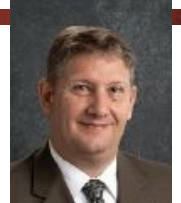


THE Journey

Pastor's Letter



Welcome Worship

By Pastor Ben Golisch

Imagine you are shopping for a new car. The first dealership you visit, the cars are dirty. The parking lot is dark and uneven. The building is old. At first, no one notices you. Then, once spotted, the salesman hounds you. He tells you how bad your current car is and how much better "this car" is. You eventually move into the showroom and the carpet is dirty. There are papers everywhere. And the salesman tries to pressure you into making a deal. How likely are you to buy a car from there?

Then you go to a different dealership. The cars are washed and detailed. The parking lot is well lit and in good order. Shortly after arriving, a salesperson greets you, asks what you are looking for and shows you to that area. She gives you space to look but stays nearby in case you have any questions. When you enter the showroom, things are neat and clean and well maintained. She remains friendly

and informative without pressuring you or making you feel dumb about what you don't know. How likely are you to buy a car now?

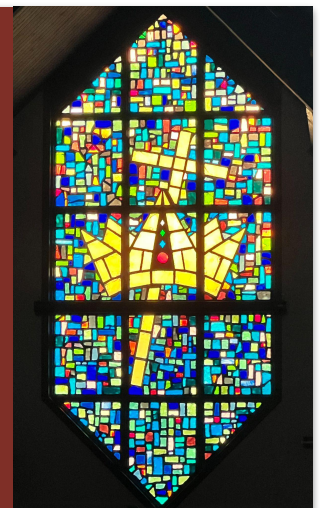
In the end, price, car and value may tip the scales one way or the other, but the experience can go a long way toward making the sale.

Here in God's house, we are not "selling" Jesus. But a first impression can make a difference. A person's worship experience goes a long way toward one's return or not. How awful it would be if you do the work, you put in the time to share your faith, you invite a friend and have them show up only to be treated poorly! How badly you would feel. Worse, all that work would be seemingly for nothing, worse than nothing. Therefore, it is important for us as a congregation to make our worship as positive an experience as we can.

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Important Dates:

- Tues, Feb 6, 5:30 to 7:00 pm = Little Learners Open House
- Wed, Feb 14, 4:00 & 6:30 pm = Ash Wednesday Services
- Wed, Feb 14, 5:00-5:45 pm = Lenten Dinner
- Wed, Feb 21, 4:00 & 6:30 pm = Midweek Lenten Services
- Wed, Feb 21, 5:00-5:45 pm = Lenten Dinner
- Sun, Feb 25, 7:45 am & 10:30 am = KML Choir Services in the gym
- Wed, Feb 28, 4:00 & 6:30 pm = Midweek Lenten Services
- Wed, Feb 28, 5:00-5:45 pm = Lenten Dinner



Pastor's Letter (Continued)

So, how do we do this? There are lots of things that could be said, but let me boil it down to a few key things:

First, make sure people know where they are going. Which parking lot? Which door? We have a sign at our entrance that helps. For special services, we sometimes have members directing people where to park. For events like a funeral, we put up signboards. These are all good steps.

Second, when people do enter the building, are they greeted? Are they made to feel welcome? Do they know where to go? This is the reason for our greeter program, to accomplish all three. However, this can't be limited to the greeters. Every member is to be welcoming, and ushers assist in directing people where to go and where they can sit. Is the church clean? What is the mood? How is the lighting? These are things we have addressed and are working on. Also, remember that some people want to be noticed; others prefer anonymity. Be sensitive to each.

Third, is the service easy to follow and laid out logically? Is the message understandable? Does it touch the heart? Is it memorable? Again, we do things

to try and make these a reality. It's the reason for the PowerPoint and the Path of Worship. As far as memorable and meaningful, well, that's up to the pastor or preacher for the day. By the way, statistics show that the sermon is the number one reason why a person comes back. I pray that I/we measure up.

There are other things worth noting: a nursery/cry room; the role of children; the friendship registry; refreshments; etc. These all play a role in people feeling welcome or not. Also, a person's preconceived notions have an effect. Often one finds what they are looking for, positively or negatively.

I have to say that from what I've heard from others, we are doing a pretty good job at this. Sometimes, there are things beyond our control (rain, snow, a bulb going out, etc.). Still, it's important that we do our best. And, it is important to follow up when we can, but that's for next month.

