



The Pilot

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran

**"JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME
OVER LIFE'S TEMPESTUOUS SEA ...
CHART AND COMPASS COME FROM THEE:
JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME."**

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From the Pastor:

1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NIV)¹⁵ *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.* ¹⁶ *But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.*

GOD CAN WORK THROUGH YOU!

- Author unknown
Moses stuttered.
John Mark deserted Paul.
Timothy had ulcers.
Hosea's wife was a prostitute.
Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.

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Online Bible Study for Wednesdays

We have begun an online Bible study on Martin Luther and the Catechism. You can join us for any of the sessions that start at 7 PM sharp on Wednesdays for the next month. Remember the parts of the Catechism? Remember the "What does this mean?" portions that Luther wrote? Nothing like cracking open that old Catechism and seeing what kind of doodling you did in it while listening to the pastor ramble on (in a good way).

Information Boxes for all

All communicants will now have an information box with their name on it. If you are confirmed and older, check out your info box regularly. Might be some good stuff in it!

Progress continues

As you see the transformation of the north side of the fellowship hall, you will see it

opening up to a larger expanse that will serve our congregation for years to come. Painting should be almost complete by this weekend (Sept. 24-25). The remainder of the inside work will be electrical, mechanical, trim work, and carpeting. We thank Al and Lola Ledebur for donating the carpet and the installation. Outside work to be done includes the stucco finish, the brick wall on the front of the patio, the cross and the landscaping (including a sidewalk to go around to the back). Our loan has been approved by the Church Extension Fund. Continue to donate to the Building Fund (over and above your weekly offerings for the general work of the church). We will now be working at servicing the debt.

Fall work day

Once the building project is completed, we will schedule a work day to do some trimming of bushes around the church and

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Jacob was a liar.
David had an affair.
Solomon was too rich.
Jesus was too poor.
Abraham was too old.
David was too young.
Peter was afraid of death.
Lazarus was dead.
John was self-righteous.
Naomi was a widow.
Paul was a persecutor of the church.
Moses was a murderer.
Jonah ran from God's will.
Miriam was a gossip.
Gideon and Thomas both doubted.
Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.
Elijah was burned out.
John the Baptist was a loudmouth.
Martha was a worry-wart.
Noah got drunk.
Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse? So did Peter, Paul - well, lots of folks did.

But God doesn't require a job interview. He doesn't hire and fire like most bosses, because He's more our Dad than our Boss. He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced or partial, not judging, grudging, sassy, or brassy, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our need. God's gifts are free. We could do wonderful things for wonderful people and still not be. .
.Wonderful.

Satan says, "You're not worthy." Jesus says, "So what? I AM."
Satan looks back and sees our mistakes.
God looks back and sees the cross.
He doesn't calculate how you failed last year. It's not even on the record.
Sure, there are lots of reasons why God shouldn't have called us. But if we are in love with Him, if we hunger for Him, He'll use us in spite of who we are, where we've been, or what we look like!

I pray that as Christians, we will step out of our limitations into the limitless nature of who God is. Then our passion for God and our passion to communicate with Him will make mince-meat of our limitations.

Ladies' Fellowship

Ladies' Fellowship, an organization of the women of our congregation, meets the third Saturday of each

month for devotion, mission/service endeavors, special projects, prayer, wonderful fellowship, and much laughter. Our projects are sponsored through individual monthly donations, Thrivent Choice Dollars, and donations received at our annual Fall Bake, Craft, and Book Fair.

"Serve one another in love," (Galatians 5:13) serves as the basis for the group and is the foundation of our mission statement: *"To share the good news of Jesus Christ at home and around the world through support of mission work, outreach, prayer, fellowship and love."*

Beginning with this issue, our group would like to share some of the many ways we have been fulfilling this mission over the years. We hope these articles will help you better understand our purpose and will encourage ladies to attend our meetings (11:00 am meeting/potluck lunch at noon) and support our efforts.

Since 2007, the members of St. Paul Ladies' Fellowship have "serve(d) one another in love" by giving \$19,174 to support mission work "at home and around the world." In future issues we will share the numerous projects this money has supported. Stay tuned....

