



# 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:

Exodus 18:25 (EHV) <sup>25</sup> *Moses chose capable men from all of Israel and made them leaders over the people: officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.*

Romans 13:1 (EHV) <sup>1</sup> *Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God.*

Ever since the beginning of time, God has been in control. Human beings have rebelled and turned from God. Sin has infected us all. Sin has affected those in control. There is now no perfect government. Even in the time of Moses, when God instructed him to chose leaders, God knew that they wouldn't be perfect. Still, he did institute government and expects that Christians be obedient in so far as they do not require us to go against God's Word (Acts 5:29).

In this election year, as in every election year, there are choices that we are to make. We need to be informed what God says and how candidates align themselves with what God expects. Because all candidates are sinners, like you and me, they will not be perfect. But we want to our country to be more God-like in its governance. So we support those whom we feel will be more in line with God's Word (even if they don't themselves believe in God or Jesus). In the course of history, God has used even wicked and evil kings to serve

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## Christian Worship: New hymnal updates

What will a new hymnal look like? Simple answer, it will look very similar to our present hymnal. Our present hymnal was produced about 25 years ago. Some of our hymnals are beginning to show their age in wear. When the new hymnal comes out in Fall, 2021, then the present hymnal will no longer be published.

Aside from the wear of our hymnal, what are the benefits of a new hymnal? The promotional materials state: "The new hymnal offers a comprehensive set of resources to cultivate a rich worship life in Lutheran churches, schools, and homes." There will be over 400 hymns from our present hymnal included as well as about 300 new hymns. These may be hymns that

have been in use through other means that are well known and hymns that are contemporary to our day and age. There will be a wide selection of genres that will continue to provide meaningful worship for our services. Modern hymns will blend with the old mainstay hymns. There will be a variety of ways to sing the Psalms besides what we use now. You will note that not all the Psalms are included in our hymnal. All of the Psalms will now be published with two or three ways to sing them. Scripture references for each hymn will be included so that you can look up the Bible passages that fit the hymn. There will be more unity in the theme for each Sunday: "The new lectionary will feature thematic Sundays. All three readings, the Psalm of the Day, the Prayer

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# WELS workings

(What does it mean to be part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod?)

## Have you visited wels.net lately?

Do you ever wonder how your Sunday offerings help support the work of WELS? Go to wels.net to discover stories about the many WELS world and home mission fields; explore which ministries can support you and your congregation; enjoy daily devotions and Bible readings; and subscribe to stay up to date on the latest news from your synod. All of this and more is available on wels.net. Visit us online today and save us as a Favorite or a Bookmark!

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of the Day, the Gospel Acclamation, and the Hymn of the Day will support the day's theme. An increased number of Old Testament narratives will help build biblical literacy and provide good preaching texts." The new hymnal technology will allow us to have hymnals in the pew, printed copies of the whole service, and provide the worship slides on the screen with less prep time. Basically, worshipers will have three different ways to make use of the worship materials (Hymnal, slides, printouts).

Our goal is to let everyone know what the new hymnal can do for our congregation and the approximate cost to go all in with this project. Then at the January Annual Meeting, we can determine if we want to do this or not.

Costs associated with this project would be just over \$3,000. Since some members do not use the hymnal, we would put four hymnals in each pew instead of six. That would reduce the cost a bit. Also, if some would like to purchase their own hymnal (what we would recommend) for use in the home and at church (BYOH... bring your own hymnal), then that would reduce the number needed in the pew. The cost would include 65 hymnals, the altar books, the organ/piano accompanist books for our accompanists, Psalm books for our choir members, supporting materials, and electronic version for printing and publishing on

screen. The Council authorized changing the "Educational Fund" to the "Hymnal Fund." There is about \$1,100 in the fund. When we decide whether to go with the new hymnal or not, we can determine the usage of the fund at that time. You may donate to the fund at this time if you like.