By the way, would it surprise you if I told you that we had over 500 visitors to worship at St. Paul last year? 600? More? I hope you see the value in a Welcome Worship.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1

SPECIAL NOTICE: After evaluating our summer attendance, the Church Council has recommended that this summer we go to ONE SUNDAY SERVICE at 9:00am instead of two at 7:45 & 9:30am. (This does NOT impact the Thursday evening service.) The reasons for this are smaller Sunday attendance over the summer, an opportunity for greater fellowship among Sunday attendees, and modest cost-savings. If you have a strong opinion about this, either way, please speak to Pastor or one of the Church Council members. We do not want to cause anyone offense or present any undue hardship. Therefore, we want to allow plenty of time for feedback before finalizing this. Thank you!

Door Offering: St. Paul Christian Aid Fund

There are times and circumstances where members of our congregation or community need special help. Typically, we direct them to the Slinger Food Pantry, but sometimes that's not the help they need. The St. Paul Christian Aid Fund exists for that reason. There were a couple of times this past year where it was necessary to dip into these funds and help. The door offering for this month goes toward that fund. If you or someone you know is in such need, please speak with Pastor Golisch.

Membership Updates

- Eleanor Claire Fluegge was born and baptized.
- Judy Schultz died and entered eternal glory.

Worship Opportunities

Thurs. at 6:30 pm and Sun. at 7:45 am and 10:30 am (Communion on the 2nd and 4th weekends)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Wed. at 10:30 am & 6:00 pm; Sunday at 9:10

Monthly - Worship / Preachers / Themes

February Worship

- **February 1 + 4** = Epiphany: Refreshed and Restored (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- **February 8 + 11** = Epiphany: The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- **February 15+18** = Tested and Approved (Sr. Vicar Zac Meier)
- **February 22** = Denial and Cross (Pastor Ben Golisch)
- **February 25** = KML Choir Service in the gym

Worship notes:

Because Easter comes earlier this year, the season of Epiphany is short. Lent begins February 14. (Yes, Ash Wednesday falls on



Valentine's Day.) Our midweek theme is **God on Trial**. The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus. This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

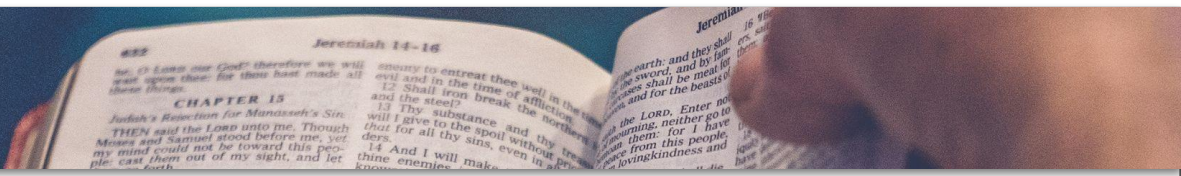
Since Crown of Life, Hubertus, decided to go it alone this year, we have partnered with the four congregations on the western side of our circuit (Bethany, Hustisford; St. Matthew, Iron Ridge; St. Paul, Neosho; and Trinity, Huilsburg).

Here is the Lenten schedule:

- **Wed, Feb 14, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Ash Wednesday (Communion) = Pastor Golisch
- **Wed, Feb 21, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Midweek Lent 2 = Pastor Kesting (St. Paul, Neosho)
- **Wed, Feb 28, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Midweek Lent 3 = Sr. Vicar Meier (*Pastor Golisch @ Iron Ridge*)
- **Wed, Mar 6, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Midweek Lent 4 = Pastor Loescher (Bethany, Hustisford) (*Pastor Golisch @ Hustisford*)
- **Wed, Mar 13, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Midweek Lent 5 = Pastor Mose (St. Matthew, Iron Ridge)
- **Wed, Mar 20, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Midweek Lent 6 = Pastor Drake (Trinity, Huilsburg) (*Pastor Golisch @ Neosho & Huilsburg*)
- **Thu, Mar 28, 4:00 & 6:30pm** = Maundy Thursday (Communion) = Pastor Golisch
- **Fri, Mar 29, 1:30 & 6:30pm** = Good Friday = Pastor Golisch
- **Sun, Mar 31, 6:30, 9:00 & 10:30am** = Easter Sunday = Pastor Golisch

Every three years, the KML choir comes to St. Paul to sign. This is our year! (Due to our 150th Anniversary, they blessed us in song last year as well.) Therefore, the February 25th services will be in the gym. The Thursday evening service that week will be a regular service.

