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Scrip orders

Daddy's empty Chair

Mother's Day



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Church 360

Church 360 is up and running. As the membership sheets come into the office your info is being placed into the program. Make sure your email is on your form. Without an email address you will not be able to access the system. Once we have your info and email in the system it will email you a private link. You will be able to access the calendar and your personal information. You will not be able to see others private info and they will not see yours. If you do not have internet access at home but would like to be able to access the system, there is a computer with internet access in the conference room. There are many free sites to set up an email account. Let the office know that you are interested and we can help you get set up. Computer access is also available at your local li-

Divine Service 3

Divine Service 3 is always held here on the third Sunday of the month. One of the things that is unique to that service is the singing of the Lord's Prayer. Over the past few months there has been some confusion as to how this works. It is notated in the bulletin that the pastor only is to say the first part and then we as a congregation sing the last part. Please look over your bulletin before worship to familiarize yourself with the service we are doing.

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Coming this Summer

A topical sermon series based on songs in Pastor's MP3 player! The series will run the months of July and August and will cover the topics of prayer, relationships, stewardship, serving, and others. Come and get a glimpse into Pastor's eclectic music library and learn more about the righteous ways of the Lord.

May Birthdays *Happy Birthday!*

George Wallen (5-1)	Cindy Hutson (5-3)	Chris Aiello (5-5)
Sam Warren (5-5)	Jonathon Schultz (5-7)	Rachel Frank (5-11)
Arlene Marschel (5-11)	Eileen Held (5-12)	Jeramie Lawson Jr. (5-14)
Jennifer Hummert (5-15)	Amy Held (5-18)	Joan Warren (5-18)
Josh Rogger (5-20)	Roberta Wallen (5-24)	Victor Richards Jr. (5-28)



Message from Pastor Schultz

We are a family of believers living, sharing, and celebrating the love of Jesus in our community and throughout the world. This is our new mission statement which will guide and direct all that we do here at St. Paul's. The Mission Task Force is continuing to work on a draft of the new vision statement which will be taken to the congregation for input and the final wording. Please continue to pray that God would reveal His will for His church here in this place through the work of the task force.



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This month and throughout the coming summer I will be using this article to explain various topics related to the sanctuary. This month I will explain the church's use of the paschal candle. This is the tall single candle often referred to as the Christ candle. *The paschal (from the Greek pascha meaning "Easter") candle symbolizes the resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. The use of this candle goes back to the early church (fourth or fifth century). The Vigil of Easter marks the first lighting of the paschal candle. In some traditions it is burned until Ascension Day, in others until Pentecost. In the Vigil service it may be carried in procession and placed in a special stand (traditionally to the liturgical north or left of the altar). It remains there for the duration of its use during the Easter season. On the other hand, the paschal candle is not just a seasonal appointment. After its use in the chancel during the Easter season, it may be placed next to the baptismal font. Because of the connection between Easter and Baptism (Romans 6), congregations are encouraged to light the paschal candle for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The symbolism of Christ's triumph over death and the grave also makes the use of the paschal candle appropriate for the rite of Christian burial. (The Altar Guild Manual, Lee A. Maxwell)* I understand that the paschal candle has been used in various ways and at various times here at St. Paul's. Since there hasn't been a consistent use throughout the years I feel that it is only appropriate to use it in the traditionally Lutheran way. Next month's article will cover the use of flags in the sanctuary.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Pastor Schultz

The Pastor's Library

April was an extremely busy month but in a good way. It contained the culmination of the Lenten season along with Confirmation Sunday and Easter Sunday. All of this activity ate up all the time that I usually spend reading. I am looking forward to a slower pace in the coming months and am looking forward to reading more. There are a couple of books in my library that are on the top of my list to read. The first is "The New Guide to Crisis & Trauma Counseling". I expect that this book will be beneficial to my service as the chaplain for the Antonia Fire Department. Another book on my must read list for the summer is "Why Johnny Can't Preach". This book looks at the affects of the media culture on preaching. Reading books on preaching will be my main focus for this summer as I hope to read three or four books so that I might improve in the area of proclaiming the Gospel. It is my hope that you too will improve an area of your life through reading this summer for reading is truly a blessing from God.

The Third Commandment and Christian Stewardship

A steward is one who is entrusted with the management of something that belongs to another. As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we are and all we have come from God. Stewardship is not just about money or finances, it is about everything God entrusts to our care. We are to manage everything for His purposes. In the Third Commandment we are reminded that we have the privilege and responsibility of managing God's Word.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

This commandment focuses on managing time as it relates to God's Word. Am I taking the time to read and study God's Word and put it into practice in my life? Am I taking the time to gather with fellow believers for worship to receive the gifts He offers there? Am I taking the time to teach God's Word to my children and grandchildren so their lives are ordered by what He says? "This third word," writes Martin Marty, "is really addressed to the question, **Who owns time?** The Law of God has much to say in the way of threat concerning misuse of time and of promise concerning redemption of time. Basically, three questions are implied here, as to time and work, time and rest, time and worship." *The Hidden Discipline*, page 9.

