

# You Otto Know

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church



- Special points of interest:
- Remember Poodle Skirts?
- Pastor's Library
- Shopping at the Drug Store

### Christian Communication

Matthew 18:15 says "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone..." It seems that we often forget this passage. Talking behind one another's back and spreading gossip is like a cancer to any congregation. It creates fighting and can divide a church. If someone has an issue with the Pastor or how a church is run they should speak directly to the Pastor or an Elder. If two members have a problem with each other they should talk privately to solve the issue. God commands us to work things out. We are to show compassion, love and forgiveness. Matthew 18:15-20 goes on to tell us to take things to the church if you cannot work it out. This means bring it to the Elders or the Pastor. It does not mean spread it around like fire. John 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"

### March Happenings

New Service Times begin on March 6th. The service will be at 8:00 and 10:00am. Communion in the early service will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays only. Communion will be held every Sunday in the 10:00am service.

Spring begins on March 20th. It cannot come soon enough :)

Daylight savings time begins on March 13th. Don't forget to change your clocks.

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### March Birthdays *Happy Birthday!*

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| Eva Aiello (3-4)       | Kevin Hagan (3-4)        | Kelly Mertens (3-6)      |
| Jason Schaub (3-9)     | Ryan Steffens (3-10)     | Shirley Derickson (3-11) |
| Kaelen Schaub (3-11)   | Zach Jeffries (3-12)     | Betty Vogelsang(3-13)    |
| Dale Wallen (3-16)     | Brittany Niemeyer (3-22) |                          |
| Charlie Nahlik (3-24)  | Angie Goforth (3-25)     | Ann DeFlorian (3-26)     |
| Fern Schuessler (3-26) | Rebecca Benson (3-29)    |                          |



## Message from Pastor Schultz



The Mission Task Force has developed a draft of our mission statement. I want to thank all who have given their input on the statement. If you haven't given your input, please do so by the 21<sup>st</sup>, copies of the statement can be found on the counter in the narthex. Once the task force has developed the final mission statement then the next step will be to set our vision statement for the congregation. A vision statement is an image of the preferred future based on the congregation's mission that focuses and defines its efforts and ministries for this time. It will answer these questions: What is the congregation hoping to accomplish? What will the congregation look like in the future?

Other steps in this process include developing mission targets or goals, developing objectives, and developing very specific tasks. All of these steps will serve to fulfill our vision and mission statements. I welcome your input as we continue along with this strategic planning, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. I also ask that all of you would pray for the Lord's guidance in all that the task force plans.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

*Pastor Schultz*

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## The Pastor's Library

The following are some of the interesting sections of the book "Why Men Hate Going to Church".

Passive-led churches are not moving toward a compelling vision – and according to Proverbs, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (29:18 KJV)

Men are turned off by amateurish music, worn-out facilities, and unkempt grounds. Churches that are producing fruit, growing numerically, and reaching men are those that pursue excellence in everything they do.

We have placed so many demands on our pastors that they have not time to lead us. Like the widows in Acts 6, we've become accustomed to the pastor personally ministering to us. We see him as God's representative on earth. His prayers are more powerful and his insight more keen. His presence lends prestige to a meeting.

Eric Swanson studies healthy churches, and without exception they are externally focused: their goal is to make a significant and sustainable difference in the lives of people around them. Stagnant churches ask, "How can we minister to our people?" Life-giving churches ask, "How can our people change the world?" This change is great for men.

I would recommend this book to all the women who struggle to get their men to attend church with them. It would also be a good book for the men in our congregation who are involved in men's ministry.

Next month's reading goal is to finally finish "The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice". Continue to read and exercise the mind that God has so graciously blessed you with and as always I would like to hear about what you are reading. Send me a note or an email, call or text me, or send me a note on Facebook I look forward to hearing from you.

