



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:

Psalm 39:4-5 (EHV) *"Lord, help me understand my end. What is the limit of my days? Let me know how fleeting I am. See, you have cut short my days. My brief time before you is like nothing. Indeed, every person, even at his best, is just a puff of air."*

"Time sure does fly." "The older you get, the faster time goes by."

"Time stops for no one." "Where did the time go?" Heard these

statements or heard yourself saying statements like these? It does seem to be true...

unless you are waiting in the doctor's office for your appointment. I was thinking that Ash Wednesday was just a few days ago. Now Holy Week is upon us.

How do you measure time? You watch your kids and grandkids grow up so fast. You see your hair thinning and turning gray or white. You start counting wrinkles on your skin. While time doesn't stop, it will not end. For all believers, it will continue in heaven... for eternity.

When you put life into perspective, you realize that time on this earth is a time of grace, a time to get to know Jesus as the Savior. No one will live forever on this earth. Heaven

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Holy Week and Easter worship

We will worship on Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion at 6:30 PM. On Good Friday we will have two identical services with Holy Communion at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM.

Easter Sunday worship will be at 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Both services will be the same. There will be no Easter Breakfast due to COVID restrictions, but the ladies will provide fresh baked goods for a small fellowship gathering.

Bring flowers

You can bring flowers to celebrate Easter for our Easter services. You can bring them to church on Saturday or before the worship services on Easter Sunday.

Sunday Bible Study series

We have begun a new Bible Study series entitled: "The Christian in Today's World." The future topics include living in today's family environment; in today's hostile environment; in today's technological environment; and in any environment. Join us for some lively discussions.

No Bible Study on the 4th or 11th.

Church's 50th Anniversary

Pastors John Schmidt and David Haberkorn have accepted the invitations to be our guest preachers for the anniversary planned for June 12 and 19, 2022. A friend of the Radecks has provided a drone video of our campus. View it here: <https://youtu.be/JwHXzhcFQ-M>

We continue to solicit 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.

WELS workings

(What does it mean to be part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod?)
Have you visited www.wels.net lately?

Supporting Mission Work: Home Mission supports 123 congregations in the U.S., Canada, and English-speaking West Indies, and assist hundreds of other congregations with their campus ministry programs. World Missions conducts gospel outreach in 40 foreign countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 17 prospective new mission fields. Joint Missions oversees any mission opportunity that is a combination of Home Missions, World Missions, and Ministerial Education, including groups and cross-cultural ministries. Our synod also connects with people to share the gospel through the humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts of WELS Christian Aid and Relief.

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is our home. We look forward to the day when we will bask in God's glory. In the meantime, time marches on.

Jim Croce's "Time in a Bottle" hit song was written when he learned that his wife was pregnant:

If I could make days last forever
If words could make wishes come true
I'd save every day like a treasure, and then
Again, I would spend them with you.

He wrote this song in 1970. He died in a plane crash in 1973. While he was writing this about his wife, I think the believer would apply these words to Jesus.

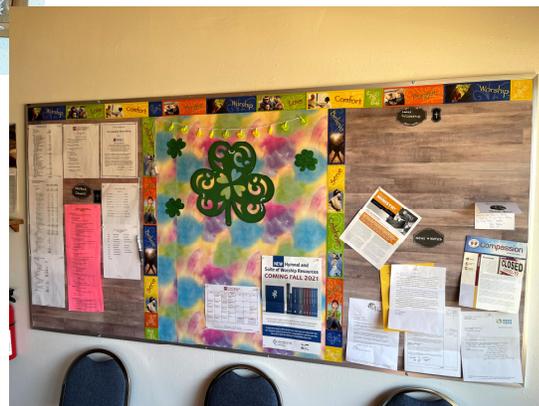
How much time do you spend with Jesus?

Easter is a reminder that no matter how fast time goes, one day we will be in heaven because of what Jesus did. Treasure your faith. Treasure Jesus.

Treasure the time you have with loved ones while here on earth and look forward to eternal time with them in heaven. Pray that they treasure the Savior as much as you do.

Bulletin boards updated

Thanks to Paula Walker for updating the bulletin boards. You will notice the one in the hallway leading into the Fellowship Hall now has photos of our Church Council members and support staff. New members' pictures are also here. The bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall has a new background and isn't as cluttered as it has been for a long time and more colorful. Thank you, Paula.



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

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 April 17 at 11:00 AM.

Notes from March meeting

The ladies voted to send March's mission monies of \$200 to WELS Christian Aid & Relief who helps out in times of disaster and other situations needing help in communities. They share the Gospel while sharing material items.

Kathy Strong will be the LWMS reporter to replace Janice Reid-Davis as the Davis family will be moving out of state sometime in the future.

It was decided that we would go to lunch on April 24th at Café Sol. We will meet at the church at 10:45 AM to carpool.

A request was made to bring flowers for decorating on Easter Sunday. Any flowers will be appreciated. A reminder also to bring a fresh baked item for serving between the two worship services.

St. Paul Lutheran Church has the opportunity to participate in the BAM during the month of April with prayers for these mission places.

Befriend a Mission (BAM)

With a new year, comes new missions to support. For 2021, the Rocky Mountain Circuit will be focusing our attention on the following three missions:

Native American and Teacher Ruth Tainatongo

Ms. Ruth Tainatongo is the 4th grade teacher at East Fork Lutheran School in Whiteriver, Arizona. East Fork Lutheran School currently has K-8, while anticipating opening to 9th and 10th grades in the fall. Each grade is in its own classroom. There are many repairs that the school has to undergo before it can open in person again so any funds we are able to raise to assist with this is greatly appreciated.

Ruth's family consists of Ruth, her husband, Darryl and two children, Kai who is 19 and Hali who is 17. Kai is a sophomore at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. He is hoping to pursue a career in nursing. Hali is a senior at Blue Ridge High School in Pinetop. She is hoping to go to school in North Carolina and pursue a career in teaching.

Living Hope Ev. Lutheran Church and Pastor Eric Melso

Living Hope is in Ooltewah, Tennessee and part of the South Atlantic district. Living Hope was officially

launched in September 2018. They use a "church on wheels" system in order to set up the worship space each week in a hotel conference room. About half the congregation comes for in-person worship and the other half watch the livestream service.

Pastor Melso and his wife Jennifer moved to Chattanooga in 2017 after being assigned on Call Day to start a new mission. In 2019, they welcomed their little girl Natalie who is just about to turn 2 years old. Jennifer is expecting, so they will have a new addition to their family, due to arrive July 21st of this year.

Living Savior Ev. Lutheran Church and Pastor Paul Zell

Living Savior is in Hendersonville, North Carolina and part of the South Atlantic district. In 2017 Living Savior Church of south Asheville started a new church in Hendersonville. The sister congregation is currently meeting in 4 Seasons Mall in temporary quarters.

Pastor Zell is married to Cathy and they have three grown children. Their son currently resides in Oregon and their two daughters (plus one son-in-law and granddaughter) live in Virginia.

The LWMS Rocky Mountain Circuit will meet on Saturday, April 24th in person at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO and virtually, online.

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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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