We are no strangers to the misuse of the time God entrusts to us. Robert Kolb writes, "This commandment calls attention to our failure both to gather for worship with other Christians and to use the Word for daily living. God has attached His Word to the rhythms of the week to insure our regular use of it, and He has attached it to the community to insure its disciplined and proper use. The Sunday worship service delivers God's Word so that it may shape our world and our days throughout the week. Sunday reminds us of the resurrection of Christ and the beginning of new life in Him. To absent ourselves from the gathering of God's people asserts our unbelief and our refusal to recognize God's community and His purposes for us in community. The person who absents himself from this attention to the Word 'is declaring the real absence of Christ in the Lord's Supper, is asserting that Baptism is a nice trivial rite,' is defining God's Word as an illusion." Kolb, *Teaching God's Children His Teaching*, page 3-8.

Who owns time is a vital question for the Christian steward and impacts his/her whole life. David writes in Psalm 31:14-15a, "But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands."

God owns time. He created it. He generously entrusts it to us. He uses it to bless us. St. Paul writes in Galatians 4, "4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." We respond to God's grace by holding His Word sacred and gladly hearing it, learning from it, and putting it into practice. That is the Christian steward's joy and delight.

R. C. Rein writes, "The Christian's time...is to be consecrated wholly to the Lord. This involves using all occasions and all opportunities for the Lord's glory and for the good of ourselves and others...Time is a precious gift of God. To value it properly and to employ it profitably should be a matter of conscientious concern to every Christian. To devote the first fruits and the best of our time in worship and service to our Creator and Redeemer is an essential part of God's guide for giving." *First Fruits*, page 44-45.

"Be sure to get this:" writes Martin Luther, "even if you knew the Word of God through and through and had mastered everything, yet all your days are spent in the devil's territory, and he rests neither day nor night from stealthily trying to sneak up and kindle in your heart unfaith and evil thoughts against all the commandments. Therefore you must at all times have the Word of God in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears...when we sincerely ponder, hear, and apply the Word, it has such power that its fruit never fails. The Word always awakens new understandings, new delights, and a new spirit of devotion, and it constantly cleanses our heart and our thinking." *The Large Catechism*, the Third Commandment.

(Modified version of StewardCAST for April 2011)



May Schedules

Sound Board

1st Michael Carver
 8th Ben Weibrecht
 15th Jason Nahlik
 22nd Michael Carver
 29th Ben Weibrecht

Acolytes

1st Eva Aiello / Allie Warren
 8th Jason Nahlik/Kayla Benson
 15th Jessica Vogel / Joey Frank
 22nd Jacob Vogel/ Becca Schultz
 29th Eva Aiello / Allie Warren

USHER

8:00am

1st Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 8th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 15th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 22nd Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett
 29th Matthew Carver/Jerry Burchett

10:00am

Bill McClain/George Wallen
 Elmer Held Jr./Gary Hagan
 Jason Schaub/Charlie Friedman
 Katelyn Weibrecht/ Fern Schuessler
 Bill Weeke/Arlie Ehlmann
 Alvin Marschel/Nathan Aiello
 Jeff Nahlik/Jason Nahlik
 Alec Aiello/Murel Warren
 John Klunk/Virgil Benson
 Jonathon Schultz/Michael Carver

Greeter

8:00am

1st Jerry & Roselyn Burchett
 8th Rich & Kim Hogan
 15th Jerry & Roselyn Burchett
 22nd Rich & Kim Hogan
 29th Jerry & Roselyn Burchett

10:00am

Justin Benson/Rebecca Benson
 Linda Smith/Kathy Strebler
 Colleen Schultz
 Mary Nahlik
 Nancy Brooks/Leann Kelly

Reader 8:00am

1st Amy Held
 8th Matthew Carver
 15th Amy Held
 22nd Matthew Carver

10:00 am

Sandy Overberg
 Fern Schuessler
 Cheri McGuire
 Jonathon Schultz



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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

Fun Facts

About

Mother's Day

The Greek word "meter" and the Sanskrit word "mantra" mean both measurement and mother.

Mother's Day was begun when Anna Jarvis petitioned Woodrow Wilson to honor mothers. He signed the law making Mother's Day an official holiday in 1914

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.