Mission work in Apacheland



My name is Pastor Tom Naumann and my wife is Alexis. I serve as missionary to the Apache people in Peridot and San Carlos, Arizona. In 1893 the first Wisconsin Synod missionaries were sent to Peridot, AZ, to serve the Apache people on the San Carlos Apache Reservation.

The first church built among the Apache people was in Peridot in 1903 and is still being used by the Peridot Lutheran Church congregation. A school was also built at that time for the Apache children. God's blessing on our ministry among the Apache people led to a second church, Grace Lutheran Church built in 1921 in what is now San Carlos. We worshipped in the building until 2004 when the Lord saw fit to open his gracious hands and provide us with a new church building that is about four times the size of the original one. The Lord has surely shown his grace and mercy on the Apache people with his Word as they are being built up as dwellings in which God lives by his Spirit. Please pray for your Apache brothers and sisters in faith, for blessings on the Apache church and for more leaders among the Apaches to teach and preach. To God be the glory!

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final touches to landscaping around our new addition. Information will come out as soon as we set a date.

Fall Quarterly Voters' Meeting and Open Forum

Our next meeting and open forum will be on Sunday, October 16 at 10:30 AM. Plan on attending and hearing reports from our various committees and Church Council.

Mission Statement update

The Council looked at some ideas for updating our mission statement. It is something we will continue to work on because we want to be clear in answering the question: "Why are we here?" What is our purpose? It needs to be simple and to the point so that we can remember it and others outside our church will understand it.

Craft, Bake and Used Book Fair

The Craft, Bake & Used Book Fair will be held before and after the worship service on Sunday, November 6th. An early announcement will hopefully encourage people to begin working on craft items, can their specialty items, and choose their favorite recipes for tasty bakery.

SCRIP (ie:gift cards)

The holiday season is upon us and we will be buying extra food and gifts. If giving a gift card, remember Scrip cards that benefit the church. Place your orders in the next month and you will have them in time to mail. A list of cards available is posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. On hand are the usual, Albertsons, Safeway, Walmart, & Sprouts. Restaurant cards currently on hand AppleBees, Chilie's Noodles, Village Inn & Wendys. The profit on Scrip cards so far this year is \$371.57.

Need more information, please contact Marie Neuberger on Sundays or call me anytime.



We welcome into membership the following:

Mrs. Ann Bizer, Harry and Marilynn Hall, and Mrs. Barbara Roder. May God bless them as they join us in worship and fellowship.

Evangelism/Outreach

The Council and Ladies' Fellowship discussed an evangelism outreach plan for next summer. The Council felt that in the past we've utilized help from Kingdom Workers or Martin Luther College students and it did not yield results. Plus with the time and manpower commitment that would be required of our members, it didn't seem feasible at this time.

But evangelism at St. Paul is not dead! Pastor will be seeking input from the members on where we should be heading with our outreach efforts and how to do it. So be thinking! He will catch you at a moment's notice.

Right now it seems that bulk mailing (mailing postcards/letters in selected routes and zip codes) is most cost and time effective. So we will continue that means in the future.

Luther Movie Night

On Sunday, October 30, we will be showing the original black and white movie about Martin Luther. "The original flim classic of Luther's life was released in theaters world-wide and nominated for two Academy Awards. The film traces his life from a guilt-burdened monk through the monumental events that led to a break with the Roman Church. This film is in black and white and retains the stirring impact for audiences today that it enjoyed upon its first release."

We hope to show it in our new fellowship hall addition. Bring your lawn chairs to relax in or if younger ones want to sit on the floor, bring pillows and blankets. Otherwise our comfortable padded chairs will suffice for most.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

The Pilot is a monthly newsletter of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Articles are to be submitted to the editor by the 10th of each month. Pastor Strong serves as editor. The Pilot serves to inform St. Paul members of the events that are taking place in our congregation. Keeping the communication lines open is very important. Your comments are welcomed. St. Paul Web Page location is www.stpaulgj.org. You may e-mail at pastorstrong@stpaulgj.org or church@stpaulgj.org

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