



# 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 2:1-4 (NIV) <sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Praying shouldn't be that hard. You can spend a few minutes to a few hours in prayer with God if you so desired. Some prayers are easier to pray than others. Prayers for your wants and needs just roll off the lips. Prayers for family members flow freely. Prayers for your enemies are stifled by your desire that they not be blessed by God. Prayers for the government that does not fit your political leanings are prayers of disdain asking for failure of the party.

But God, through St. Paul, reminded Missionary Timothy and all of us that while we may cater to our sinful nature in our prayer life or lack thereof, we would do well to pray for everyone because everyone is part of this world we live in and if we want to have a life of happiness and peace, it would behoove us to pray for the success of everyone. We should never be so cold-hearted as to wish someone evil and/or ending up in hell. Jesus died for all so all should have the opportunity to experience the Gospel message.

*Pray for everyone* (Continued on page 2)

## Advent/Christmas Schedule

Advent worship will be on the following Wednesdays: December 6, 13, 20. Worship will be at 7:00 PM. We will also have our soup suppers beginning at 6:00 PM. If you would like to provide soup or bread of desserts, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

You don't have to hurry home from work and get a meal ready and still get to church on time for worship. Just stop in after work, eat, and worship. One stop nourishment for body and soul!

The theme this year is "Advent Hymns." Mary, Zachariah and the angels all had a song in their heart as they sang about the coming of the Savior. The three songs that will be highlighted are "The Magnificat", "The Benedictus", and "The Gloria in

Excelsis." We have hymns in our hymnal that reflect their Scriptural words. Our Christmas Eve worship service will be at 6:00 PM with songs from individuals, our Choir and congregational singing. The emphasis of the Advent Sundays is on the coming of Jesus. The midweek services concentrate on a special Advent theme.

## Advent by Candlelight

See page 2 for information about the Advent by Candlelight that is for the ladies of the congregation along with their friends and relatives.

## Food Shelf

Our next Food Shelf date is the first Sunday in December (the 3rd). Bring your non-

*Food Shelf* (Continued on page 2)

*(Continued from page 1) Pray for everyone*

Pray that God be gracious to all people as he has been to you. Pray that more hearts turn to Jesus in faith.

## New Fellowship Hall loan repayment

We have \$27,000 in our Building Fund Account. We will send in \$25,000 to pay down our loan. Rather than owing \$71,000 on our loan, we will reduce that to about \$46,000. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Building Fund to help us pay off our loan. That means less interest to pay!

## Council Nominations to be sought

The nominating committee will be looking for voting members to fill the Council positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, an Elder and a Trustee. Prayerfully consider how you can serve the Lord if asked by the committee.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

During December with the Midweek Advent services going on and other activities, we will not meet on

Wednesday evenings. Updates as to when we will meet will be posted.

## Campus Ministry

We have begun holding Bible studies on campus at Colorado Mesa University. We meet every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM when classes are in session. We hope to encourage students not only from the WELS but other denominations to join us as we share the Word with them. If you know of a student who isn't attending, let the pastor know. Provide contact information and he will get a hold of them. Thanks to Kevin and Michaela Schulz for helping out.

## Capella of Grand Junction Opening

As soon as all the final permits are processed, Capella will be opening its doors to the general community for occupancy. When that happens, we will be able to conduct Bible studies for the residents. Our time slot will be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 2 to 3 PM. Pastor will welcome St. Paul members to help out in various ways. More information will be sent out when the time comes.

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perishable food items and put into the basket near the entrance. Help to make someone's Christmas time more pleasant.

## Looking for Christmas gift ideas?

Flyers for Northwestern Publishing House are available on the back pew. You will find suggestions for gifts that are truly spiritually inspirational and something that will not be offensive to Christians.

## Missions

*Mission Work through the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society:*

My connection with LWMS started in 2010. When I knocked on the door of Prince of Peace Church, Thousand Oaks, California, Pastor Found was not the only one who welcomed me. Sandy, Barbara, and other LWMS ladies welcomed me and my family with open, loving arms. These LWMS ladies became important supporters and encouragers for me during my colloquy process.

While I studied for my colloquy [*requesting membership in a new church body*], the LWMS supported the cost of my travels from California to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) for the PSI [*Pastoral Studies Institute*] program. Because of my lovely ladies' support of prayers and generous gifts, I became a WELS pastor in 2013. Then I received a chance to share my joyful mission story of leaving the Methodist Church to become WELS at the LWMS Rally in Santa Maria, California.

The love from LWMS members has never stopped for me. By the love of our LORD through his sincere daughters in the LWMS, WELS can hold Asian-Anglo Conferences at WLS every year. Once a year I get the chance to go back to the seminary and share joy with other brothers in the gospel, encourage each other, and recharge our mission minds for reaching out to the sinners.

In his grace and because of the love from my ladies, I am now serving two congregations: Apostles in San Jose, California, and Peace, Santa Clara, California.

St. Paul said, "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."

I will gladly add to the debt of love to the LWMS, so that I can grow, refresh, and recharge in Christ. Therefore, I can boldly proclaim the truth to the people around me and to the world.

My proud and lovely LWMS ladies, please remember that Christ's ministry consists of spreading out the seeds of the gospel. We are the stewards, kingdom workers, and sowers. In many cases of our gospel ministry, we cannot see the results with our own eyes. Therefore Jesus said, "one sows and the other reaps."

I pray that the LORD gives wisdom and true joy to my lovely sisters in Christ so that more kingdom workers will receive the tangible love and support from you all just as I had, have, and will have again.

In Christ,  
Pastor Paul Chung

# Ladies' Fellowship

*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."*

**"Serve one another in love."**

*Galatians 5:13*

The ladies of the congregation have this opportunity to network with each other in devotion and fellowship to carry out God's work in our church at home and in the world. If you have not attended in the past, feel free to stop by. There is no obligation past just wanting to join sisters in the faith for encouragement and Christian dialogue. You may have suggestions for projects and work that can be done in service to the Lord.

## **Some events coming up:**

### ◇ **Sunday, December 3 - Advent by Candlelight**

The ladies decided to purchase 2 banners to hang in the new Fellowship Hall. They have arrived and will be put up on the wall soon.

They voted to send \$300.00 to WELS Christian Aid and Relief Fund.

Greeting cards are available: Check out what is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## ***Advent by Candlelight***

Ladies, you won't want to miss this year's **Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm**. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of visiting, beautiful music and delicious dessert. All women of St Paul are invited, and are encouraged to invite your female family members, friends and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season.

Want to ensure you have a seat at this year's Advent by Candlelight? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a chair for you! Hostesses provide table settings for a table of 6 to 8 ladies, holiday decorations, candles and a dessert. Many partner with one or two others to host a table. It is lots of fun, and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking (or buying) and decorating. If you want to host a table this year (or need more information before committing), please contact Kathy Strong or sign up on board in Fellowship Hall. Otherwise, just sign up there to attend.

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**Worship Services:**

Sunday mornings 9:00 AM

Fellowship: 10:00 AM

Sunday School: 10:15 AM

Bible Study: 10:30 AM

Monday Bible Study: 7:30 PM

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