## The First Commandment and Christian Stewardship

In 2006 George Barna published research which found that on average Protestant pastors contend that 70 percent of the adults in their church consider their personal faith in God to transcend all other priorities. When the same survey was given to members of Protestant congregations the results were quite different. Not quite one out of every four (23 percent) named their faith in God as their top priority in life. There seems to be a significant gap between what pastors perceive about their members beliefs and what the members actually believe. (From "Surveys Show Pastors Claim Congregants Are Deeply Committed to God But Congregants Deny It!" an online article from Barna Research, January 10, 2006).

The First Commandment says, "You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things."

"We usually think of the Ten Commandments as God's demand, but in the First Commandment Luther found the best news that there can be for God's human creatures: that He insists on being our God and providing us with all we need. Luther began Christian instruction with the First Commandment, with God's announcement that He is our God. God stands in first place in our lives. God was concerned first of all not with what Adam had done wrong but with where he was: 'Adam, where are you?' (Gen. 3:9)-That is, with the relationship between them and the places which they occupied in relation to each other. So also God is ultimately most concerned that He occupy the proper place in our lives, the place where the Creator belongs" writes Robert Kolb in Teaching God's Children His Teaching (page 1-1).

What does the First Commandment have to say about Christian stewardship?

The First Commandment makes it very clear to the Christian steward that we belong to God. We are not our own. Raymond Olson writes in *Stewards Appointed*, "We owe everything we are to God. Nothing we will get out of life will be without His prior claim resting upon it and upon us. While He is under no obligation to us, we are under unremitting obligation to Him. We have not been given freedom to rule our lives and the world in which we find ourselves apart from the purposes and intentions of God. The steward is to be under no illusions about his position. He is steward and not Master. He is sinner and not Savior. He is to be guided. He is not the Guide. He is the property manager, not the property owner. He is the one entrusted, not the one who gives the trust. The purposes of life are revealed to him; he is not the determiner of those purposes. In his true devotion to God, he will find no sound reason to question this arrangement, but will understand that it is established in this way by the perfect love and infinite wisdom of God" (pages 19-20). The Christian steward understands and lives out the fact that he/she is a steward and not the owner.

The First Commandment reminds Christian stewards that we are not to dismiss God in our daily lives. Martin Marty writes in *The Hidden Discipline*, "God faces man in the practical decisions of daily life. Men reject God not so much because in the chambers of their academies or the chambers of their hearts they have reasoned their way past Him. What makes it easy for them to dismiss God is the way they live their practical daily life. There is where unbelief is the problem: there men act as if God did not exist" (page 3). The Christian steward lives daily life as a response to God's love in Christ. This daily living is to glorify God and be a faithful witness to the neighbor.

The First Commandment reminds Christian stewards that we must keep special watch over our relationship with God. God always acts first in this relationship. He created us. He redeemed us in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Yet, as sinful human beings we are tempted to trust other things or other people. In the Large Catechism Luther warns us that money and possessions can become idols, "Many a person thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions. He trusts in them and boasts about them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Such a person has a god by the name of 'Mammon' (i.e., money and possessions) [Matthew 6:24], on which he sets all his heart. This is the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure [Luke 12:16-21] and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has no money doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few people can be found who are of good cheer and who neither mourn nor complain if they lack Mammon. This care and desire for money sticks and clings to our nature, right up to the grave" (pages 18-19). The Christian steward trusts in God alone and not in money and possessions. Money and possessions are entrusted to us by God to be used for His purposes.

Olson summarizes the relationship between The First Commandment and Christian stewardship when he writes, "The First Commandment is a call to the Christian steward to acknowledge continually that the one true God alone has a claim upon him, and to remember that this claim is a good and beneficent one. This Commandment is a witness that he should faithfully and daily offer to God what he is and has, bringing his selfishness under the discipline of using the material world to do God's work. It is a reminder to the Christian steward that he should seek to grow in the knowledge of the God who is revealed, with no side journeys to create gods of his own liking. It is an invitation to seek from Jesus Christ, God's Son, the cleansing, restoration and abiding grace which will make of a man what this Commandment calls him to be" (page 22).

