

The Monthly Herald ~ May 2023



Happy Mother's Day!

"Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things."
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

What a wonderful gift mothers are, without them we would not be around at all! They are the ones who give us life, and even in the very beginning of motherhood we get to witness true love for a child. A good mother is constantly laying down her life for her children, even sacrificing her own body, time and energy for them. No one is more patient and kind to us than our own dear and good mothers. We truly cannot thank God for mothers enough!

This motherly love is also a great reflection of the love that God has for us. He is patient with us, bearing with our mistakes. Teaching us how to walk and to grow up into the adult Christians he desires us to be! He even laid down his life for us, giving up his very body so that we could have life. But this life is even greater than the life mothers give. Every mother would wish everlasting life upon her child, but it is a gift she cannot give. However this is exactly the sort of life that Christ gives. What he earned on that cross, and given you in your baptisms is a life that can never be taken away. What a wonderful gift this is!

So this month let us give thanks to God for giving us eternal life, as well as for the Mothers who have also given us life. The weekend of May 13 and 14 we are having a special mothers day service where several of our youth will be helping in the service. They will be doing readings, singing songs and many more aspects of the service as a way to say thank you to God for giving us eternal life. They are also doing this as a way to serve you mothers in this act of service as we worship our God together. The services this weekend will look a little different as we are only doing a Saturday night service at 5:00, and one Sunday morning service at 9:00 am. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate God and Mothers, and the life that both provide through their sacrificial love.

God Bless,
Pastor Josh

Special Mother's Day Service

***May 13-14: 5pm Saturday
and 9am Sunday***

*Children will assist with
worship.*

*Food events to follow each
service in the Fellowship Hall*

Make plans to attend!!

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Breakfast - The "I AM" statements of Jesus in the Book of John

We have begun the study of the final I AM statement, "**I AM the Vine and you are the branches.**" The fruit we bear comes from the fruit of the vine of Christ's sacrifice as we partake of His holy supper. Apart from Christ Jesus, we can do nothing! When we abide in Him and His Word abides in us, we will bear much fruit!

We meet shortly before 7am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. In May we will meet on the 13th and 27th of the month. It's a great time of fellowship with the guys, eating a wonderful breakfast, and then read, studying, and inwardly digesting the truth of God's Word. There is always room for a couple of more!! 79th street doors are open.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – The Book of Psalms: Salvation in the 118th Psalm

We have recently looked at Psalm 116, prophetic of the Upper Room and the "Cup of salvation" as well as Psalm 22, which prophetically describes the anguish and suffering of Good Friday (vv. 1-21) and the "great assembly" which would gather to praise and worship the crucified One (vv. 22-31).

We are now in the midst of studying Psalm 118, the psalm prophetic of our salvation. It speaks of the "stone the builders' rejected becoming the cornerstone of God's temple. It contains those words we speak regularly in church, "This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." This psalm wonderfully proclaims the Lord's working of our salvation.

We meet at 9:15a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn to rejoice evermore in the salvation of our Lord. There will be no Bible Class on May 14 (Mother's Day) as there will be just one service at 9am and Mothers' Day reception in the fellowship hall to follow. May 28 begins our summer schedule with no Bible class until the Sunday after Labor Day weekend.

Thursday Morning Bible Class: The Book of the Twelve

Pastor Josh is leading a study taking a summary look at the last twelve prophets of the Old Testament. We meet Thursdays at 10:00am; there is always some wonderful treats and great fellowship among God's people. Come and join us!



YOU'RE INVITED to celebrate St. Paul's New Playground on Friday, May 12th starting at 3:30pm.

Pastor Josh will give a short devotion at 3:45pm which will be followed by dinner from a local food truck, music and activities. Let's celebrate this exciting new addition to St. Paul's together!

Ladies Groups



Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Panther Pub in Greendale on Wednesday May 10th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

Come join us in the fellowship hall on the 1st, 3rd, or 5th Monday of the month. We are there 9am until 11:30am.

Quilting dates for May thru July are:

May – 1st and 15th

June – 5th and 26th

July – 3rd, 17th and 31st

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please call or text Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

Ladies Guild

We invite all the ladies of the church to attend our upcoming meeting in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm, May 22, 2023. This will be our last meeting before summer break. Our March speaker had to be rescheduled to our May meeting. Join us for potluck and to hear Lydia Beasley talk about the SOS Center.

