



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:

Christ-mas is Christ-time

By Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace, December 15, 2016

Are you ready for Christmas? Please don't imitate me in your shopping habits. I'm absolutely dreadful. I am a procrastinating slug who waits until the 23rd or 24th before doing everything all at once in a frenzy. I know some of you are ready because I received Christmas cards from you before Thanksgiving. My first thought when I got the first card was, "This is a sick woman." Then, my second thought was, "This is an awesome woman to be that well organized. She is totally into it. She's not afraid of the demands of the season because she is so ready!"

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Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will continue after Christmas on January 4, 2017. We will be combining this with a Bible Information Class. Sometimes it is good to review what you may have learned in Catechism Class so many years ago. Come and refresh yourselves on the basic doctrines of the Bible that we teach. Also, if you know of someone who might be interested in learning more about our church's teachings, invite them to come with you. There is no obligation. But, if at the end of the time, that person(s) might be interested in membership in our church, they will have completed the course.

Parents with small children

One of the things to be aware of in the worship service is that sometimes small children are not able to sit for longer periods of time and do get restless. And there are times where parents would like to quickly take out their child at that time. We would like to help them by reserving the pew in front of the keyboard (left side

((west)), back pew) for such occasions as this.

If members would be so kind as to consider this pew as the last one to fill up in a worship service, that will give a parent the opportunity to make use of the pew if so desired. Then if we run out of room in the rest of the sanctuary, then this pew can be used as parents with small children will have had the opportunity to use that pew before the service starts.

It is these little things that can make the worship experience more meaningful for everyone.

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

We will give praise and honor to our Savior on Christmas Eve with a service at 6:00 PM. It is entitled: Singing with Saints and Angels.

On Christmas Day we will have a service at the regular Sunday time of 9:00 AM.

For New Year's, we will not have a New Year's Eve service but will have a New Year's Day service at the regular 9:00 AM.

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Whether you are an early-bird shopper or a last-minute panic buyer is not all that important. What does matter is how highly you value the birth of the Son of God as a human being. John the Baptist could be blunt and to the point: "Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight paths for him" (Matthew 3:3). What does that "prepare the way" metaphor actually mean? Just this—that you reflect on your sinful condition, taking responsibility for all your rebellious thoughts, words, and deeds . . . that you welcome the Word that tells you of the miracle birth . . . and that you believe with all your heart that Christ Jesus

loves you personally.

Kitchen remodeling

Since we will be putting new cabinets in the new kitchen addition, we decided to remodel the present kitchen as well. Estimates are being gathered and we will be changing out the old cabinets for some that will match in the new addition. When it comes time to remove the old cabinets, we will be asking for help. So stay by your phones when we need help. The rest of the new fellowship addition is complete. We give all glory to God for enabling us to do this project. Continue to contribute to the Building Fund to help pay off the loan.

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."

An Invitation to the Bloomin' Babies Birth Center

A special field trip is being planned for January 14th. Ladies' Fellowship is sponsoring a tour of Bloomin' Babies, located on 7th Street near St. Mary's Hospital (the former Walker Drug building). The Center believes that giving natural birth is a sacred rite of passage for every mother. Midwifery care is provided by professionally trained midwives or doctors who practice a wellness and holistic approach to pregnancy, birth and women's health issues. The ladies in our congregation are invited to tour the Center and learn what it offers our community. If you are interested in attending, meet at the church parking lot at 10:45 AM, we will carpool to the Center. Following the tour we will return to church for a finger food potluck and our monthly meeting.

January is also the month that our congregation honors the sanctity of life by providing paper and cleaning products for The Pregnancy Center of Grand Junction. By providing these items we are freeing up monies to be used for ultrasounds which ultimately save babies' lives. The collection will be held each Sunday in January. Watch for further information.

NOTICE:

The January Food collection will be held January 8th!

"Serve one another in love."

Galatians 5:13

Ladies' Fellowship truly lives its mission! This month we are looking at ways in which our group has helped the St. Paul congregation over the years.

We purchased the acolyte robes, the pew pads, and the fabric for new Christmas altar paraments. (Dori Wugazzer and Dorothy Hessler then made the beautiful altar decorations!). We helped the church when it could not meet its mission obligation to the Synod and purchased numerous supplies for the kitchen. We assisted many members who found themselves in need. (The youngest son of one of our members had to go to Denver Children's Hospital due to a deformed heart. There were three other boys at home and the family was having difficulty handling many serious issues. The donation given by Ladies' Fellowship arrived just as the family received a letter demanding payment of an outstanding bill. Our check was just enough to cover that existing debt! Praise to God who knows our every need!) The group sponsored a number of the children in our congregation so that they could attend Rocky Mountain Christian Camp. We supported Precious Lambs Christian Preschool throughout its existence. We buy special books which are given to families on the day their child is baptized and we are now preparing gift bags for CMU students four times a year. (Carolyn Herscher is coordinating this program.)

Ladies' Fellowship "shares the good news of Jesus Christ at **home** and around the world **through support** of mission work, **outreach, prayer, fellowship and love**. This is our mission and each month we strive to work within its guidelines as we serve one another in love.

New Members:

We welcome to our membership David and Gretchen Fenske. They join us from Albuquerque, New Mexico. David has been helping out with the accompanying of our worship services on the keyboard.



Mission work in Indonesia

Remember to pray for...

Since July 2011, my wife Connie and I have had the privilege of living in Indonesia and working with Gereja Lutheran Indonesia (GLI), a daughter denomination of WELS. I was called by the Asia-Pacific Rim Administrative Committee (APRAC) of the WELS Board for World Missions to serve as a seminary professor at Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Lutheran (STTL), the worker training school of GLI. Some of my duties in helping to prepare the future called workers of GLI have included classes in Christian doctrine as well as Old and New Testament studies. Connie volunteers her time and talents at STTL by teaching English as a foreign language.

In addition to the work at STTL, I also serve as the WELS Field coordinator and Friendly Counselor for GLI. This work involves such things as exploratory efforts in new regions, expansion of current locations, budgeting for the work of GLI and STTL, and other administrative duties. I also interact with WELS personnel from Kingdom Workers (KW) and Multi-Language Publications (MLP).

The interaction of WELS, APRAC, GLI, KW, MLP, and other entities of WELS, such as the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, is a living example of being joined together by the Spirit for the spiritual benefit of our fellowmen and for the glory of God. Thank you for your support. Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing on his kingdom work in Indonesia and protection of our missionaries in hostile countries. Professor Gregory B.

Branches Band Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 21, 2016 7:00 PM

Getting the Word Out

"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

1 Cor. 9:22-23

Branches Band is privileged to bring the Gospel in song to your congregation. While we hope that God will use this opportunity to enrich the lives and faiths of your members, we also hope that it is providing your congregation another means to reach out to someone who does not know their Savior Jesus. To that end, we encourage you to find as many ways as possible to inform your community about the concert. The following are suggestions; you're free to use any and all of them, or beyond!

- 1) Encourage congregation members to hand out flyers to neighbors, friends at work or family members.
- 2) Post a concert poster on community bulletin boards at local coffee shops, libraries, community centers, banks...anyplace that has a designated area for community information.
- 3) Leave a stack of bulletin inserts as a take home flyer at local businesses that carry community information.
- 4) Submit press releases to local media - newspapers, radio and television stations, Chamber of Commerce.
- 5) Encourage your teens to invite their friends to the event.
- 6) And any other creative ways that present themselves...

These are just some of the ways possible...together, by God's grace, we will share His promises with as many as we can!

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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