



The Pilot

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**"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:

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I once was lost but now am found

It is a phone call I will never forget. My wife was calling to tell me that our three-year-old son was missing. She was at the park and while she tended to our one-year-old daughter, the boy had disappeared into the woods. After calling his name and searching for some time, she called 911. I raced across town, praying all the way. When I arrived, four police cars were already on the scene. "Surely, they have found him by now," I thought. As I ran to the scene, I asked one of the officers if my son had been found. He had not. The officer informed me that they were bringing in the canine unit to assist. Since the park was in a residential area, they were concerned that someone had abducted my son. I was terrified. Thankfully, within just a few minutes of my arrival, my son was found. He had gotten lost in the woods and was peacefully playing without a clue that anything was amiss.

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Missions

Please Pray for the members of Living Shepherd in Laramie, Wyoming

When I went to Laramie, Wyoming, I found a thirst for the gospel. For two months I had the privilege to work among God's people, as well as with many who did not know their Savior. By immersing myself in the community, I was able to build relationships with many different people and, in several cases, share the saving message of sins forgiven. Summer Bible camp was definitely a highlight for me. We had over 40 children come to learn what God has done for them. Through the camp we were able to share the gospel not only with the children, but also with their families—some of whom are becoming members at Living Shepherd! Our gracious Lord has richly blessed the efforts of his people. For me, my time in Laramie was a great reminder that mission work can happen no matter where you are. Thank you

for your prayers on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Wyoming!

~Noah Wilitz, Summer Student Assistant
Please pray for God's message to have an impact at our summer Bible camps and VBS programs, Christian mothers teaching their children about the promise of forgiveness, and students graduating from our Lutheran schools, colleges, and the seminary.

Membership Photo Tree

Mary Hill from Living Word Lutheran Church in Montrose has designed 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. Soon we will be collecting photos of the members. We will let you know the maximum size soon. Or you can submit digitally and we will size accordingly. We can also use the "stock photo" from our last Pictorial Directory. We have all those

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That day I came as close as I pray I ever will to understanding what our heavenly Father has experienced with every one of his children. The Bible says that we were all lost because of our sins. We wandered away from our Father and were walking straight for the hell our sins deserve, as blissfully unaware of our predicament as my son in the woods that day.

Our loving, heavenly Father could not allow that to happen. His love, far greater even than my love for my son, moved him to send a rescue unit to save us. That rescue unit consisted of one person—his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus came to this world to find all of God’s lost children and rescue us from our sins and what our sins deserve. He went to the cross and paid

the price to free us from those sins. Through his saving work we are reunited with our heavenly Father and can look forward to spending all of eternity with him in the heaven he is preparing for us.

Thank you, Jesus, for seeking me and saving me when I was lost!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I shudder to imagine being separated from my heavenly Father for eternity. I know that, were it not for you, that would have been my fate. But, because of you, it is not. Thank you for finding me. Amen.

Want to know why the pastor and Elders continually reach out to our straying members? Now you know why!

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photos. Or we will have Carolyn Hercher take your photo some time after a worship service. When we get the board up on the wall we will begin contacting members to see how they would like to provide a photo.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

We will be hosting a movie night at the Regal Canyon View Theater on 24 Road. It will be on Monday, October 23 at 7 PM. The name of the movie is: “A Return to Grace: Luther’s Life and Legacy”. This is in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Ticket price is \$9.00 (plus a \$1 or \$2 booking fee). Tickets can only be ordered online at the following website:

www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-dgd

Be sure to type exactly as above.

100 tickets must be sold by October 15 in order for it to be shown. If not enough tickets are sold by then, you will not be charged on your credit card.

For those who don’t have internet access or credit card, please contact Pastor Strong and he will help you to acquire tickets.

We will be advertising to many of the other churches in Grand Junction and surrounding areas. So be sure to get tickets sooner rather than later. Order tickets for family and friends! This is a wonderful way to share our Lutheran Reformation history with the community.

Pastor will keep us informed as to how many tickets are being sold.

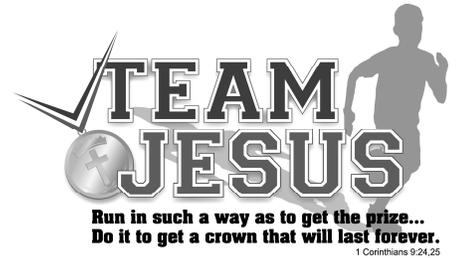
There will be no cost to the church for hosting.

Vacation Bible School 2017

We will hold VBS on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Put those dates on your calendar.

This is different from our week long 4 day VBS program. We have not had well attended VBS attendance in spite of a lot of advertising. So we hope that a one day event will work well.

We will certainly like you to volunteer. If you wish to help out, please let Pastor Strong know. Of course, he can also tap you on the shoulder as well. Don’t duck! The theme will be “Team Jesus”.



Confirmed in the faith

On May 7th, four of our young members were confirmed. They are Evan Ancell, Chantelle Bizer, Allan Amdahl and Brady Ancell. God’s blessings to them as they continue to live their faith in the world.

Baptized into God’s grace:

Gabriel James Scoot Radeck was baptized on Easter Sunday. We pray that he will grow in his faith as he is blessed by the Word through the Holy Spirit.

Christian/Religious resources

When you enter the church building and go to the left towards the classrooms and offices, you will notice a bulletin board and shelves with various materials that

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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 May Food collection will be held May 14.

"Serve one another in love."

Galatians 5:13

LWMS REPORT: The next convention will be in Orlando, Florida 6/22-25/17.
Mite boxes are due as soon as possible.

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

The ladies discussed hanging some banners in the new fellowship area. Carol will go through the banners and see what banners might be appropriate year round.

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

Many of the things that Darlene was taking care of has been assigned to others. Thank you to all who stepped up to help out our congregation.

We will find a date for another game day. The last one was well attended and all had fun.

A bridal shower will be held June 4 following church service for Michaela and Kevin Schulz. Ladies Fellowship will provide cake. The congregation is invited. Shower gifts are welcomed. They are registered at Target.

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you may find useful. Old editions of the Forward in Christ are there as well as church brochures. Check out what is there.

Stephen Bautista Worship Event

On Sunday, May 21, Steve Bautista, a contemporary Christian singer, will be sharing the Word through song in our worship service. He will have some original songs and some old familiar songs. Following the service we will have a potluck brunch. Bring a breakfast item to share with all of our members.



"Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me."

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 School: 10:15 AM
Bible Study: 10:30 AM

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