

ST. Paul's
Lutheran Church, School & Daycare

News N' Notes

St. Paul's Summer Events

With our cold and wet spring finally coming to an end, I am reminded of what our Lord says in **Matthew 24:32**: *“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.* In these words our Lord Jesus is telling us that His plans are perfect and perfectly timed. Jesus came at just the right time to be born our Savior and thirty-three years later laying down His sinless soul for our salvation. He died, rose again, and ascended into Heaven with the promise that at just the right time He will return for us. Until that perfectly timed last day, Jesus wants to continue to bless St. Paul's and use us as His instruments to share His love with one another and with the world.

Allow me to share with you some significant dates and events that will be happening in our St. Paul's Church and School fellowship this summer:

JUNE 5 - Graduation Recognition: Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 a.m. service for a reception for this year's high school and college graduates. Then join us at noon for our **St. Paul's School Reunion:** Food, fun, and fellowship are on the agenda. Please note that the 8a and 10:30a Sunday services for this day will be combined into a single service at 9:30a with NO Bible study afterwards.

JUNE 19 – Pastor Jim Hendrikson Celebrates 50 Years in the Ministry. There will be NO Bible Study. Rather a reception will be held between the 8 & 10:30a services in Fellowship Hall. See the notice in this edition of *News N Notes*.

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AND MUCH MORE!

JULY 1 – Mr. Robert Lunak begins his service as our principal. Mr. and Mrs. (Brooke) Lunak will be living in the parsonage.

JULY 2/3 – Rev. Walter Volz of *Food For The Poor* will be our guest speaker this weekend. Pastor Volz will share his personal witness about the mission of *Food for the Poor* to care for the destitute as a means of living out our Lord's love for His world. Please note that the 8a and 10:30a Sunday services for this day will be combined into a single service at 9:30a WITH a Bible study afterwards.

JULY 10 – Join us at the 10:30a service for a send-off for our youth group to attend our **LCMS National Youth Gathering.**

JULY 17 – Ethan Spira will be inducted as our vicar at the Saturday 6p and Sunday 8a and 10:30a services. A reception will follow after each service.

AUGUST 1-5 – **Vacation Bible School** for all children ages three through eighth grade. The theme this year is *Cave Quest: Jesus is the Light of the World*. For more information, contact Kathy Pingel at 754-4471 ext. 222 or kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com.

AUGUST 27/28 – Installation of Mr. Robert Lunak as Principal of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School at the Saturday and Sunday services with a fellowship meal to follow the Sunday service at 11 a.m. Please note that the 8a and 10:30a Sunday services for this day will be combined into a single service at 9:30a with NO Bible study afterwards.

AUGUST 31 – **OUR 151st SCHOOL YEAR** begins for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School!

May the Lord of the Church be with you this summer and He promises to be so through the preaching and teaching of His Word and the reception of the Lord's Supper. May God grant that His Holy Spirit would ever direct you back to these wonderful means by which He fills your summer days with His love and forgiveness and strength!

Praise God!
Pastor Decker





FEED THE HUNGRY

You can continue to help families in Janesville by purchasing extra canned goods and non-perishable items and bringing them with you to worship. We have barrels located in the back of church and downstairs in the basement for your donations to ECHO.

Fourth Grade Helps Out at ECHO

On Wednesday, May 11th, three students, along with their parents, and Mrs. Deb Natz met at Pic-N-Save to grocery shop for ECHO (Everyone Cooperating Helping Others—Janesville's Food Pantry). It was a great experience for these students as they learned how to compare prices as well as find foods that a family can use together to make nutritious meals.

On Thursday, May 12, the entire fourth grade class, as well as 12 adults, took the food to ECHO and then volunteered their time to label canned foods. The children worked very hard on this as they labeled 48 boxes or 1,162 cans in an hour.

The children were also given a tour of ECHO so they had an understanding of what it all entails.

It was a blessing for us to be of service to ECHO and families in need right here in Janesville.

NJHS Officers Elected

The new officers for the 2016-17 National Junior Honor Society are: President Kadin Wojcik; Vice President Allie Pingel; Secretary Alysse Kuglitsch; and Treasurer Lucille Jalszynski.

Thank you to the graduating 8th grade officers for this past year for doing an excellent job: President Matthew Nielson; Vice President Abbey Schrader; Secretary Joshua Stanton; and Treasurer Gracie Krueger.

