Jul 6
Sarah	Mueller	Jul 6
Braden	Sixel	Jul 6
Betty	Klingeisen	Jul 6
Eric	Eickhoff	Jul 7
Connie	Kuether	Jul 7
Erica	Jack e tt	Jul 7
Rori	Dekanich	Jul 7
Brenna	Schueler	Jul 8
Terry	Roehrborn	Jul 9
Beth	Pahmeier	Jul 9
George	Baumann	Jul 9
Joseph	Balge	Jul 9
Brad	Lauersdorf	Jul 9

Headrick	Jul 10 Jul 10
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Austreng	
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Schirmer	Jul 11
Phelps	Jul 11
Stewart	J ul 1 2
Langdon	J ul 1 3
Kolosovsky	J ul 1 4
Marten	J ul 1 4
Stange	J ul 1 4
Belitz	Jul 15
Pieper	Jul 15
Terrazas	Jul 15
Pieper	Jul 15
Jaeger	Jul 16
An h alt	J ul 1 7
Mayer	J ul 1 7
Hayner	J ul 1 7
	Phelps Stewart Langdon Kolosovsky Marten Stange Belitz Pieper Terrazas Pieper Jaeger Anhalt Mayer

David	Wehrmann	J ul 1 8
Linda	Hamann	J ul 1 8
Mackenzie	Lawrence	Jul 20
Tanya	Jaeger	Jul 20
Bryan	Mayer	Jul 20
Eli	Midthun	Jul 21
Ellamae	Eagan	Jul 23
Luke	Bramstedt	Jul 23
Hadley	Sheahan	Jul 23
Presley	Lis	J ul 24
Sawyer	Eick	Jul 25
April	Reinemann	Jul 25
Douglas	Dier	Jul 25
Briar	Bull	Jul 2 5
Kalen	Eirich	Jul 26
Alex	Patzk e	Jul 27
Courtney	Greenwald	Jul 27
Devyn	Becker	Jul 27
Carol (Lyle)	Reinemann	Jul 28
Mark	Kolosovsky	Jul 29
Tammy	Lawrence	Jul 29
Sawyer	Sixel	Jul 30
Steve	Schueler	Jul 31







Adam & Amanda	Bode	Jul 3
Nick & Amy	Binsfeld	Jul 6
Andy & Christina	Sprenger	Jul 7
Brian & Kelly	Stauss	Jul 9
Todd & Lisa	Marten	Jul 11
David & Holly	Clappes	J ul 1 3
Aaron & Sarah	Mueller	J ul 1 4
Trever & Courtney	Athorp	Jul 15

Tim & Brittany	Bull	J ul 1 8
Scott & Jackie	Mayer	Jul 19
Elisa & Casey	Carr	Jul 19
Brad & Felicia	Tinker	Jul 20
Richard & Rebecca	Merkel	Jul 22
Zacharias & Elizabeth	Theobald	J ul 24
Mike & Lisa	Olson	Jul 25
Dan & Jenny	Radue	Jul 26

Attendees:

Pastor Bode, Eric Eickhoff, Todd Marten, Chad Marohn, Jim Van Alsitne, Trevor Werhman, Jim Eick, Eric Specht, Lynn Litt, Zach Theobald

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 May Council meeting were accepted.

Transfer Out

- Aaron, Lindsay, Zoey Hansen
- Evan Vant Hul

Release

- Kim Grunewald
- Megan, Gabe, Ben, Murphy Leistekow

Youth Confirmation

- Gretchen Anderson
- Everly Berg
- Faith Marohn
- Veda Ostermann
- Bronx Romanoski
- Caleb Walleser

Death

Bob Kober

Staff Minister Curia

Acts study finished for summer

Summer study on Life of David Rotating with Pastors

Planning for next year.