Bible Classes

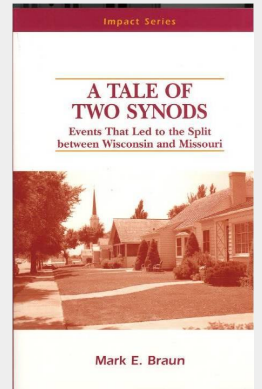


SUNDAYS: 9:10-10:10am in the Commons

February 4, Pastor Golisch concludes his eight-week series on Paul’s letter to the Philippians: A Joyful Partnership in the Gospel. We will look at final encouragements.



Then we start a new series called *A Tale of Two Synods* taught by Dr. Mark Braun of WLC, based on his book of the same name. The WELS can look back on the 1961 split with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a defining moment for its little, conservative church body. Since then, the WELS has assumed a new profile and distinction in the history of conservative American Lutheranism. This study will look at the history of our relationship with the Missouri Synod, the gathering storm, how fellowship became *the* issue, a sterner kind of love and admonition, and the fallout from this. Finally, Dr. Braun will share what has happened since 1961, which could become a second book for him.



Here is the breakdown:

- 2/4/24 = Final Encouragements (A Partnership in Joy)
- 2/11/24 = A Tale of Two Synods (Dr. Mark Braun)
- 2/18/24 = A Tale of Two Synods (Dr. Mark Braun)
- 2/25/24 = A Tale of Two Synods (Dr. Mark Braun)
- 3/3/24 = A Tale of Two Synods (Dr. Mark Braun)
- 3/10/24 = A Tale of Two Synods (Dr. Mark Braun)

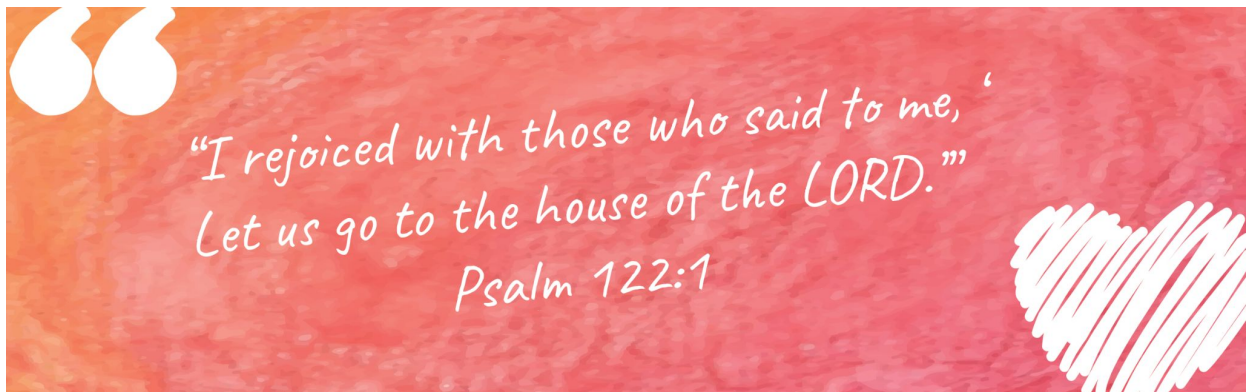
WEDNESDAYS: 10:30-11:30am in the Commons

This month we concluded our walk through the **Gospel of John**, with the final three chapters, which include the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. After Easter, we will likely begin our next series, the book of **Judges**.



BIBLE BASICS, SATURDAYS: 10:30-11:30am in the Upper Conference Room

The Wednesday class has concluded. In January, we started a new **Bible Basics** Class which meets Saturday mornings. Watch for weekly notices for what lesson is being taught.



Israel Trip

Back in September/October, I began promoting a congregational trip to Israel for those who were interested. (There was expressed interest over the summer.) Then war broke out in Gaza. Tours were cancelled or put on hold. Since our tour was not until January of 2025, there was little impact other than uncertainty.

In January, I received this update from the head of our tour company:

“Airline travel has resumed. ... Our first groups are scheduled to travel to Israel this coming March 2024. We realize not all of our groups may feel comfortable traveling this Spring. Some of these groups have opted to postpone their travels to the Summer or Fall of 2024 once travel has resumed a sense of “normalcy”. We understand that everyone has a different perspective, and we respect this, so if you feel that your group is not comfortable with traveling to Israel during it’s currently scheduled timeline, our office is happy to postpone your travels to new dates, or even to an alternative destination.