For additional information you can contact Toni Dunn at cell, text, 414-335-3553 or tdunnusa@outlook.com OR Dawn Ziolecki at cell, text, 414-841-6097 or dzwolf2012@gmail.com



May 4th

National Day of Prayer 3:00 – 6:00pm

May 7th

Anniversary & Farewell Celebration

May 12th

Playground Celebration 3:30pm

May 13th

CPR Training

May 13th & 14th Special Mother's Day Event

May 18th

Confirmation Questioning

May 21st

Junior Confirmation



St. Paul's, get ready to have some fun as your church hosts

**A Place of Refuge's annual fundraiser
LifeWalk '23 on June 10th at 10:00**

If you are going to walk in LifeWalk, simply ask your friends and family to sponsor you as you walk a little over a mile and help mothers who are in

crisis pregnancies and their children who are Jesus' lambs. You can preregister for the walk on A Place of Refuge's Website: www.aplaceofrefuge.org - Volunteers needed both to walk and to help with the event. Contact Toni Dunn or Pastor Josh to sign up.

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Subscribe to our channel! Watch our worship services and devotions! We will have worship services on-line for about 6 months and special services (Christmas, Easter etc) for 1 year.



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulwa/> Access Facebook for church and school updates, video announcements, school chapels, and devotions!



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Visit our Website! www.splcwa.org Support our ministry through online giving! Stay up-to-date on our activities!

Our weekend worship services are broadcast on TWO radio stations each Sunday at 8:00am. "JOY" 1340 AM and 98.7 FM

National Day of Prayer

May 4, 2023

Join us on the National Day of Prayer
for a Prayer Vigil.

Church will be open from 3:00 – 6:00pm

Anniversary and Farewell Celebration

May 7th at Noon

Sign up at the Welcome Center or by the elevator.

Join us as we celebrate special anniversaries of our church family and staff members, retirements and farewells.



Sharing God's Bounty

God's Draft Choices

Two of the most highly watched sporting events on television are not when teams or athletes are competing against each other; rather they involve the drafting of players for the National Football League (NFL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams. For many hours, fans of professional sports will watch intently to see whom their favorite teams will draft.

Most of us won't be drafted by professional football or basketball teams, but, as Christians, we receive a greater calling. We, in essence, are God's draft choices. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16). God has made us a part of his team. We are not chosen by God because we are successful in our careers, great athletes, or wealthy. God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. *"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things ... and the things that are not ... to nullify the things that are"* (1 Corinthians 1:27-28).

Through faith, we understand that we are among the foolish and weak through whom God carries on his life-saving work. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). God entrusts us ... clay jars ... with this treasure ... the Gospel. Even though we are frail and unworthy of our tasks, God has chosen us to carry his message of love to the world. As humble people of faith, we are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He transforms and molds us. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God who does the drafting and the changing. Through faith, we will stay on God's team, and we will bear the fruit that he calls us to bear.

The professional athletes who are drafted are expected to perform. They are paid large sums of money to do very athletic things. As God's chosen people, we may not receive large compensation, but our benefits are out of this world! Therefore, we are eager to use our lives and resources in God's service for his glory. Paul wrote, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). What a privilege it is to be part of and serving on God's winning team!

If Jesus walked up to you and said: "Come follow me ... I have a lot of work to do and I really need your help," would you tell him to get lost because you are just too busy in your pursuit of personal possessions and worldly comfort? Every day is a time to reflect on all that God has given you and a time to share and care about others. Have you given any consideration to helping Jesus carry out his works in your own church?



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

Youth News

Dear Parents, Friends & Families,

We are kicking off our **GOOD CLEAN FUNDRAISING Laundry Detergent/Softener Fundraiser** and are asking for your support. This Fundraiser will go to send our Youth to Idaho so they can serve God's people there!



Everyone knows how EXPENSIVE laundry detergent/softener can be. Here is a chance to actually save money and support your school/organization at the same time by purchasing products that we all need/use. Our 5-gallon buckets are 640oz (4oz. under 7 of the 92oz family sizes at the store – some Brands used to be 100oz.) of Detergents, Softeners, and Dish Soaps come with a convenient dispensing pump. That is almost half the price of the brand names you are already buying from your local stores.

Detergent Pod-Packs (180ct), Dishwasher (200ct) Pod-Packs - smaller pail w/handle
Krystals - in-wash Scent Booster (lg plastic jug 8-9 lbs.).

ALL products are \$49.95 with a 100% money back satisfaction guarantee.

You can use our convenient Online Ordering (\$2 processing fee). A convenient and easy way to order and support the organization.

We sometimes feel guilty about asking to purchase candy bars, candles, magazines, etc. but **THIS** is a fundraiser that will benefit everyone involved.

Please help spread the word to your family & friends, talk to your neighbors, co-workers, relatives, etc. It's almost unfair if we don't share this deal with everyone we know.

PLEASE support our organization and order today... a WIN-WIN for everyone!

Order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex and in the elevator room. Deadline to order is May 15.