You can find a wealth of information on the new hymnal at:

<https://www.christianworship.com/>

We also have preview guides that give some information about the new hymnal. The guides are available on the piano in the Sanctuary.

## Church's 50th Anniversary

In 2022, we will celebrate 50 years of service to the Lord for our congregation. We have a committee that has begun preparations. The members of the committee are Mike and Lola Radeck, Zac Radeck, and Bob and Miriam Grafe.

We are researching the history of the congregation in order to put together an historical book. If you have memories of the early years or photos that you would like to share, please give that information to the committee members.

We have selected the following two Sundays to celebrate: June 12, 2022 and June 19, 2022. More information and updates will be forth-coming.

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his purpose. Whomever gets elected, God will use for his purpose. That would be our prayer. So who is the best candidate? You do the research. Look at all sides. Listen and learn. While the mud-slinging is in full force, we need to sift through the falsehoods to find some truth. Then chose whom you feel will serve

God's purpose better. Get out and vote because that is one's Christian duty. Pray that God leads our nation with whoever the winner may be so that God's will can be done and that we can continue to promote Christian values in all facets of our life. And remember, God is still in control.

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The Pilot is a monthly newsletter of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Articles are to be submitted to the editor by the 15<sup>h</sup> 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](http://www.stpaulgj.org). You may e-mail at [pastorstrong@stpaulgj.org](mailto:pastorstrong@stpaulgj.org) or [church@stpaulgj.org](mailto:church@stpaulgj.org)

# 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.

A \$200 donation will be sent to the **Mobile Medical Clinic in Malawi** for the month of October.

Paula Walker and Kathy Strong are working on new paraments for the altar, lectern, and pulpit. They will be looking for material to make new ones.

Caroline Carlson and Jackie McClimans offered to take over the "Friendship Committee" duties and will send birthday and anniversary cards to members of the church as was done by Maureen Worland. Thank you to Maureen for the many years she dedicated to doing this wonderful act of kindness.

## Craft, Bake and Book Fair

This is an annual and the only fundraising event for Ladies Fellowship. All monies will be used to support mission projects in CO, the US, and the world. Please be generous!!

You can bring items either on Saturday after 10 AM or before Church on the 8th for the sale.

Items will be for sale on Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 15 before and after church services until 3 PM.

We will also have someone available during the week on Tuesday, November 10 and Friday, November 13 in case anyone is interested in coming by the church for the Craft Fair on those dates and extended times. You can come during those days until 3 PM as well.

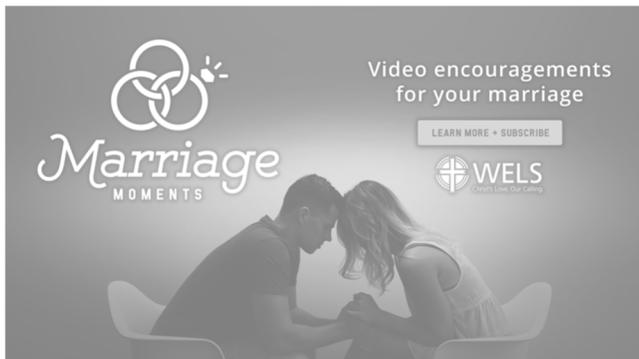
## Thanksgiving Day Potluck

Some of the members would like to get together on Thanksgiving Day for a potluck. If you would like to attend, check out the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for what side dishes you would wish to provide. The main turkey will be provided.

## Advent by Candlelight

Plans are in the making for the Annual Advent by Candlelight event. Be sure to watch for updates as plans are being made.

**Next meeting will be November 21 at 11:00 AM**



Monday morning encouragements have begun. Sign up to get them weekly at: <https://welscongregationservices.net/subscriptions/>

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**Worship Services:**

Sunday mornings 9:00 AM  
Fellowship: 10:00 AM  
Bible Study: 10:30 AM

Monday Bible Study: Summer recess

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