Choir recessing for summer

Beginning plans for next year's music

Pastor Bode

- Moms Group
 - Studied Genesis until the end of the school year.
 - About 2 park play dates per month planned over summer.
 - Had 8 moms with kids at the first one
 - 2 moms campfire nights with devotions planned over summer.
 - Making plans for fall studies. Edie Headrick will help lead.
 - New Cradle Roll coordinators are Bonnie Dais and Amber Barber.
- Sunday School
 - Sang for Ascension service May 18
 - Last Sunday of the year was May 21
 - Starting to gather names of those willing to serve on SS staff next year.
- Pioneers
 - Completed a Wednesday afternoon unit on gardening

Current membership:

Communicants = 677 Children/Other = 171

Total = **848**

- Catechism
 - Contacting families of next year's students over the summer.
 - 6 confirmed on April 30, 2023
- Day School -- Enrollment: 94
 - All full-time school positions are filled for next year! Praise the Lord!
 - School Board working to address our principal relief teacher vacancy.
 - School Board working to address our PreK aide positions.
- The WELS Youth Night for May 13 was canceled due to many conflicts for the teens in May.
- Worship
 - Hosted a joint Ascension service at St. Paul's with SJSP and Calvary. Pastor Voigt preached. Musicians and SS from all three congregations added their gifts. We plan to continue joint Ascension services in future years.
 - Planning our dedication service for August 13.
 - •President Rich Gurgel from MLC will preach.
 - •We will dedicate the new wing in both services.
 - •Time capsule gathered by History Committee will be highlighted.
 - •We will install new staff in the late service.
 - •School Board is coordinating a meal and welcome for the new staff after late service.

Pastor Mueller

- New developments for Counselor Position
- Dedication/Installation service planning
- Cornerstone planning
- BIC started with Josh and Kelli Dolan

Elder's Report

CCCW would like to recognize ministry service anniversaries for Mrs. Johnson (35 years), Pastor Mueller (20 years), and Staff Minister Curia (20 years) at the end of first service on June 18. Eric Vant Hul will give a brief statement of recognition and appreciation at that time.

Principal's Report

Mr. Johnson's position as our school intervention specialist has been completed. He has been hired by CESA 6 for up to three hours a day to work with students. The faculty will work to create a schedule for student services. Time cards will be submitted twice a month to CESA 6. CESA 6 will provide Mr. Johnson's compensation.

Principal Marohn is working with the faculty to complete all Summative Evaluations and submit them to synod. All evaluations will be completed by Friday, June 9th.

Early childhood enrollment

3K has 18 3yr. Olds enrolled and a waiting list of 6. On June 15th we will move to our waiting list and our class will be at our capacity of 22.

4K has 24 4yr. Olds enrolled and is at

Mr. Johnson continues to work to secure a possible speech and language specialist for St. Paul's students. This would provide a second day of services each week with expenses being paid through the Special Needs Scholarship Program.

School Board

New teacher installation is August 13th.

School policies reviewed and completed.

Looking for local members to help as early childhood teachers aid.

Approved K-8 Handbook.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Results to Budget Revenue

Offerings for the month of May (4 Sundays) totaled \$65,500 (averaging \$16,400 per week) down from April (5 Sundays including Easter & Confirmation), totaled \$92,770 (averaging \$18,600 per week and compared to last year May-2022 (5 Sundays) totaled \$66,100. Through the end of May, offerings are running \$25,000 behind budget.

School Tuition and fees are slightly under budget mainly due to the Calvary congregation subsidy running lower than budget. After Care fees are also under budget.

A final School Choice payment for the 22-23 school year of \$59,736 was received in late-May. Special donations received in May were:

- We received an additional \$6,600 for Growing Forward which included \$1,200 toward the gift match.
- \$1,250 for Faith for the Future
- \$485 for the Bob Kober memorial.

For the year, nearly \$2,800 was collected from the Sunday school/CDS grade school mission offerings which are designated for the MLHS building Fund.

Expenses

<u>Church expenses:</u> are remaining under budget for the year, mostly due to lower health insurance costs offset by extra expense for the 160th anniversary celebration in September.