As I write to you personally, and this may be me speaking candidly, if I did not feel that it was safe to

travel, I would be among the first to advise you to make alternative arrangements. As you may already know, I am scheduled to travel to Israel at the end of this month for a quick visit to check up on our hotels, guides, partners, and friends as well as to assess the situation first-hand before sending groups. If you know me well this will likely come across as repetitive, but I would not be sending groups to Israel unless it was truly safe. When I say “safe”, what I mean is that the children going back to school, the parks are full of families and laughter, theatres are packed with the newest showings, the local markets are bustling; you get the picture. ... These things are already happening.”

We have had people sign up. If you sign up by March 10, you receive \$75 off the trip. You can register online at: RegisterNow.ittworld.com using the tour code **Golisch25**. All that is needed is a \$500 deposit at this time. (See full details in the brochure in the narthex.) If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. They will have an update on their website soon.

Wish List & Improvements Updates

- The stained-glass window protection project: The goal is to replace the discolored plastic exterior panels for the large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. Besides the aesthetics, this will also help with our heating and air conditioning costs. (You can feel the cold coming down from the windows on the front altar.) With money from our 151st Anniversary collection, we should have enough to fully fund the project. We are currently waiting for an updated bid. Watch for a Voters Meeting to come in the near future to approve the expenditure. (WL)
- Because of the roof project, the soil erosion issue on the northwest side of the upper parking lot has been put on hold. Perhaps we can tackle it in 2024. (M – budgeted)

Once the stained-glass project is completed, we will re-evaluate our wish list and re-prioritize the projects.

Key: WL = Wish List Items, I = Higher-Cost Improvements, M = Maintenance Items

Church Mortgage Progress and Update

As of January 1, 2024 our church mortgage balance stands at \$654,880.27. Our monthly loan payment is \$5,454.00.

Due to the great generosity of several congregational members (using red special offering envelopes which are applied to principal over and above the usual loan payment) we have seen a rapid decline in our loan liability.

- December 2022 we received an additional \$8,685.00 towards principal
- January 2023 we received an additional \$3,682.50
- February 2023 we received an additional \$5,195.00

- March 2023 we received an additional \$3,715.00
- April 2023 we received an additional \$4,125.00
- May 2023 we received an additional \$3,980.00
- June 2023 we received an additional \$5,090.00
- July 2023 we received an additional \$4,715.00
- August 2023 we received an additional \$3,790.00
- September 2023 we received an additional \$3,975.00
- October 2023 we received an additional \$4,110.00
- November 2023 we received an additional \$655.00
- December 2023 we received an additional \$1,775.00

Many thanks to all who continue to bless our church with these gifts. Our congregation is truly blessed.

Fellowship

Lenten Dinners: Lent begins February 14. Different groups have again volunteered to host these six dinners. They are every Wednesday from 5:00-5:45pm. Participants are asked to sign up weekly. Also, the groups typically provide the main dish. Members are asked to bring some side dish or dessert, if they are able. These meals offer a wonderful time for fellowship within the congregation.

Movie Night: Watch in next month’s newsletter for a possible Movie Night showing *The Passion of the Christ*. The movie is a powerful portrayal of the Thursday evening to Friday evening of Holy Week. We’ll have an opportunity to discuss the movie and answer any questions you might have. For now, the date and time are still to be determined.

Card Game Night: On Saturday, January 20 several members got together for a fun afternoon of games and fellowship. We played Sheepshead, Uno, Cribbage, Sequence, Golf and Phase 10. Lots of fun had by all. Here are a bunch of pictures from that afternoon.



Wreaths Across America – December 2023

Wreaths Across America is a program to honor deceased veterans from all wars. There are three Civil War Veterans in the St Paul Cemetery. On Saturday December 16th, wreaths were laid at their graves. As each wreath was laid, the veteran’s name was said, and a script was read honoring their service. The cost for the wreaths is covered entirely by donations from the public.



As seen in the picture, there was no snow on the ground the day of the ceremony. In less than a month, the cemetery turned into a wintry scene. On Friday January 12th, fourteen inches of snow fell, followed by subzero temperatures.



CFC-Carport Roof Replacement Complete

The roof replacement was completed before Christmas, but due to weather conditions the scrap material from the project could not be removed until Tuesday December 26th. The project’s total cost was \$113,850 for CFC and chapels carport roof replacement. With the wonderful gifts from the congregation and the Federal Employee Retention Tax Credit over half of the project’s cost has been paid for. The remainder of the expense will be covered by a second mortgage through Thrivent Financial which was approved at a special voters meeting on September 18th.