If you have any questions, please contact – Cindy Lee at (419) 790-4756 or email support@goodcleanfundraising.com. Or Pastor Josh at (608) 290-9837
www.goodcleanfundraising.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Two opportunities for financial aid/scholarships for church worker students

KORN Scholarship Fund for College Students Preparing for Church Work

The Korn Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church assists students financially who are preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Applications are available in the church office. Please return applications to the church office **by June 1st**.

South Wisconsin District Financial Aid applications are **due May 15**. Anyone attending a Concordia University or Seminary, is a member of an LCMS congregation in the SWD and is preparing to be a full-time church worker (pastor, teacher, deaconess, DCE/DCO, DFLM, DPM, lay minister) is encouraged to apply. There are two applications required (District Financial Aid Application and Personal Aid Application). Visit the SWD website – swd.lcms.org/resources/student-aid-applications/.

Groundwork Guatemala

A letter from a recent graduate sponsored by St. Paul's:

Keny Abel Peque Santos

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

First of all, I thank God and you for the great blessing that came into my life in this year, 2022. Without a doubt, the scholarship has been a great help to me and my family. My parents no longer had a burden anymore. I managed to finish not only one more school year but also finish my high school studies because of your blessing of support in my school supplies, school fees and other things.

I thank you for believing in me and trusting me by giving me this help knowing that I would get ahead from day one. Thank you for your great unconditional support towards me. When I received the scholarship, it was a great joy for me to know that I was chosen by you among many young people. You decided to help me so that I could continue with my studies. It was a very nice decision on your part for your sacrifice that you made for me to be able to move forward, not only in education, but also to be able to help my parents by taking one more weight off them to be able to make our economic situation improve.

You gave me this help without expecting anything in return and thank you with all my heart because not everyone does these works. Now thanks to you I can also continue on my path to find a job and start college. Without a doubt you were a great blessing from God. Thank you very much for taking me into account and putting your trust in me. This work that you did with me motivates me to be able to continue studying to achieve my goals and to also be able to help my parents. I am here in my gratitude and will be praying for you who were a great blessing in my life and in that of my family. I will do this from my heart. I will pray for your health. May God always be with you and keep you from all evil because, not only for me, but for more young people you are a great blessing in their lives for giving help without expecting anything in return. I hope the Lord Jesus always makes your hearts places that are a blessing to other people and bring happiness wherever He allows you. May God bless you always and may you have a very prosperous life that you lack nothing in your home, my beloved St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Blessings.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57

*Because of St. Paul's generous support of Groundwork Guatemala, we are able to sponsor 4 additional children. **A note from Groundwork:** The following four children and their families will now have their lives changed because of St. Paul's support in addition to Cristino, Nashly and Yovany.*

- 1. Idania Sarahi - 3rd grade*
- 2. Jorge Elias - 2nd grade. He is Nashly's cousin.*
- 3. Sergio Fernando - 7th grade.*
- 4. Adrian Alexandro - 7th grade*

These 7 children will be so blessed by St. Paul's support this year.

You're invited to LifeFest!

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Hyatt Regency
333 W. Kilbourne Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis.
Noon to 2 p.m.

Join LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison for LifeFest, where we will be celebrating the one-year anniversary of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade and the Life Ministry efforts of LCMS congregations. During the event, attendees also will solemnly remember the tragic loss of life that occurred during the nearly 50 years that Roe v. Wade was the law of the land.

There will be live music as well as refreshments and light snacks. LifeFest is free to attend, but registration is required and space is limited.

RSVP at https://www.lcms-life.org/need/detail/?need_id=781650

ROCK OF AGES

Classic Car and Bike Show

Saturday June 10th 9:00am – 3:00pm

At Blessed Savior Lutheran Church 15250 W. Cleveland Ave. – New Berlin



*As a sister LCMS congregation, we offer this opportunity for fun and fellowship!
Please attend our car and bike show, or better yet, bring your car and join in the fun!*

For more information see the flyer in the narthex stairwell.

Please support the New Berlin Food Pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item.

Vacation Bible School

Join us June 19th-23rd for Vacation Bible School! The fun begins at 9am and goes till noon. Children will enjoy bible stories, craft time, games, a snack and many more exciting activities! All students going into 4k-6th grade are invited to attend. Register your child/children at vbspro.events/p/5ec445
Contact Natalie Romano with any questions. naromano0103@gmail.com



Stellar-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

vbspro.events

Board of Missional Community

The Board of Missional Community is looking for donations to help support City Light's event "New to ME" this summer where parents & caregivers will be able to pick up what they need for the kids in their care! We are accepting new or gently used clothing, shoes and books for children ages 0-5 years. Donations can be made at the ECC from 1-3pm Monday-Friday or before or after church services in the Narthex through June 4th! Thank you for your support!