This year's NJHS members put in about 300 hours of volunteer service to their school, church, and community. Serving others, giving God the glory!!

Thanks to all the NJHS members for another great year. God's blessings to our graduates!

SAVE THE DATE

And Join Us For

*A Celebration of Age
Luncheon*

on July 19

Details Coming Soon!

LWML Is Mission Minded

St. Paul's Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will hold their June meeting at 6:30p on Tuesday, June 21, in Fellowship Hall (the church basement).

Judy Sullivan will lead us in a Bible Study, followed by a short business meeting.

Every month we have an "Ingathering", which is a gathering of needed items to be shared with various organiza-

tions. Our June Ingathering is toilet paper for the Women's Shelter in Janesville.

Representatives from St. Paul's will also be attending the state LWML convention in Middleton June 24-25. Join us on June 21 to learn more about how you can become involved in local, state, national and international mission projects.

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Pastor Jim Hendrikson Celebrates 50 Years in Ministry!

You're Invited to help us celebrate with a

*Coffee Cake Reception
Sunday, June 19, 2016
At 9a In Fellowship Hall
(the church basement)*

*Cards are welcome
but NO GIFTS
PLEASE*

Volunteers Needed to Help at Men's Homeless Shelter

St. Paul's is looking for volunteers to help with GIFTS Men's Homeless Shelter the week of June 26 through July 2. The men will be staying at the Salvation Army building, 514 Sutherland Ave, Janesville.

We need help preparing and serving dinners for seven days and breakfasts for seven days. Groups of two or three volunteers are sufficient in serving each meal. Funds are available for purchasing what you need to prepare your meal.

We will need two people to work the check-in table from 5p to 8:30p and two people (with at least one male) each night to stay the entire time at the Salvation Army.

Sign up sheets will be available in the back of church following each Sunday worship service. Or you can call Lone Erlie at 754-6976 to sign up or for more information.



Graduation

Congratulations, Graduates!

St. Paul's School is proud to announce the following students are graduating from Eighth Grade and will receive their diplomas in a special service at 6:30p on June 1, 2016.

Congratulations to the following:

Geddis Calderwood; Cody Clark; Drew Cleaton; Hunter Coplien; Max Genrich; Peyton Hendrikson; Ryan Hendrikson; Alexis Johnson; Abigail Kent; Zachery Knighten; Gracie Krueger; Dalton Lauer; Caleb Lloyd; Matthew Nielson; Cody O'Connell; Annabel Phillips; Morgan Schnulle; Abbey Schrader; Avanya-Lee Smith-Kooiman; Benjamin Soergel; Joshua Stanton; Emma Trumpy and Bree Wagner.

Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated clothing items to people around the world.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, June 11 from 8a to 11a in Fellowship Hall (the church basement). We are looking for gently used clothing (clean and in good condition--no broken zippers, missing buttons, stains or tears). Please DO NOT bring anything before the day that we are collecting, as we do not have the storage space for items.

There is also a box set out in Fellowship Hall (the church basement--on the ledge where the stage used to be) for a Soap collection. As you do your weekly shopping, please pick up an extra bar of soap to donate to Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you for your support of Orphan Grain Train.

Save the Date for A Family Movie Night: Saturday, June 18, 2016

There will be a Family Movie Night in the school gym on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

Please join us for Saturday evening worship at 6p. After worship has ended, head directly over to the school gym for a fun, Family Movie. (Watch the weekly Opportunities to find out which movie we'll be showing.)

Because no movie night is complete without popcorn—there will be popcorn! Please bring a blanket to sit on and come to relax and enjoy some time with your family.

Summer Youth Activities

Youth Group Meetings

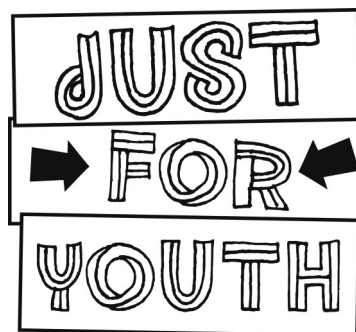
All Youth (those entering 5th grade thru Senior in High School) will meet every Sunday night in June, starting at 6p and going until 7:30p. We will start in the Youth Room of school and play fun games, have a Bible study, and enjoy Christian Fellowship.

