



# 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 motivates you to worship?

Hebrews 10:24-25 (EHV), *"Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Why are there fans at sporting events? Why do people clap at the end of concerts? Imagine a basketball final four game played with no one in the seats cheering. What kind of downer would that be? Or a barbershop quartet giving their finest performance... only in front of one lonely barber.

Now imagine God giving his best through Word and Sacrament and no one showing up to hear and interact. Fortunately, there are many believers who are happy to go to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122:1). We worship God because we want to. We realize the importance of being in God's house and hearing his "performance". But it is more than that. While God wants to tell us something, we in turn give honor and glory and praise to him. We do it together with fellow believers.

Tell me, how many non-Christian friends are going to encourage you with Godly wisdom? How many are going to steer you in the right direction when things go badly? What can a non-Christian offer that will be of eternal value?

God has given believers an opportunity to share with each other Christian things in common. So why would a believer want to avoid this type of interaction? Why would one only attend "at their convenience"? We should take every opportunity to worship and hear God's Word. That is what will keep us strong in our faith. There are those who think that worship a couple times a year (Christmas and Easter) is enough. Meanwhile, the devil gets their hearts and minds the rest of the year. Hardly seems right. Why spend only 2 weeks a year with God and 50 with the world? Easter is 4 Sundays away. How about inviting someone to come the 3 Sundays before? Don't wait until Easter. It might be too late. Encourage someone now, not later. Make it a habit... encouraging and worshipping.

## Lent continues

Our Lenten services on Wednesdays continue 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:

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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 March meeting:

There were 11 ladies present at our meeting. LWMS: We will be collecting Mite Boxes/Donations through March 31. April is our month To Befriend a Missionary. This year's project is One Latin America. We were reminded of the Spring Rally at Lord of Life in Thornton on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Newsletter from National Office sent ballot for officers and projects to be decided at National Convention.

OLD BUSINESS: Friendship Dinner was well received so we will do it again. Judy reported that there are new greeting cards available. Kathy is making list of young women in our congregation and older women willing to mentor them. This Sunday will be a potluck with games to follow.

NEW BUSINESS: Mission project for March is the purchase of 10 Evangelical Heritage Bible for use during Bible classes. Purchasing car seats for Pregnancy Center was talked about and will be tabled until June. A Women's Ministry Conference is being held in Watertown, WI in July was discussed and everyone was invited to attend. The Easter breakfast potluck will be at 8am. All are invited to bring flowers for the altar on Easter.

Join us for our meeting  
on Saturday, April 20 at 11 AM.

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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 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. We switch pulpits with Pastor Frey of Montrose and Pastor Winkel of Eagle.

## Is Genesis History?

Our Sunday morning Bible class watched segments of a movie, "Is Genesis History?" We discussed various elements of what people believe and how creation and evolution are at odds with each other. We saw how evolutionary theory cannot be proven and often is disproven by the evidence we observe on this earth. On Sunday, April 7 at 6:30 PM, we will view the entire movie. Popcorn will be available. Bring your own drinks.

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## Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Just a few short weeks away we will be once again celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior. While it is an important festival of the church year, we should not forget all the other Sundays when we have the opportunity to hear God speak to us in Word, song and sermon.

For Good Friday, we will have two services which will be the same service. At our April 2018 Congregational meeting we discussed that it was nice to have an afternoon service for those who wish to come during the daytime and observe Good Friday at the hour when our Savior was hanging on the cross. But then, some who have to work were not able to attend. So we felt that providing an opportunity for both would be beneficial. That is why we will have two services.

Once again we will start off our celebration of Easter with a Sunrise Service at the National Monument, Devil's Kitchen picnic area. (What better place to announce the Savior's resurrection!) This half hour service helps us to welcome the dawn of a new day as the sun rises and the Son has risen.

If you wish to attend the sunrise service, when you get to the ranger station, just tell them that you are attending the service. There will be no entrance fee for that.

The Easter breakfast is potluck. Bring your favorite breakfast food to fill our tummies.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM w/ Holy Communion  
Good Friday 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
Easter Sunrise 7:00 AM  
Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM  
Easter Festival 9:00 AM

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to hear the wonderful events that took place that enables each of us to say: "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" That assures us that our sins are forgiven and heaven is our home.

## Congregational Meeting date

Our Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 AM. We will review the budget and financial reports and will discuss upcoming plans for the spring/summer. All are welcomed to attend and learn what is going on in our congregation.

## Confirmation Day

On May 5, we will be confirming two young adults, Jenna Amdahl and Malachi Deck, who have completed their study of the Catechism and are presenting themselves as ready to receive Holy

Communion and to confirm their faith in Jesus as their Savior. We look forward to examining their faith and welcoming them as communicant members of our congregation.

## The meal is the price of your salvation

By Mark Jeske, Time of Grace 03/23/2019

What is actually happening when people receive Lord's Supper?

You can't see much. It may only look like some reverent people getting a morsel of bread and a sip of wine. But what is really going on is a personal encounter with the risen Christ, their Savior from sin. Through the mystery and miracle of the sacrament, they are receiving the body of Christ; through faith they then become part of the body of Christ, i.e., the great union of all believers past, present, and future. That personal encounter was instituted by Christ, guaranteed by Christ, and explained by Christ: "Take and eat; this is my body. . . . Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:26-28). The Meal guarantees people's forgiveness before God because the Meal is the very price of their salvation. The body you receive was nailed to the cross for you. The blood you receive came out of his body for you.

The message behind Lord's Supper is the same message brought by the spoken gospel of Christ: you are loved, you are forgiven, you are empowered to live a new life. What the Supper does is make that message personal. You cannot possibly mistake whom God means with that love, forgiveness, and power because the Meal is in your mouth.

It's personal.

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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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