



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:

Philemon 4 (NIV) *"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers."*

Being thankful takes on so many meanings. How about being thankful for the people God has placed in your life? Who are those people? What have they done for you? On television, movie stars, producers, etc. receive rewards and some of them spend countless minutes thanking every person with whom they ever have come into contact (so I've been told... don't watch those shows). While you could identify every person in your life, it might be easier to purposely identify a particular person or persons every day and thank the Lord for that particular person on that day. One day may be for your parents. The next day your children. The next day your relatives. The next day your neighbors. The next day your co-workers and place of employment. And that continues on. That way you can concentrate more on why you are thankful to the Lord for

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Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study is on recess until after Christmas. With a number of conflicts and Advent Services coming up, we felt we can wait until after Christmas to restart.

Fellowship Hall Addition Dedication

On Sunday, November 20, we dedicated our new addition. Many hours and people were involved in the planning and building and finishing. We thank the Lord for the craftsmanship and dedication that went into this addition to the glory of God.

Advent 2016

This year our series of Wednesday Advent services will delve into a few of the more familiar Christmas Scripture readings from the book of Isaiah. Advent starts on November 30 at 7:00 PM and goes for 3 weeks. We will have a soup supper prior to the worship service starting at 6 PM. Join us in preparing hearts for the birthday of Jesus.

Help decorate church for the Christmas season

Church decorating will take place on Sunday, November 27 immediately following the worship service. Come and help us prepare for celebration of Jesus' birthday.

Christmas for Kids

We will have a one day Vacation Bible School program on Saturday, December 17 from 1 to 4 PM. We want to encourage parents with children to bring them in for a few hours while parents can get out and do some Christmas shopping. If you would like to help out, please contact the pastor.

Special Christmas Concert:

The Branches Band will provide a concert for us on Wednesday, December 21 beginning at 7 PM. This band is made up of a Christian husband and wife who play various instruments and sing Christian

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particular people in your life. And that may lead you to be more appreciative of them. It will give you the opportunity to see just how God works in your life. Take the time to thank the Lord for those around you. For without them, you wouldn't be where you are today.

Mission work in Colorado

Remember to Pray for... all home missions as they lay foundations in their communities and lay leader who work to open doors for gospel outreach.

Carbon Valley Lutheran is new on the block and many of our blocks are new. Planted in a growing region known as Carbon Valley, our members are working to share the gospel in our community and gain a foothold as a church.

At the time of this writing, we are working toward formal worship. In the meantime we have much to accomplish. We meet with our core group every two weeks for Mission Meetings. These meetings are held in members' homes and focus on setting a vision for what we want our church to look like to the community.

In addition we are active and present in our community, meeting as many people as we can, searching for rental properties, gaining non-profit status, and learning about the people and needs of the place we serve.

Keep us in your prayers as we seek to share the gospel and establish a new gospel outpost. ~ Pastor Tim Spiegelberg/Carbon Valley, CO

Mission Statements:

Our Stewardship Committee has been sifting through various suggestions for simplifying our mission statement. We have narrowed it down to 3 with the first one being the recommended.

“St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church gives glory to our triune God as we seek the unchurched; teach Law and Gospel, provide the Sacraments, and serve our community through prayer, fellowship, and love.”

“St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to present Jesus Christ who gives peace, love, forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.”

“St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to share the good news “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” Heb. 13:8.”

Look them over. Let the committee (Al Ledebur, Phil Wiechman, Brad Burkhardt, or Pastor Strong) know what you think.



Ladies' Fellowship

“To share the good news of Jesus Christ at home and around the world through support of mission work, outreach, prayer, fellowship and love.”

Serve one another in love.
Galatians 5:13

Ladies' Fellowship is actively involved in supporting local groups who assist children in our community. Over the years our donations have served The Joseph Center, the Center for Abused Children, the Kids Aid Backpack weekend food program, The House, The Pregnancy Center, Latimer House, REACH (a District #51 program for homeless children) and Grand Junction Teens for Life.

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songs, and travel around the U.S. playing in our churches and schools. Invite a friend or neighbor to this concert.

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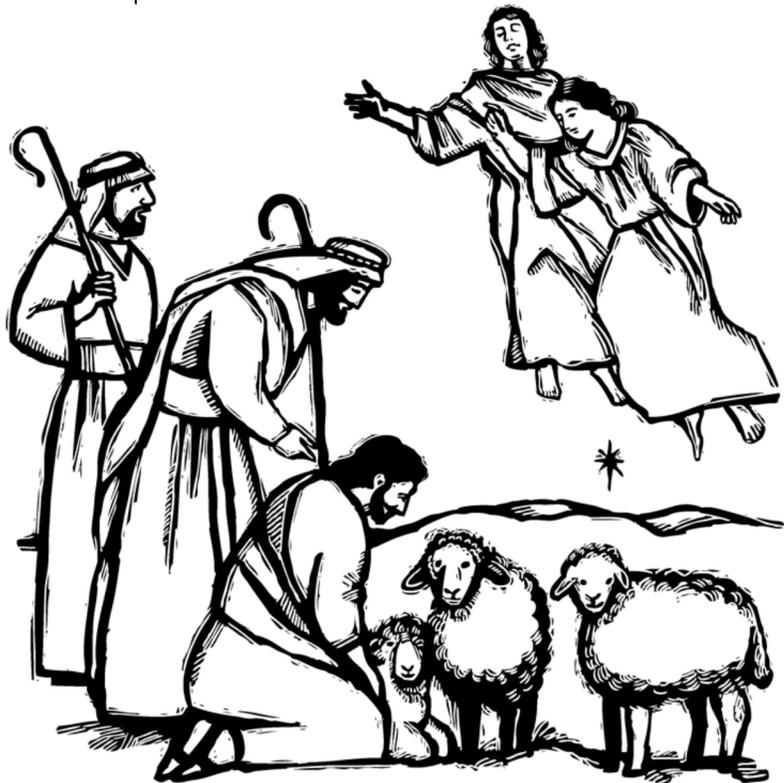
This year, Christmas is on a Sunday. So we will have a Christmas Day Worship service at the regular 9 AM time slot. For Christmas Eve, we will have a single evening service beginning at 6 PM. This will include the Sunday School students, Choir, Youth and congregation singing of Christmas Carols as well as a candlelight gathering. The theme for the Christmas Eve worship is: Singing with Saints and Angels. Join us as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

SCRIP (ie:gift cards)

The holiday season is coming faster than we think and we will be rushing around buying food and gifts. Gift cards are easy to buy and send and ordering through the Scrip Program benefits the church building fund. Place your orders in the next month and you will have the cards in time for mailing. A list of cards available is posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Cards kept on hand are Albertsons, Safeway, Walmart, Walgreens & Sprouts. Some restaurant cards currently on hand: Applebees, Chile's, Village Inn & Wendys. Need more information, please contact Marie Neuberger on Sundays or call her anytime.

New Members:

We welcome to our membership Jason and Laura Wilbur and son Oliver. Laura is Rod and Nina Christ's daughter. God's blessings to them as they join us.



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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Sunday mornings 9:00 AM
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Sunday School: 10:15 AM
Bible Study: 10:30 AM

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