WELS Home, World, and Joint Missions

Year in Review – 2023

20 
 NEW HOME MISSION STARTS
 AND ENHANCEMENTS APPROVED

145
 HOME MISSION
 CONGREGATIONS SUPPORTED

 **100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS**
WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033
 10% OF THE WAY TOWARD
 OUR GOAL

5
 HOME MISSIONS LAUNCHED
 PUBLIC WORSHIP OR DEDICATED
 NEW BUILDINGS

 **40+**
 CAMPUS MINISTRIES SUPPORTED
 THROUGH HOME MISSIONS

29 
 CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRIES
 SUPPORTED THROUGH
 HOME MISSIONS

64
 COUNTRIES WHERE WORLD
 MISSIONS CONDUCTS OR
 IS EXPLORING GOSPEL OUTREACH

44 
 WORLD MISSIONARIES

 **ACADEMIA CRISTO**
Aquí tu paz

 **55**
 HMONG PASTORS GRADUATED
 IN VIETNAM

6 
 NEW WORLD MISSION
 FIELDS BEING EXPLORED;
 SENEGAL APPROVED

39 INDIVIDUALS ACCEPTED
 CALLS TO BE CHURCH
 PLANTERS IN
 LATIN AMERICA

72 
 LOCATIONS ACTIVE IN CROSS-CULTURAL
 OR PEOPLE-GROUP MINISTRIES

2 VIETNAMESE PASTORAL STUDIES
 INSTITUTE STUDENTS GRADUATED
 AND BEGAN LEADING MINISTRY

9 NEW MISSIONARIES/TEACHERS
 COMMISSIONED AT
 TASTE OF MISSIONS 2023

Taste of MISSIONS **JUNE 15,
 2024**

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR TASTE OF MISSIONS
 IN MEQUON, WIS.

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WELS Christian Aid and Relief update

Please follow us at fb.com/WELSChristianAidAndRelief for updates.

In Christ, our compassionate Savior, Pastor Dan Sims



WELS Campus Ministry

If you are entering college or are in college already, please sign up with WELS Campus Ministry so we can share your information with your local campus pastor and send/e-mail you free copies of Meditations devotions and Forward in Christ magazine. <https://data.wels.net/CampusMinistry/CampusMinistry>.

WELS Together e-Newsletter:

<https://wels.net/news-media/together/>

WELS/ELS Singles Group Activities

Hi Friends! If you have information or an upcoming event you'd like us to know about, you can certainly email us at wels.els.singles@gmail.com. To see a list of all the events go to. [WELS & ELS Singles | Facebook](#). If you have single friends who are members of the WELS or ELS and would like to be on this email list, they can sign up at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe.

KMLHS Updates



Join Us for Shrek The Musical at KML

Tickets are NOW ON SALE at kmlhs.org/theatre for KML's production of *Shrek The Musical!** Performances are at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Friday & Saturday, February 16 & 17 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 PM. All tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Online ticket sales for all shows end at 11:59 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Tickets will also be

sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. We can't wait to share with you "the greatest fairy tale never told!"

*Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and Book by William Steig. Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Music by Jeanine Tesori. Originally Produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions.

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Friday, February 16 & Saturday February 17
7:00 PM

Sunday, February 18
2:00 PM

Church Library

The St. Paul Library is located off the church entry. Materials are available for all ages to check out including Christian contemporary topics, adult and child fiction, religious reference books, study guides, and DVDs.

This past month seventeen books have been added to our library including topics for adults and children.

Featured book selections include:

Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart

Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk

How to relate to those who are suffering

"Built on a solid biblical foundation and brimming with God's grace, Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart overflows with practical examples and specific suggestions about what to say or do and what not to say or do. It will touch your heart, expand your thinking, and guide you in bringing Christ's loving care to hurting people when they need need it most."

Promises from God's Word Baker Books

"When you need to be reminded of God's steadfast faithfulness, Promises from God's Word will lift your spirits and encourage you to trust in God. It lists more than two thousand promises to believers recorded in Scripture, giving you assurance of God's strength and comfort in uncertain times. It is a treasure trove of guidance for daily challenges, covering topics from peace to perspective to forgiveness."

Supernatural Dr. Bruce Becker

Time of Grace Ministry

"The supernatural acts of God throughout Scripture reveal more than God's power; they show his deep love for his children, his unfathomable wisdom at work in our lives, and his commitment to see his purposes for our lives accomplished."

Up to Jerusalem John A. Braun

Devotions for Lent and Easter

"These 55 inspirational devotions tie together the four gospels and lead you through Jesus' journey to his suffering and final triumph in Jerusalem."