In June we will be starting a new Bible Study discovering how different sweet confections (known to you as candy) can point to Christ and teach us different lessons. What can taffy, chocolate, mints, sour gummy worms, and more teach us about our God? Join us at Youth Group and find out. Friends are always welcome!

Youth Group Laser Tag

Join us for a Laser Tag Night on Saturday, June 11th in the School. This event will be from 5:30p to 10:30p. Sign up either in front of the Youth Room or on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) by May 29.

The cost is \$15 for the Laser Tag gun. We will have pizza for dinner. Please bring a shareable snack or drink.



Come Hang Out at VBS: Cave Quest!

This year's Vacation Bible School is set for August 1 thru August 5, 2016. We will meet each day from 8:30a to 11:30a. We welcome all children ages 3 years through eighth grade. So bring your friends and invite your neighbors!

Our theme this year is "Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World." Gear up for an over—the—top, underground adventure. Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.

Registration is now open online at www.stpaulsjanesville.com. Look under the Church tab to find VBS and the link to the registration form. Thank you for registering early, as this helps tremendously when planning for materials and supplies.

Official Acts

Baptism: 04-24-2016

Claire Diane Guse

Child of Joel & Patricia
(nee Stoneking) Guse.
Sponsors are Nicholas
& Nicole Dahnke.

Baptism: 04-30-2016

Brenson Michael

Bernard Schafer

Child of Ryan & Elise
(nee Sommerfeldt)
Schafer.
Sponsors are Shaun &
Salina Lane.

Deaths:

04-16 Harold E.
Bjornstad

05-09 Beverly
Knudson

Membership Changes:

05-02-2016

Paul A. & Barbara
Schultz transferred to
St. Michael Lutheran
Church, Fort Wayne,
IN.

Official Acts: Youth Confirmation

This year 28 students
confirmed their baptismal
vows and participated in their
first Holy Communion.

Saturday, May 14, 2016:

Robert Geddis Calderwood;
Drew Michael Cleaton; Jenna
Rae Cleaton; Trestin Daniel
Cone; Kyleigh Anne Cooper;
Noah Randall Miller;
Alexandra Jay Rodenberg;
Grace Anne Schnell; Amber
Corae Schoville; Zackary
Joshua Schoville; Adison May
Slama; Nicholas Michael
Stephens.

Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 8a:
Ryan Seth Hendrikson.

Sunday, May 15, 2016, at
10:30a: Julia Briona Boutelle;

Devin Blake Crumbliss; Lucille
Rosalia Jaloszynski; Alexis
Christine Johnson; Allison
Cierra Johnson; Abigail Marie
Kent; Aaron Joseph
Martinson; Samuel Karl
Murdy; Abbiagle Marie
Radtke; Hanna Rae Ruosch;
Cole David Ruthe; Jacob
Jeffrey Schumacher; Avanya
Lee Smith-Kooiman; Joshua
Jason Steinke; Jaiden Charles
Trotter.



Happy Father's Day: June 19



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Regular Worship Schedule:

Thursdays at 6:30p
Saturdays at 6p
Sundays at 8a & 10:30a

Letter from Our New Vicar

April 27, 2016

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Peace to you from our Risen Savior! Humbled with great joy, I accept the assignment as vicar to St. Paul's and joining you all in the ministry of Christ. Few men have the blessing before me of learning from a congregation so rich in history and love for the Gospel as St. Paul's, and I anticipate the continued guidance of Our Father through the coming year.

While there will be plenty of time for getting to know one another, please permit me a few "fun facts" for the time being: Before moving in 2003, Sun Prairie, WI was home. I will always throw a Frisbee on a warm day. My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 10:30 and I have one tattoo (my confirmation verse, Revelation 2:10, in Greek). Not a picky eater, my cooking ability starts and ends with a charcoal grill.

On a final note, let us continually lift our prayers for each other to our Lord God, who provides for all our needs. Praise to our Risen Savior and King!

In Christ, Ethan Spira

"The Best Yes"



Ladies, are you a little overwhelmed and a lot worn out? Are you drowning in your "To Do" lists? Do you dread saying "Yes", but feel powerless saying, "No"? Consider joining "The Best Yes" Bible Study on Tuesday mornings during June and July at 9a in room 202 of school, beginning June 14.

If interested, contact Kathy Pingel at kpingel@stpaulsjanesville.com or call 754-4471 ext. 222. The cost of the study is \$10.00. Books will be ordered on June 6, so please let us know if you will be participating in this study as soon as you can.