



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:

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."*

It's the beginning of a new year. The budget has been adopted. Plans will be carried out to keep up our church and to do the Lord's work of spreading the Word. Each member is a part of the team that God has put together for that purpose. He has also supplied every one with the necessary tools to contribute to that work. Every member is to be involved.

Someone once asked how much should I give for offerings? The answer is, "Depends on how God has blessed you. If God didn't provide anything for you this year, it would seem that you would not be required to give anything back since you can't give what you don't have. I don't think anyone is in that predicament, though. Want a measuring stick? How about 10% of your income each week? That is what God expected from his Old Testament people. (Only a measuring stick now, not a law). Realize that all members are responsible for supporting the work of the Lord. While some are unable to provide as much as others, no one is unable to support the church. It is a matter of the heart. What

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Christian Worship: New hymnal

The congregation voted to purchase the new hymnals. If you would like to purchase one for yourself, turn in the form on page 3 of this newsletter or use a blue form on the piano at church. Feb. 7 is the deadline for the \$25 cost. After that, it will cost a bit more.

Church's 50th Anniversary

We continue to plan for the anniversary that will be on June 12 and 19, 2022. If you have documents or photos that you feel could be used, please consult with Mike and Lola Radeck, Zac Radeck, or Bob and Miriam Grafe. They are our committee.

Notes from the Annual Meeting:

The meeting minutes will be posted within the next week, pending Council perusal first.

Our 2021 Church Council includes:

President: Eric Kjeldgaard

Secretary: Rod Christ

Treasurer: Bob Grafe

Financial Secretary: Tom Bargsten

Elders: Rod Christ, Phil Wiechman, David Fenske

Trustees: Tom Bargsten, Mike McClimans, Justin Amdahl

Thanks to Steve Davis and Kevin Schulz for serving this past year.

WELS workings

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

Have you visited www.wels.net lately?

Receiving strategic direction: The Conference of Presidents provides Christ-centered, biblical leadership to our called workers, and encourages gifts that fund the synod's ministry plan. The Synodical Council manages the synod's ministry plan, ensures that all gifts are used wisely, and acts on behalf of the congregations between conventions.

Donations through Facebook and Thrivent

Since the last newsletter, the company that Thrivent uses to collect donations will now be tacking on a credit card fee. We are recommending not using them now. But you can use Facebook donation button and there is no cost to you or to the church. Contact Pastor Strong for more information.

Midweek Lenten Series

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Our worship services will be at 6:30 PM. No soup suppers this season.

Thank you to Pastor Matt Frey (Montrose) for putting together the series theme this year: "Predicted"

"Jesus predicted everything that was going to happen to him. He was not surprised by the awful treatment he received at the end of his

life and he certainly wasn't unprepared. He knew exactly how it was going to all play out long before it did, and he informed his disciples about the specifics of his suffering, death, and resurrection on multiple occasions.

Jesus' predictions serve as a comfort to us. He was well aware of the brutality and torture he would have to go through during the last few hours of his life on this earth – and he let it happen anyway. His love for us was so powerful that the pain and punishment he would have to face didn't stop him from what he was about to do. He predicted it all. And then he fulfilled it as promised."

We are looking forward to a blessed Lenten season as we travel with Jesus to the cross, grave and open tomb.

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are you willing to do to help share the Word with fellow members and to reach out to the world with the wonderful news about Jesus.

A new year, new budget, new way of thinking. Sit down with your family and determine how you can support your church and your God. We learn how to give from the Word. How do our children learn? From their parents. It is always encouraging to see a parent that gives their child a buck or two and tells them to put it in the collection plate. That is how children learn to support the work of the church.

God has a plan and you are part of it. Give out of love for the Savior. Pray for all our members to evaluate

their giving and their motivation to serve the Lord. How will you respond to God's call?

Facebook live-streaming will continue.

We have many members and non-members who watch our worship services on the internet, either live at 9 AM or at a later time. This is a blessing while we have COVID in our midst. We hope and pray that soon we can worship at full capacity. We will also live-stream the Lenten Services on Wednesdays beginning February 17.

The Pilot is a monthly newsletter of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Articles are to be submitted to the editor by the 15^h 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

Christian Worship – New Hymnal – Pre-order

We will be purchasing the new hymnal and resources when they become available in late summer. Some have asked if they could pre-order hymnals for themselves. The cost will be \$25.00 (includes shipping). No payment at this time.

If you would like to pre-order, please return this form.

Name: _____

I would like to pre-order _____ hymnals.

Please return by February 7, 2021

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.

Next meeting will be February 20 at 11:00 AM.

Notes from January meeting

New altar paraments adorn our altar, pulpit and lectern. The green paraments are donated by Pastor and Kathy Strong. The Ladies' Fellowship will be purchasing white, non-festival paraments. The white ones we have now are Christmas and Easter. The new ones will be for generic occasions where white is prescribed. If you would like to donate to the Ladies' Fellowship to help cover some of the costs, you may do so.

Jackie McClimans will head up the Friendship Committee. The committee mails out birthday and anniversary greetings and any other special occasions for our members.

We will not have the annual Friendship Dinner this year. We will prayerfully get back to that next year. But we will hold a Valentine's Day lunch on Saturday, the 13th for anyone who would like to attend. It will start at noon and is potluck.

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Worship Services:

Sunday mornings 9:00 AM
Fellowship: 10:00 AM
Bible Study: 10:30 AM
Monday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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