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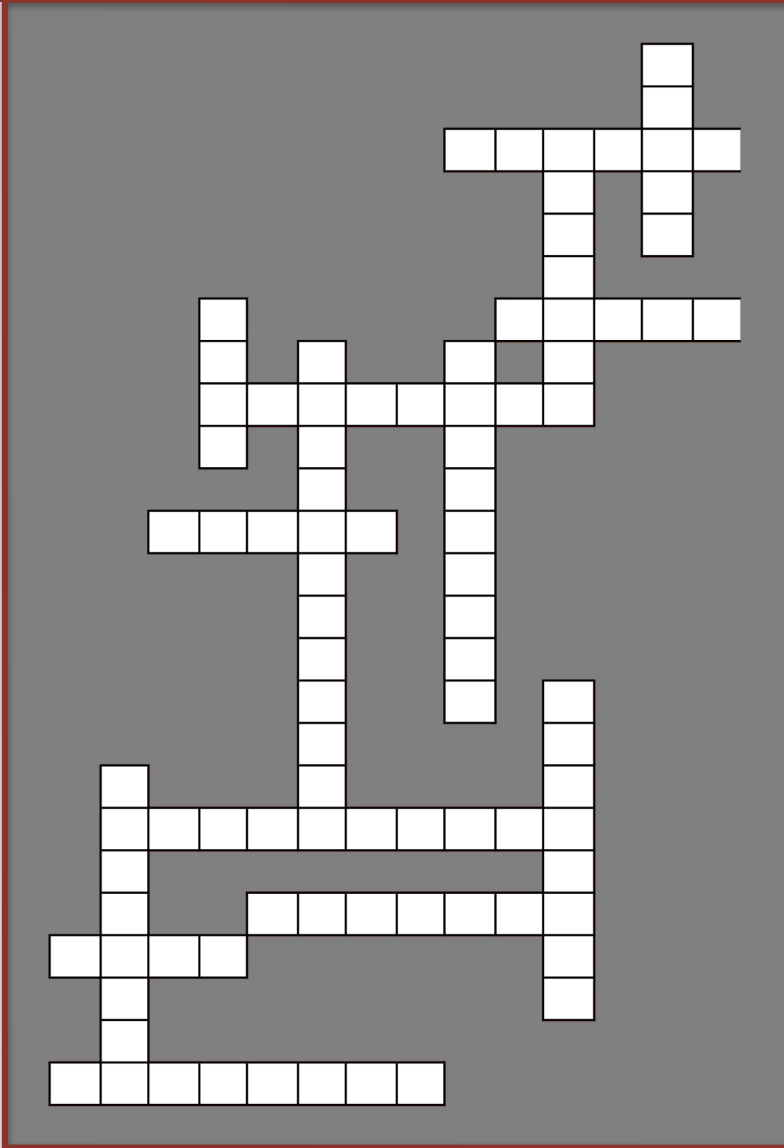
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WORD FILL-IN



Fill in the words:

4 Letters

HOPE

LENT

5 Letters

CREED

MERCY

TRIAL

6 Letters

DENIES

7 Letters

NUMBERS

TRINITY

8 Letters

BETRAYAL

PATIENCE

PROPHETS

FEBRUARY

9 Letters

LEVITICUS

10 Letters

AMBASSADOR

12 Letters

COMMANDMENTS

Bible Trivia

Test your Bible knowledge with a little Bible trivia. See page 14 for the answers.

1. What do we mean when we say that God is triune?
2. What season of the church year is between the Epiphany season and Easter during which we give special attention to Christ's suffering and death?
3. What is the color commonly used on the altar during the Lenten Season?



Little Learners

Childcare News:

Happy New Year! In January our Bible stories and songs were centered on Jesus' early life and the start of his ministry here on earth. We've been practicing singing, "L.O.V.E", "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam", and "Jesus Loves Me".

Sunshine and Rainbow groups have been enjoying the beginning of this year with stories, songs, art, and activities that involve snow, hibernation, and winter. In art, the Sunshine group enjoyed making snowy trees, 3D snowmen, and snowy art. We also learned about different vehicles in a



transportation week and what they do. We also painted with little cars and snowplows to practice sorting colors and finding letters. We also used them to dig in the sand and play snow. The Rainbow group has made snowy bear paintings, and snowy art. We are looking forward to painting with ice. We enjoyed having an ice exploration sensory activity by watching ice melt and then measuring how much water came from the ice. We used shape rulers to measure snowflake pictures, and count how tall we are on a snowman. We also practiced our counting and number recognition in a variety of games. In literacy, we've been practicing letter recognition and letter sounds with different games. We also practiced letter

matching. In science, we have been learning about snow and ice! We've also been having fun playing in our winter sensory bins. We've been observing the changes in the weather and talking about the importance of wearing our winter clothing outside to stay warm. Some favorite gross motor activities include playing in the snow, and "Don't Wake the Bear".

