



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:

(An online article from Time of Grace (Pastor Mark Jeske) on March 9.)

One thing I love about the first wave of the early Christian church is the passion. They were so excited about their faith that they couldn't wait to go to church. Nobody needed to argue them into it. The pastor didn't have to beg or pressure them. Parents didn't have to bribe the children with promises like, "All right, if you go to church, we'll all go to McMoses afterward." Nobody had to threaten the teenagers, "You better go to church or you're not getting the horse and wagon for two weeks." Instead, *"all the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts"* (Acts 2:44,46). Every day! They just did it. They loved hearing the truth, loved being with other people, loved sharing the Lord's Supper, loved sharing their faith, loved getting encouragement

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Holy Week/Easter Schedule

For Holy Week, we will worship on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM and celebrate Holy Communion. The Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM with "The Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross."

We will once again worship the Lord at sunrise on Easter morning. As the sun rises we will worship at 6:30 AM. Join us at the Devil's Kitchen Picnic Area at the National Monument. When you enter at the gate, if there is a person on duty, let that person know that you are attending the sunrise service and you will not be charged entry. Take the first right (signs point to picnic area) and follow the road to the picnic area. Easter Breakfast will begin serving at 7:30 AM. Always good food and we will have much more room for gathering to eat. Then our Easter Festival Service will be at the 9:00 AM time. Normally it is a communion Sunday. But the Council decided that we would not have communion on that day. We will have communion on Maundy Thursday.

Why not invite family and friends who are unfamiliar with the true meaning of our Easter celebration to our Holy Week services and Easter services?

The sunrise service is a moving experience as we worship while the sun is rising over the Grand Mesa and beaming onto the side of the National Monument. Dress for the weather.

Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study has recessed during the Lenten Season. We will start up again after Easter.

Book of Revelation

We are now studying the Book of Revelation in our Sunday Bible Class. There is a lot of material that God provides about the times we are living in. There is a lot of misunderstanding of the visions of John that leads people to put false hope in

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from others. They had everything in common. And because they couldn't wait for Sunday to roll around, they met together—every day.

This Sunday, when the snooze button on your alarm clock is calling your name, rejoice with those who say to you, "Let us go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

Kitchen renovation

Work is almost complete. All the cabinets are in and new appliances purchased. Thank you to the Ledeburs for the flooring and for the upgrade to the cabinets. The only thing left is the trim around the pass through window which is being built and should be installed in the next week or so.

God has blessed us with this endeavor. We will dedicate this renovation to the glory of God on Sunday, April 2 after the worship service.

Building Addition update

There will only be one project to complete. That is the landscaping. The building work is complete. The Council will set up a time to do the landscaping.

Parking Lot construction

Soon the new parking area will be paved. When that is done, then they will start on our parking area. They plan on tearing it out and re-grading, then putting a new surface on. While that is happening, we will be parking in the new parking area. During this time, please watch for announcements on where and when we need to park differently. Never fear! By the end of August... God-willing... the whole project will be done. Until then, we will have to put up with construction.

Thanks for the lights

You may have noticed that the steeple cross is much brighter. And the flag has a solar powered light. And the new cross on the addition has a solar powered light as well. Thanks to Tom Bargsten for making those improvements.

You may also notice that there are wood stakes along the parking lot. The Cappella Assisted living facility is putting lights in along the parking lot. We will be able to eliminate the tall light pole (which only one of three lights are working). This will give us ample lighting for the parking area.

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."

NOTICE:

The April Food collection will be held April 2nd!

"Serve one another in love."

Galatians 5:13

LWMS REPORT: The next convention will be in Orlando, Florida 6/22-25/17.

The April and May mission support is for the Central Africa Medical Mission and Lutheran Mobile Clinic.

The ladies will support the Seminary Food Bank and Martin Luther College food Bank by sending \$150 to each place.

We will be looking for a volunteer(s) to take care of our Meditation gathering and mailing for Prison Ministry/Minnesota, Campbell Soup labels for Calvary Academy/Florida and Church Library. Darlene has been doing that and now we will need someone else to handle these projects. If you are interested, please see Darlene or Pastor Strong.

The Ladies' Fellowship coordinates the Soup Suppers as well as the Easter Breakfast. Thank you ladies for doing this service. The soup and desserts have been delicious!

A bridal shower will be held May 7 following church service for Michaela and Kevin (Schulz). Ladies Fellowship will provide cake. The congregation is invited.

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the future. Why should that matter to you? Come and learn. It is fascinating!

Missions

Please pray for opportunities for our vicars to learn the work of the ministry and blessings on our worker training programs...

My vicar year, under the supervision of Pastor Bob Krueger at Immanuel in Findlay, OH, was blessed with a wide variety of ministry opportunities. The knowledge and experience I gained from the regular activities of preaching, leading worship, teaching catechism and Bible classes, making hospital and shut-in visits, and organizing church events has equipped me well for my service today.

I also had the opportunity to observe and aid some of the ways mission churches conduct their ministry. I helped canvass for Sonshine Lutheran Church in Leamington, Ontario, Canada. I taught an ESL class at Palabra De Vida in Detroit, MI and I participated in a soccer camp at Beautiful Savior in LaPorte, IN. All of these experiences gave me a broad outlook on ministry.

However, the most memorable part of my vicar year was serving in [God's] kingdom. All of the involvement, learning, and training I received allowed me to have a glimpse at what it's like to be a worker in the plentiful harvest. I pray the Lord continues to bless us with a wonderful worker training education for both pastors and teachers so we can keep sharing Jesus' love throughout the world.

~ Pastor William King 2013/14 Vicar at Findlay, Ohio

Membership Photo Tree

Mary Hill from Living Word Lutheran Church in Montrose will be preparing a bulletin board with a tree and scenery for us to put our members' photos on. We plan on putting it on the wall next to the kitchen. Stay tuned for updates.

Movie Night

We will be hosting a movie night on Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 PM. The movie will be "Risen", a movie about the crucifixion of Jesus from the eyes of a

Roman Soldier. Invite your family and friends to attend. Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Put it on your calendar!

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

We are looking into showing the new movie that is coming out "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy" in a local movie theater. If we are able to do that, there will be no cost to our church. You will have to order tickets as there will be a minimum number of tickets that have to be sold for the movie to show. Once the theater and date and time are approved, we will provide more information about ticket ordering.

Scrip program to be dissolved

Due to the small number of participants in purchasing Scrip cards, the small amount of funds coming in now, and the work involved for Marie, the coordinator, the Council is recommending we dissolve the program. It will be brought up and voted at the April Voters' Meeting.

Speaking of which...

Put this on your personal calendar that the next Open Forum and voter's meeting will be on Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 AM. It will also be on the church calendar and in the bulletin as reminders.

Legal name of our church

In 1989 the church as a corporation in the state of Colorado was dissolved. In 2000, it was re-incorporated under the same name with the letters "WELS" added to the end of it. It was supposed to distinguish us from the American Lutheran Church (ELCA) across the road. While the legal papers went through and approved, much of the legal stuff for our church was not transferred over. To make everything legal for the purpose of loans and land, etc. we are making sure that it is corrected.

We should not have to add the "WELS" to our present logo, paperwork, church sign, banking, etc. We should be able to keep it the way it is. So the behind the scene work will not affect how we carry out our mission.

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 orchurch@stpaulgj.org

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Bible Study: 10:30 AM

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