



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:

From June 27, WELS Daily Devotion:

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ... "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels

shouted for joy? Job 38:1,4-7

The Why Question

"Why, daddy?" "Mommy, why?" Can you hear the three-year-old asking questions over and over and over again? "Why is the sky blue?" "Why does ice cream taste so good?" "Why do you get to stay up and I have to go to bed?" "Why do cars go fast?" "Why do light bulbs make light?" And over and over again. For the adult, it can be challenging to remain patient, to continue to answer, or sometimes to even know how to answer. And we can become frustrated.

Is it possible that what frustrates us about three-year-old children is the way we sometimes approach God? "Why do some people have so many talents and I have so

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Summer Bible Camp

On Saturday, July 7 from 9:30 to Noon, we will host a summer Bible Camp called "Space Station Salvation". It will give the children an opportunity to explore God's vast creation and how he wisely made the heavens and the earth to fulfill his desires and to provide man-kind a place to live. You can pre-register at bit.ly/StPaulBibleCamp Bring along neighborhood kids. Ages 4 through Grade 6.

Quarterly Meeting

Our congregational quarterly meeting and open forum will be held on Sunday, July 8 at 10:30 AM. Join us to learn what is happening at St. Paul during the past months.

Welcome new members:

These are our new members who were welcomed into our church on June 17th:
Cynthia Crow
Dee Grams
Trela Ross
Kaela Thornton, Vivienne, Coby and Canaan.
Richard and Ruth Wince

Baptized:

Coby and Canaan Thornton were baptized on June 17th. We pray that they will grow strong in their faith as they are welcomed into our church as God's special children.

Parent get-together

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we

National Night Out (Continued on page 3)

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.

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few?" "Why do my attempts to get ahead financially seem to fail, while others seem to do very well?"

"Why didn't I make that team, get that promotion, or get that guy or girl?" "Why did this struggle come to me and my family?"

Job was asking the "why" question. He had faced enormous difficulties in his life and became frustrated. In his mind, it wasn't fair; he'd been a faithful believer, yet his life was in shambles. "Why!" (Read the book of Job, chapters 1 & 2.)

In the last five chapters of the book, God answers, but he doesn't answer the "why" question. Instead, he focuses our attention from "why" to

"who." *Who* spoke to Job? The Lord spoke to Job. The Lord, who is the powerful, independent God; who is also the faithful God, showing love and mercy to us humans. That's who spoke to Job.

And how much power does the Lord have? He laid down the earth's foundations; he marked off its dimensions. The Lord has amazing powers which go oh-so-far beyond our understanding. He can do anything and everything!

Next meeting will be
Saturday, August 18.

All the ladies of the congregation are
invited to attend.

And most importantly, how does the Lord feel about you and me? He loves us! He proved it by faithfully sending Jesus to this earth to live, die, and rise in our place. He loves you and me with an everlasting love which is bigger and better than any love which any human being can have for us. That's "who" our Lord is!

Is it okay to ask "why?" Sure. But it's often far better to ask, "Who?" "Who is in control?" The all-powerful God who loves you dearly. That's who!

Prayer:

Focus me on you, O Lord, that I may be filled with peace during every up and down of life. Amen.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 8 is the annual National Night Out. Our Evangelism committee is planning on some activities for our neighbors and members. Stay tuned for further updates. You may be asked to help out.

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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A sample copy is also in the Fellowship hall.

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are going to plan a summer event for all of our member families with children to provide networking and brainstorming to lead younger families to worship with us and share Bible events with their children. We will do this in September after vacations are over.

Standing Up for Children

A new training program to help people recognize and respond to child abuse has been released by Freedom for the Captives, a WELS organization that works to protect children and empower survivors of abuse. The program—entitled “Standing up for Children: A Christian Response to Child Abuse and Neglect”—consists of four videos that review dealing with physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse and provide a theological basis for the importance of protecting children. The course also highlights how to create and enforce a child protection policy for a church, school, or organization.

We will be providing this course for any of our members who wish to learn more and help our congregation to be sensitive to child abuse. We will do so in September. Watch for further information.

St. Paul statistics

We have 109 members, age 6 months to 93 years old. The median age of the congregation is 53. We have 25 members that are under the age of 18 and 34 over the age of 70. Our purpose is to share the Word of God with all ages. Our average church attendance is 47. This includes visitors. Just think if we could reach all of our members each week with the Word! We would have to add services or space. Membership at St. Paul isn’t just a name on the roster. Membership is being active in sharing God’s Word. Regular worship is a habit that God expects from his believers.

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Sunday School: 10:15 AM
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Monday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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