Staff updates:

In November, the School Administration Board approved splitting the Administrator and Director positions. Mrs. Lisa Meissner will remain as the Administrator and Mrs. Kaitlyn Beversdorf has taken on the position of Director. Mrs. Monica Taylor and Miss Rebecca Rusch are Assistant Directors. We congratulate and thank Kaitlyn, Monica and Rebecca for accepting these new positions and pray that God is with them and guides them in their duties.

Little Learners also welcomes Mrs. Atlanta Rash and Mr. Mitchell Pansing. They have recently joined the teaching staff in childcare. We are so glad to have you here with us!

Open house and fall preschool registration

Little Learners is having an open house on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Enter the upper parking lot, door A.

We are currently accepting applications for fall 3K and 4K preschool. Preschool begins in September. There are registration forms on the website and at the entrances to the church, preschool and childcare.

Email Lisa at littlelearners@stpaulslinger.org if you have any questions.

Little Learners (Continued)

3K News:

Last month the children enjoyed exploring a winter theme in the 3K classroom. A favorite activity was creating a special "S is for snowman" picture! Other 3K fun activities included playing in a snow themed sensory bin and reading winter themed books. Our Bible lesson theme for January was Jesus Heals. We talked about how Jesus always takes care of us. What a comfort that is! The children were also busy learning the words to the songs that we will be singing for you in church this spring. God's Blessings, Mrs. Jamie Herbst



4K News:

We spent the beginning of January talking about arctic animals and winter fun. We made several different snowfriends, painted penguins, and wrote about things that we like to do in the snow. We celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by talking about how God made each of us special. We learned about different kinds of transportation and made some neat looking cars and rockets. In our Bible stories we have been studying the miracles of Jesus. We remember through these stories that if Jesus can do all of these things He surely also takes good care of us! ~Mrs. Hennen



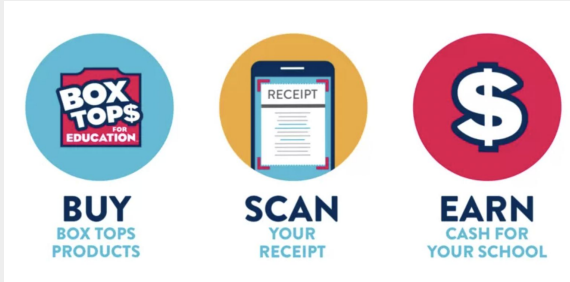
Sunday School News:

It seems the first half of our Sunday School year has come and gone quickly. During the months of November and December the children worked with eager anticipation preparing to present the Children's Christmas Eve service called "FOLLOW THE STAR". The service was a little bit different this year, but again showed the love our children have for the newborn Savior.

We resumed Sunday School on January 7, 2024. Our lessons from now until the close of Sunday School in May will cover New Testament lessons including the Passion of our Lord during the months of March and April.



Box Tops for Education



Don't forget to SCAN YOUR RECEIPTS within 14 days of purchase using the BoxTops phone app. **DO NOT CUT out the new blue label AND DO NOT PLACE IT in the school collection box.**

Sign up for free at BTFE.com or visit BTFE.com/FAQs with any questions you might have.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Link to ST PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL – use the 53086 zip code to locate our school's listing so we receive proper credit for the Box Tops through the app.

Care Committee

The Care Committee is here to warm your February with our desire to meet the needs of those we serve. During the winter months it can be a challenge to get out, to visit, to spend time with others. The Care Committee doesn't let the cold stop us, but rather the warmth of doing God's work keeps the fire going and keeps us on the move!

We are members of our St. Paul congregation and meet once a month. We are here to serve our St. Paul family members and stay connected. Serving as a committee member is a personal choice and a means to serve our LORD by helping others. We are excited about our visits and the connections we make. The Bible tells us, *"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* **Acts 20:35.**

Giving is not one size fits all. It can be an expression of gratitude, joy, a means to show our

love for God. Showing compassion and sympathy are ways of giving. Giving of your time to visit or send a card are ways to show our love for God by serving others. There is a growing need not just in the church, but throughout our extended church families and our community to reach out and provide support. This need is not limited to the "shut ins" or those unable to worship at church. It's a realization of the growing needs of the everyday caregiver, family member, co-worker, and friend that need support.