(Modified version of StewardCAST for February 2011)



# March Schedules

## Sound Board

6<sup>th</sup> Ben Weibrecht  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jason Nahlik  
 20<sup>th</sup> Ben Weibrecht  
 27<sup>th</sup> Michael Carver

## Acolytes

6<sup>th</sup> Eva Aiello / Becca Schultz  
 13<sup>th</sup> Joey Frank /Kayla Benson  
 20<sup>th</sup> Allie Warren / Jacob Vogel  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jason Nahlik / Jessica Vogel

## USHER

### 8:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett  


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 13<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett  


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 20<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett  


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 27<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

### 10:00am

Arlie Ehlmann./Bill Weeke  
Alvin Marschel/Jeff Nahlik  
 Nathan Aiello/Alec Aiello  
Murel Warren/John Klunk  
 Virgil Benson/Justin Benson  
Soyna Jeffries/Becky Vogel  
 Jonathon Schultz/Michael Carver  
 Bill McClain/George Wallen

## Greeter

### 8:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Roselyn Burchett  
 13<sup>th</sup> Rich & Kim Hogan  
 20<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Roselyn Burchett  
 27<sup>th</sup> Rich & Kim Hogan

### 10:00am

Nancy Brooks/Leann Kelly  
 George & Roberta Wallen  
 Bill & Carol Weeke  
 Alvin & Arlene Marschel

## Reader

### 8:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver  
 13<sup>th</sup> Amy Held  
 20<sup>th</sup> Matthew Carver  
 27<sup>th</sup> Amy Held

### 10:00 am

Sandy Overberg  
 Kenton Ehlmann  
 Fern Schuessler  
 Cheri McGuire



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**Worship Services:**  
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
and 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion  
celebrated at both  
services.

**Bible Study & Sunday  
School:**  
Sunday 8:45 am. Bible  
Study & Sunday School

Adult Bible Class--  
Wednesday 10:00 am

## About

### Concordia Seminary

It is rumored that "The Exorcist" was based on a true story that happened on campus.

The stain glass window is actually 1in. faceted glass.

You can call and take a tour of the campus which also includes KFUE and the Concordia Historical Institute.

#### Are you on Facebook?

If so come join our group. It is St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Search for us and join. If you have comments to make or just want to keep updated on recent or upcoming events stop by. If you need help setting up an account with facebook (it is free by the way) or if you need help finding the group ask any of the youth or stop by the office.

## JC PLAYZONE

Looking for a fun and safe online activity for the kids? Check out JCPlayZone. There are so many things to do including a new game called "Fisher of Faith" It is an exciting game featuring Noah. You aid Noah in his search of fish and other sunken treasures on his freshwater rig, JCPlayZone also has coloring pages, e-cards and even recipes. There is so much more. Make JCPlayZone a stop on the web for you and the kids. You can link to it from our website Saintpaulslcms.org

## SUPER SAVERS

Have you ever stopped to look at the other items Drug Stores sell as you make your way back to the pharmacy? Check the ad each Sunday and by combining sales with coupons you can find incredible deals. You can combine a store coupon with a manufacturer's coupon for extra savings. The big drug store chains have programs that give you reward dollars back on certain purchases. These rewards can be used to purchase items on your next visit. It is your money and with a little planning you can make it stretch a lot further. Remember as with any store there are a few rules to follow. Go online and print the coupon policy for the stores you plan to shop at. This way if any clarification needs to be made about your coupons you have the info at the ready. It is surprising that many cashiers are never given this information.

## Board of Education

Sunday school perfect attendance for January 2011

Samuel Aiello, Kaelen Schaub, Alexis Schaub, Benjamin Warren

Eva Aiello, Alexandra Warren, Danielle Carver, Michael Carver, Bethany Warren, Benjamin Weibrecht, Katelyn Weibrecht

Starting March 14th, Pastor will lead an adult bible study on [Christian Denominations](#). This class will meet on the second and fourth [Mondays from 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm](#).

[Save the date](#) for an exciting all day church event. Saturday, June 18

## **Poodle Skirts, Fun Times, Rock 'n Roll, and Family Life? Yep—those Nifty Fifties are back!**

St. Paul's Youth Group is having their annual Dinner Theatre Saturday evening on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The musical play this year is "*Midland U.S.A—A Golden Oldie*".