SUPER SAVERS

There are so many reasons to fire up the BBQ and get together with family and friends in the coming months. Why not take it easy on your pocketbook and save some money on supplies. Shop around for the best deal on your propane tank refill for your grill. Just around where I live the price can vary greatly. Look for coupons on the food you will serve. Coupon inserts in the paper run in cycles. As we approach warmer weather there will be many useful coupons for the back yard enthusiast. Shop the sales for bargain meats. When Chicken, Pork Steaks or whatever you like to grill is at its lowest price stock up your freezer. There are always coupons for paper towels, napkin and paper plates. Please be kind to the environment and use paper plates or even better save the cost and use real plates. You can hit the dollar stores for low cost party supplies. Also consider reusing things around the house. Put the kids in the family to work on the decorations using recycled material. You will be surprised with what they come up with. Contact the companies that make your favorite products and tell them how much you like them. More often than not they will send you coupons to get the product for free. Watch the FYI for future details about an upcoming coupon seminar to be held here at St. Paul's. There will be a lot of useful information as well as games and giveaways.

Board of Stewardship

Graduation is coming up soon for many young men and women, and you're having trouble finding something for them as a gift. The best idea is to get them a gift card. The SCRIP program has many stores to choose from and when you order gift cards from scrip, you help to raise money for our church. Just talk to Diana Benson, Bryan Goforth or Matthew Carver (the younger one) and they will help you out. Orders will be taken on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

Stewardship will be conducting a time and talents survey sometime in May. Be sure to look for it.

We are not meeting our budget. Please prayerfully examine your giving and see if there is room for improvement. Our giving for the first quarter as reported in the FYI was short \$4692. We are currently ahead for this quarter due to the Easter services but summer is approaching and that is often a slow time for giving. Let's see if we can change that.

Mite Box Collection

By Arlene Marschel Mite Chairman

The Second quarter Mite box collections will be taken during May. There will be an envelope for that put in your mailbox by May 1st.

At the recent LWML rally there was a speaker and special collection for the Native American Indians in the United States for "Lutheran Indian Ministries". Some are studying for the ministry at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and others are already out in the mission field throughout the USA. God Bless your prayerful mites as you give them in Jesus name!

Put your mission pennies in your mite box small

Send them out to labor when the missions call.

Pennies soon are dollars if we all chip in:

Dollars help our missions precious souls to win.

Fill your little mite box

With coins one by one

You will be so happy

Seeing what is done.

“Remembering Our Mother’s on Mother’s Day”

From a Grannies perspective/ Arlene Marschel

Looking forward to Mother’s Day and what it means to have loving caring Christian mothers. (Some are still with us and some of our mothers are now Sainted and their souls are with our Lord)

We can think back how hard they worked, with so little conveniences they had to do their chores with –like wash boilers to heat water to wash clothes and bathing/ washboards/ old time wringer washer/no clothes dryers (they hung the clothes on a line to freeze dry in winter), used wood stoves to bake in, and coil-oil lamps to read by.

It’s always been amazing how it was never to much to ask Mom or Grandma to bake a certain specialty, like coffeecake or homemade bread, the aroma one never forgets. And of course, we always had fresh butter and cream from our Jersey cow.

With all the work to be done on the farm, the day started at daybreak and they worked until sun-down (God’s time)

After dinner (noon) we gathered around the battery radio to listen to the news, market report and KFUE noontime sermonette and on Sunday afternoon it was the Lutheran Hour wit5h Dr. Walter Maier. I can hear him yet.

Saturday School, for me, was 4 years of Christian education (Pastor Hilmer) from 8am-noon. We rode to church in the back of a milk truck and walked home (unless it rained). Pastor Hilmer was a very interesting teacher and very strict.

Traditions have been a big thing in our family, if we try to change anything now we have one grandson that reminds us “We have to stay with this tradition Grandma”!

As Alvin and I are going into a new phase of our lives and plowing through loads of memories to pass on or pitch. The memories of a wonderful childhood, lots of memories of great times at St. Paul’s in Saturday and Sunday School, Walther League and beyond, The caring Pastors and good friends over the years. We at St. Paul’s have been so blessed, God is so good to us.

Once again, We have so many wonderful youth at St. Paul’s, Very active-Keep it up! Start a tradition-PASS IT ON to the next group coming up. That’s how it’s been done at St. Paul’s for 155 years(June 8th) working together to show how our Lord blesses us for sharing His love to other for Jesus sake.

Take time to remember to thank and pray for your Mothers (if you still have them), They are a special gift from God! Have a Happy Mother’s Day!

DADDY'S EMPTY CHAIR

Submitted by Alvin Marschel

A man's daughter has asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside him bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me" He said. "No, who are you?" said the father.

The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair and I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair?" said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. " I abandoned any attempt at prayer the old man continued, "until one day four years ago, my best friend said to me, "Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest."

"sit down in a chair, place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, "I will be with you always.". "Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that he daddy had died that afternoon. "Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he love d me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

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