



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:

What do you know about Luther's Catechism?

From Northwestern Publishing House, August, 2018

Ten Fascinating Facts About Luther's Catechism

1. The word *catechism* is derived from the ancient Greek word *katekheo* which means "to teach by word of mouth." One of the root words, *ekheo*, means "to sound or resound," and this is also where English derives the word *echo*.
2. In 1520, nine years before the catechism was published, Luther published a work called *The Confessional Mirror of the Common People*. It studied the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed—the first three topics of his catechism.
3. Altogether, Luther preached on the chief parts of the catechism for 12 years before the book itself was created.
4. Luther had recognized the need for a comprehensive book for religious instruction, but he did not personally take on the work at first. He commissioned others to compile the work before ultimately tackling it himself.
5. Luther was finally compelled to write his catechism after seeing the poor spiritual conditions of the congregations in Saxony, Germany

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Paying down building loan

We have been blessed to be able to use our new **fellowship hall** area. It has been used in many different ways. As we continue to **pay down the loan** on the project, we would like to remind everyone that you can help with this endeavor by giving an **extra amount** of donation towards retiring the debt. The quicker we pay it off, the less interest we have to pay. Our balance is about \$33,000. We are making steady progress!

Council business

Our lawns are looking good for the most part. We did replace our old irrigation pump with a new one that will serve us for many years to come. There was also a corroded

wire in a junction box that had to be repaired so that the water would continue to run. We are still looking at ways to help the lawn to grow better out along 26 1/2 Road. The Long Range Planning continues to share the one year, three year and five year plan with the Council. There is a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Due to the heaving of the sidewalk leading up to church and numerous attempts to "band aid" it, we are getting quotes to replace or raise up the concrete. Please be careful as you come up the sidewalk that you don't catch your foot, heel, walker, etc.

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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.

The ladies met on September 15th. We have decided to make some new banners. If anyone has an overhead projector that they would be willing to donate, please see Kathy Strong. If you don't know what an overhead projector is... you don't have one. ☺ If one is not available, we will purchase one. We are looking into new altar paraments (the colored cloth that hangs on the altar, lectern, and pulpit). The green ones are old and faded. We will get prices. Surveys for changing

the time/date of our meetings did not give a clear direction. But we will continue to look at options, such as, bimonthly meetings and activity months as a possibility. Miriam was thanked for the good job she did organizing the library. (Check it out in the Fellowship Hall!)

Kristy Roder will present a soap making seminar on October 27 at 11 AM. All are welcome to attend. For monthly mission donations, we will give \$200 to the Backpack Project (<http://kidsaidcolorado.org/the-backpack-program/>) which helps feed children in need. Another \$200 will be given to the Seminary Food Bank where future pastors and families can tap into extra food resources during their Seminary training. We will once again order Scripture calendars for 2019. But we will make a smaller order so there will be a limited supply.

The Bake, Craft, and Book Fair will be held on Sunday, November 4 with set up the day before. We will also discuss more on a Ladies Bible Study next time.

Next meeting will be
Saturday, October 27.

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

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6. Because of its directness and clarity, Luther's Small Catechism was sometimes called the "children's Bible."

7. In addition to being printed as a book, parts of the Small Catechism were printed on posters or charts for use in the home.

8. The fifth main section of the catechism—the section detailing the Ministry of the Keys and Confession—was not included in the original catechism. It was added later and encourages both

pastors and parishioners to share God's Word with others.

9. It is believed that the first English catechism printed in America was produced in 1749 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

10. Though it is often used in a classroom setting today, the catechism was originally meant for household use. You may notice that chief parts of the catechism begin with the phrase "As the head of the family should teach . . .", referring to this intended purpose.

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

WELS Mission to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Did you know that our synod offers resources to assist in ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing? They can give you more information about listening devices (hearing loop, FM system), sign-language classes and interpreters (including Video Remote Interpreting). The next issue of "His Hands", an electronic newsletter of WELS Special Ministries, will feature an article about a family in Alaska with five kids, three of whom have hearing loss. To sign up for "His Hands", go to wels.net/subscribe. To learn more about WELS Special Ministries, go to wels.net/special-ministries.

"If God is Love, He is, by definition, something more than mere kindness."

- C. S. Lewis

<https://mobile.twitter.com/CSLewisDaily> Sept 18, 2018

"If you don't worship God, you will worship something else... maybe yourself!"

- Anonymous

Go to: www.nph.net for this book

NEW! 10 Things to Tell Your Grandkids

by Laura Selenka

How does a grandparent talk to their grandchild about faith? *10 Things to Tell Your Grandkids* features inspirational articles and stories about seniors sharing Christian wisdom and truth with younger generations. Through their anecdotes, you will discover the impact a little spiritual encouragement can have on a growing soul. Learn how to share the good news of Christ's love with your grandchildren with *10 Things to Tell Your Grandkids*.

Softcover, 46 pages. 8.5 x 11 inches. **FC1201796, \$8.99** 



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We have discontinued internet service with CenturyLink because they have no plans to upgrade the lines to a faster speed in our area. So we are now using the services of HughesNet, a satellite internet service. We now have download speed 20 times faster than CenturyLink.

Discussions with Capella of Grand Junction

We met with representatives at Capella to discuss things we could work on together. One idea is to build a community garden on our property. We would have to look at the kind of containers that would not rot away, how high should they be, how would we get water to the garden. We will continue the discussion at a later time.

We discussed holding a joint "trunk or treat" at the same time as the city of Grand Junction does their downtown promotional program. This will take place on Saturday, October 27 from 4 to 6 PM in

conjunction with Grand Junction's downtown festivities. This will be our opportunity to provide not just candy but also handouts that will tell about the Savior and our church. You prepare bags to hand out to children, decorate your trunk, and hand out the bags as children come by. We will set up in our parking lot. More information will be coming at the beginning of October. You can also speak to Pastor Strong about things you can get for your bags.

Attendance up

We feel blessed that our worship attendance has increased over the last number of weeks. We are happy that more are worshipping with us regularly. God is working in the hearts of our members and guests. May he continue to lead us to be faithful to him in worship and prayer.

B I B L E

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When men fail you.....	Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor. 13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns.....	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen.....	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalm 37
If your losing confidence in people.....	1Cor. 13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small, and you great.....	Psalm 19

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Outreach opportunities

Our Evangelism committee continues to look at ways we can reach out to the community with God's Word. While the best way is through word of mouth... which we all should be doing... we are exploring mass media. Perhaps a TV spot or radio announcement. We have used the billboards in the past as well as newspaper inserts. If you have ideas for us, please feel

free to share with Bob Grafe, Steve Davis, Rod Christ, or Pastor Strong.

"To The Ends Of The Earth"

This is a recent movie that came out from our WELS that is mission oriented. We will be showing the movie on Sunday, October 21 at 1 PM. Please invite your friends and neighbors to view it with us.

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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: 7:00 PM

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