The comedy takes place during the mid-fifties featuring a group of teens and a teenager's family in everyday life in a small mid-western town. St. Paul's Jr. and Sr. High teens take the primary roles with supporting cast by members of our young adults and youth leaders. There is great music, comedy, drama, singing, and dancing. Surely something to make you smile.

Although it may seem like simpler times in the 50s there is still impact of adjusting to a "modern" world according to the director Murel Warren who wrote the play customized for our youth. Everybody loves the thought of the 50s, especially our youth whose grandparents were teens back then. It is amazing that they are willing to work hard rehearsing and performing on stage in these roles while also giving them opportunity to have some fun and sharing good old fashioned fellowship with their congregation. St. Paul's members are sure to enjoy the entertainment!

The evening entertainment is free for everyone and a free-will offering is available for those wanting to support the Youth Group for future activities. Doors open at 6:00 pm with a 50's diner styled meal served at 6:30. Be sure to wear your favorite 1950's attire.

This year we also have help from the Antonia Middle School Service Learning Committee reaching out to St. Paul's. They were hoping to assist with some service project and were able to provide help using their resources for scene props and acting as servers. Their goal is to help in the community and create bonds that will last forever. We really appreciate their help and hope to reciprocate their example to the community.

### **Journalism 101 (1950's Style)**

**Who:** St. Paul's Youth Groups and Young Adults

**What:** A Dinner Theatre "*Midland U.S.A. – A Golden Oldie*"

**When:** Saturday, March 5, 2011 Doors Open: 6:00 pm

**Where:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church Auditorium

**Why:** A Saturday evening out for entertainment and fun fellowship!

**How:** Having fun, enjoying oldies music, and sharing a memorable experience!

Unfortunately there is only one performance, so...*Be there or be square!*

## MISSION BOARD

The board has decided to support "Feed My People" by sending them a \$200 donation from designated funds. We will continue to support them with fundraising this year. This organization was established by John & Carol DeGuire who are members of the LCMS. The needy who come to the church looking for assistance will be directed to "Feed My People" or other area food pantries. If these people cannot get to "Feed My People" because of lack of gasoline then they may be given assistance to get gasoline. The office will no longer hand out gift cards for food.

The board has also decided to support Lutheran Hour Ministries by sending them a \$200 donation from designated funds. We appreciate their missionary work in Vietnam and their offering of daily devotions on their website. We thank you for your support of our projects and any comments or suggestions can be given to Linda Smith, Angie Goforth, or Michele Schultz.

## LADIES AID

Thank You for your Mites

The first quarter "Mites for Missions" totaled \$293.85. Thank you for your generosity and prayers! These mites have been sent in to be used for Mission projects throughout the world, at home and abroad. If you need a new mitebox, there are some on the sideboard in the narthex. God Bless your Mites on a Mission giving!

"News from the Past"

It is with a sad heart that we have been asked to "Spread the news" that Paul E. Gose, Jr. (of Turlock, CA) and his sister, Margaret Neher (of Higginsville, MO) have both passed from grace to glory. Margaret passed away March 2010 and Paul , May 21, 2010.

Paul's wife (Belle) also passed away two years ago, shortly after the Gose family help a family reunion here at St. Paul's Auditorium. Some of our ladies make a luncheon for the family and the family toured their old home ( the parsonage) showing their grandchildren where their bedrooms were and excited about all the changes to the property as they remembered it.

Out of love for our Church family and appreciation for the luncheon the Gose children presented St. Paul's with two veils to cover our communion service. They were dedicated by Pastor Springer the day of the reunion.

We, who grew up with the Gose family have been so blessed to have be able to meet their families and make that "Reunion day" a happy memorable one for them.

Pastor and Mrs. Paul E. Gose served St. Paul's from 1929-1944. They had five children, Louise, Eunice, Margaret, Paul E Jr. and Miriam. They are all now together with their parents in Jesus loving arms.