If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, a conversation, a card or a prayer, please contact the church office. We invite you to stop in and join us at any time. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, February 17th, 2024 at 9:00am in the CFC Commons (Fireside room). **For questions or more information about the committee please contact Mrs. Terri Garbers at 262-305-2894.**

Bible Trivia Answers

1. We mean that God is three persons yet one God (Trinity)
2. Lent
3. Ash Wednesday is Black/Purple, Sundays in Lent are Purple

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

Feb 1	Danielle Berndt	Feb 8	Jackie Toll	Feb 17	Sarah McLaughlin
Feb 1	Brian Jacklin	Feb 10	Penny Bamke	Feb 17	Harper Opetz
Feb 1	Becky Schall	Feb 10	Marshal Jutz	Feb 17	Kathy Roethle
Feb 2	Sabrina Hikade	Feb 10	Robert Zancig	Feb 17	Josh Schweitzer
Feb 2	Mitchell Jacklin	Feb 11	Rachel Quill	Feb 18	Dean Brazee
Feb 2	Hailee Margelowsky	Feb 12	Denise Johnson	Feb 18	Benjamin Swart
Feb 2	Christa Roethle	Feb 15	Karen Blank	Feb 20	John Waechter
Feb 4	Jayden Moldenhauer	Feb 15	Nathan Schneider	Feb 21	John Stern
Feb 6	Jenni Opetz	Feb 15	Kim Smessaert	Feb 24	Matt Wetherall
Feb 7	Madden Kell	Feb 16	Terry Austin	Feb 27	Steven Bukowiec
Feb 7	Nancy Schulz	Feb 17	Sawyer Boettcher		

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 1	Katie and Steve Harms (21)	Feb 28	Brian and Sara Jacklin (15)
Feb 3	Jeff and Beth Lighthizer (51)	Feb 28	Steve and Corrine Seidel (26)
Feb 14	Dennis and Carol Moehr (30)		

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Sundays ~ 7:45 & 10:30am

Thursdays ~ 6:30pm

Sunday School ~ 9:00am

Sunday Bible Class ~ 9:10am

Wed. Bible Class ~ 10:30am

Wed. Bible Basics ~ 6:00pm

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ABBREVIATION KEY:



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Epiphany 5 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G) (WELS Connection) (DO: St. Paul Christian Aid Fund)	2 9:15am Pastor/leads KML Chapel	3 10:00am Bible Basics Class
4 Epiphany 5 7:45/10:30am Worship (G) (WELS Conn.) (DO: St. Paul Christian Aid Fund)	5 10:00am Pastor's Circuit Mtg @ Peace 6:00pm Choir	6 LL Open House 5:30-7:00pm	7 8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 6:00pm Bible Basics Class	8 Epiphany 6 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G)	9	10 10:00am Bible Basics Class
11 Epiphany 6 7:45/10:30am Worship (G) 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Classes 6:30pm Foundations	12 6:00pm Choir 7:00pm KML Board Mtg	13 9:00am Executive Committee Mtg	14 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 4:00pm & 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Services (G) 5:00pm Lenten Supper	15 Lent 1 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (M)	16 9:00am Pastor-Student Mtg @ KML	17 8:00am Men of His Word Conference @ Oshkosh 9:00am Care Cmle Mtg. 10:00am Bible Basics Class
Communion						
18 Lent 1 7:45/10:30am Worship (M) 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Classes 6:30pm Foundations	19 6:00pm Choir	20	21 Midweek Lent 2 8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 6:00pm Bible Basics Class 4:00pm & 6:30pm Lenten Services (K) 5:00 Lenten Supper	22 Lent 2 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G)	23	24 10:00am Bible Basics Class
No Preschool						
25 Lent 2 7:45/10:30am Worship KML CHOR 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Bible Classes 6:30pm Foundations	26 6:00pm Choir	27	28 Midweek Lent 3 8:30am Staff Meeting 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 10:30am Bible Class (G) 6:00pm Bible Basics Class 4:00pm & 6:30pm Lenten Services (M) 5:00 Lenten Supper	29 9:45am/12pm LL Chapel 6:30pm Worship (G)		

G = Pastor Golisch Preaches/leads Class M = Sr. Vicar Zac Meier Preaches/leads Class K = Pastor Kesting Preaches LL = Little Learners DO = Door Offering
WELS = Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod