



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 Time of Grace, 2/7/2019, by Jason Nelson

The origin of our word "motive" can be traced to an old French word: motif. It conveys the idea of causing movement; an underlying stirring that pushes itself outward. Great works of music have motifs you can hear. Decorators hold their designs together with motifs you can see. God always operates with a motif you can believe in. What moves God? The list of things that stir his heart is long, but one motif always comes through. "We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love" (1 John 4:16). Love is God's essence and the motivation for everything he does. Love caused him to create people to express it to and not abandon them when they became unlovable. He led wandering Israelites with his big loving glory so they would go where he would keep his promise to save the world by sending his Son as the Jewish Messiah. He upset the apple cart many times in history so your ancestors would have to pick up the pieces and migrate in the direction of his love for you. When the noise of a conflicted world muffles God's motif, you can hear it in the peace of God that surpasses understanding. When the fog of trouble—lots of trouble—obscures God's motif, it streaks through so we can see solutions to our problems. There is no question about what moves God. The question is, *Does what moves God move you?*

Hmong Outreach— Vietnam

We are continuing to collect donations for the Hmong Outreach to Vietnam. Last month's newsletter outlined its purpose. There are also brochures on the piano in the Sanctuary for you to be reminded.

Lent begins on March 6

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season. This year is one of the latest dates for Lent and Easter. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM with our Soup Supper beginning at 6:00 PM.

If you would like to bring a soup for the meal, feel free to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The midweek worship services help us to prepare for the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The theme for our midweek worship services is "The Sacrifice." The worship life of the Israelites in the Old Testament era

was complicated. They were required to sacrifice specific animals at specific times in specific ways for specific reasons. There was very little "Christian freedom" to worship how they wanted and when they wanted. But each of these offerings, sacrifices, and festivals – strictly regulated by the Lord – had an important purpose: they all pointed to Christ. The details of every ceremony and the specifications of every offering were not just busy work. They were directing God's Old Testament chosen nation to their coming Messiah day in and day out. And even though we are now thousands of years removed from that

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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.

Summary of February meeting:

We will have a potluck lunch the 5th Sunday of the month, which is March 31st following the church service. Games will follow the lunch. A signup sheet will be on the board for those who would like to bring a dish.

Ways to reach out to the younger women of the church was discussed. Buddying up with one of the ladies was talked about. Kathy offered to make a list of those who want to mentor one of the young ladies.

Diana gave an update of what cards are still available on the card shelves, she also brought along a catalog to show us what is currently available to order since we're low.

The Pregnancy Center needs concerning car seats was discussed. They can't take in and give out used ones anymore, so it was suggested doing a fund for them. Kathy suggested giving them money instead for the month of March. Diana offered to talk to someone at the Pregnancy Center about their current needs.

It was decided to send \$300 to Branch Lutheran School in Haiti to help with their lack of funds for food during the unrest.

The date for the next National Lutheran Women's Missionary Society rally is set for June 27-30, 2019 in Des Moines, IA.

Divine Peace in Rockwell, TX and Trinity Hmong Lutheran, along with One Latin America are our Befriend-A-Missionary assignments for the next 2 years. We will donate to One Latin America – Venezuela in April.

Join us for our meeting
on Saturday, March 16 at 11 AM.

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time and place, these ancient rituals recorded for us in the Word of God serve the same purpose: they focus our attention on the sacrifice of our Savior and the eternal implications of our salvation.

"Fighting Temptation"

Our Sunday sermon series during the Lenten season will be based on the theme: "Fighting Temptation". It is a series put together by a couple of WELS pastors that covers the Old Testament Lessons during the Lenten Season this year. We are all voluntary victims of Satan's seductions. Look at your life and you'll

find far too many times of shame and sin when Satan successfully placed a temptation before you and you didn't say no. You may wonder why you did it, but the truth is you did it. Satan knows our every weakness. He custom tailors temptations for individuals. This Lenten season, we examine some of those tailor-made temptations. We also examine how the Holy Spirit specifically equips us through Word and Sacrament, and by applying forgiveness and teaching sanctification, that we are able to fight those temptations.

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

Passion Play Opportunity

Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join him in 2020 as he hosts his sixth tour to the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The Oberammergau Passion Play depicts the life of Christ from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This afternoon and evening long performance is presented only once every ten years, in keeping with a promise the people of Oberammergau made in 1634 AD during the Black Plague.

Two different opportunities to see the Oberammergau Passion Play will be offered. The first tour is an eleven day tour, June 12 - 22, 2020. It includes the Rhine Valley, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Oberammergau and Munich in Germany, plus Lucerne in Switzerland and Paris in France.

The second tour is an eleven day tour, September 23 - October 3, 2020. It includes Athens and Corinth in Greece, a three day Greek Isles cruise visiting Myko-

nos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Sontorini, plus Oberammergau and Munich in Germany and Salzburg in Austria.

The Passion Play in Oberammergau is very popular and sells out quickly. For the price and daily itinerary, e-mail Pastor Humann at Jhumann383@aol.com. If you would prefer a hard copy, be sure to include your name and mailing address.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

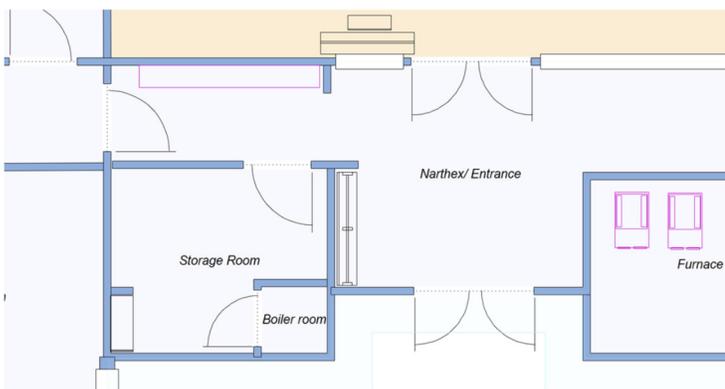
We meet regularly on the third Saturday of each month at 7:30 AM for food, fellowship and Bible Study.

Each person brings a breakfast dish to share with the others. We always have delicious food and spirited study.

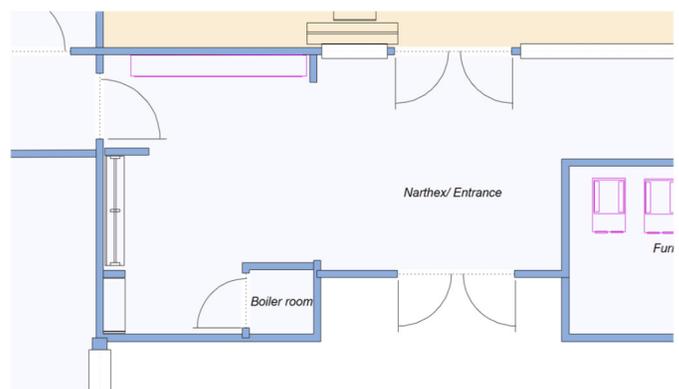
Possible entryway expansion:

We are looking at ways to expand our entryway. There are times when it gets crowded as people are arriving or leaving our building. We had looked at expanding outward to the south last summer but the cost was about \$46,000. We are now looking at taking down the wall where the coat rack hangs and the wall along the hallway. Presently, it is a storage room and we can easily expand that area. The cost will be significantly less! Below is a picture. We will continue to explore this possibility as well as any other possibilities that arise.

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After



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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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