<u>School expenses</u> are over budget for the year. Textbook and supply expenses are running higher than budget due to the higher enrollment.

<u>Property / shared expenses are under budget through May</u>. No repairs were expensed in May, only utility costs, insurance and copier maintenance.

Missions: Monthly payments to WELS and MLHS were made to budgeted amounts.

The Net Results of the operating (Budgeted) funds is a year-to-date are nearly on plan with net income of \$81,500 compared to a budgeted gain of \$122,410.

Special Expenses paid in April:

• \$7,100 for a 50% down payment on the sound system for the school expansion and other IT hardware from the Growing Forward fund.

Building Expansion:

\$569,822 was paid in May for the building construction. Construction borrowing is now at \$1,179,770. Weekly donations toward Growing Forward and the match are applied first to the construction payments, then the construction loan.

At the end of May outstanding pledges for Growing Forward stand at \$339,000. This does <u>not</u> include the donation match we have been tracking for the past few months.

Trustee's Report

Advanced Chillers has completed all our HVAC repairs on the gym units.

We have a quote for \$4000 for the materials to pour the slab out the back of the kitchen.

The slab will run out 37' from the back kitchen door and be about 24' at its widest point.

There was a motion to approve this work, motion carried only if next year's budget is approved.

Floor waxing and carpet cleaning is slated for last week in July.

We will be painting the gym and touching up paint in two classrooms before this happens.

Evangelism Report

Working on the church directory, there will be a trial run at the end of June with 16 Families which have already been selected.

There will be a sign up coming in the future to sign up for times to have pictures taken.

Activities Report

- Family Dance Party 5/19
- Around 100 attended
- Focus on connecting church and school families
- First Bonfire 6/19
- •Timber Rattlers 7/28

Officer's Report

Continuing to work with Called Worker moves and benefits transitions. Todd Marten and Greg have been handling these issues.

A group representing Trustees, Long Range Planning, Living Nativity and the Teachers/School met to discuss the best area for reinstalling the playground. The group agreed on an area to the south of the garage.

WELS

WELS Report can be seen at this link <u>WELS Report</u>

MLHS

MLHS Report

- Click here for the Lancer Express, a weekly video update
- Calls
 - •Pastor Ben Schaefer from Redding, CA has declined the call to serve as the next MLHS President.
 - •Pastor Dustin Blumer from Joilet, IL has declined the call to teach theology at MLHS.
 - <u>Various camps</u> run throughout the summer.
- Campaign update Plans are being developed for Phase 1 of the campaign, the 2nd gym. More up-to-date info at this link.
- St. Paul's federation delegates to MLHS are Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, Chad Marohn, Jim Van Alstine, Will Belitz, Kevin Mueller, Mike Heilman, and Tom Sawall.

Old Business

Officers approved the administrative part of the half time Administrative Principal call. Look for council approval to send this to the voters to extend this one year call at the June meeting.

Approval of one year call to Greg Johnson for the Administrative Principal

A motion was made to approve the call as presented, motion carried.

Final approval of 2023/24 Budget to present to the voters.

The budget was presented to council after discussion there was a motion to approve

the budget as presented, motion carried to bring the budget to the voters.

Growing Forward Project update

Classrooms are painted, working on bump out wall, door frames installed, tile in bathrooms are nearing completion, started to install plumbing fixtures, windows Monday, brickwork south and west side completed east side then the entryway. Completion Aug. 4th.

New Business

None

Motion to close the meeting, motion carried

Pastor Bode closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Specht

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sam Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Worship	3 6pm Worship	4	5 6:30pm Church Council	9	7	∞
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8am Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Worship 12-4pm Church Photo Directory Photos	17 6pm Worship	18 5:30-7:30pm Church Photo Directory Photos	19 6:30pm School Board 6:30pm Officers	20 6-8pm Church Photo Directory Photos	21	ন ব
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