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Relying on the Holy Spirit

In our spiritual journeys, it is important that we understand two words that pertain to our salvation: justification and sanctification. Most of us can readily offer a good explanation of justification because as Christians we understand that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus, Who came to live among us and atoned for our sins on the Cross. We are declared righteous because Jesus' righteousness is imputed to us.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins."* (Romans 3:21-25). Placing our faith in Jesus frees us from the penalty of sin and death. We are given new birth in Jesus.

After being justified, our lives take on a new purpose and direction. We are now walking with the Lord. We are forgiven from the penalty of sin, and we have the power to sin less. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and empowers us to live lives that are more Christ-like. Living lives led by the Holy Spirit is a process known as sanctification. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we are no longer slaves to sin. Sanctification continues during our lifetimes. Sin will never be avoided, but we belong to Jesus, so we will sin less. Our lives are committed to pleasing Him and doing His will. We use our time, talents, and money in ways that give our Lord honor and glory. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we spend time in reading and studying God's Word, praying, and attending worship services and receiving communion.

As we grow and mature in our faith, our lives change from self-indulgent living to lives that are obedient to God with reliance on the Holy Spirit. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we begin to exude what Paul refers to as the fruit of the spirit, which is *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* (Galatians 5:22). The fruit of the spirit gives evidence to our spiritual growth and maturity. As we grow in holiness through the sanctification process, we begin to become more like Jesus, but we will never be made fully holy until we are with Jesus in heaven. May God empower all of us to stop relying on our own strength and power and place on reliance on the Holy Spirit.

*In The Master's Service,
Pastor Robert Wiest*

SCHOOL NEWS

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the waters tremble at its swelling.” Psalm 46:1-3

The 2018-2019 school year begins in a couple of weeks! Our theme for the year “Real. Present. God.” is based on Psalm 46. It also ties in with the LCMS Youth Gathering theme for the summer of 2019. This theme focuses on the truth that through the gift of faith, we know our God to be real and present with us in daily troubles, fears, and joys. Our chapel talks and activities for the year will center on this theme.

The first weeks of August will be spent making final plans for the new school year. This year we are excited to be adding our child care center to the facility and the opportunity to serve more families in Christian love. We also are looking forward to implementing our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) science curriculum, Project Lead the Way, which promotes student problem solving and collaboration skills.

Registration Days for the 2018-2019 school year for Kindergarten through Grade 5 students will be on Wednesday, August 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, August 2nd from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Parents received a mailing in July containing Registration Day information.

Open House and Registration for Pre-Kindergarten students will be on Monday, August 13th from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., and for Pre-School students on Thursday, August 9th from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Parents of Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students have already received scheduling information for the Open House and Registration.

The teachers will come back on duty August 1st and begin with an In-Service meeting that day. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 15th from 8:15 to 11:45 a.m. for Kindergarten through Grade 5. The first full day of school will be Thursday, August 16th. The first day of classes for Pre-Kindergarten (4-year old) will be Friday, August 17th from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. The first day of school for Pre-School (3-year old) will be Thursday, August 16th from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 3:15 p.m.

We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding school year, knowing that our real, present God will continue to bless us as we share the message of His love with the children and families of St. Paul’s and our community through our school.

Mrs. Duever
Principal

****School Starts August 15th for St. Paul’s Lutheran School**
1st Day of Sunday School – September 9th

St. Paul's Lutheran Child Care Center



Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

The Child Care Center will open on August 6th. We welcome Robin Klaus as our Director, Shauna Whaley as our lead teacher to our Child Care Staff.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to getting the Child Care Center ready. The Board for Parish Education and the school & Child Care staff could not have done it without you.



August at St. Paul's Lutheran School:

15 – First Day of School

16 – First Day of Pre-School Class

17 – First Day of Pre-Kindergarten Class

Our St. Paul's students will be singing in church
on the following Sundays:

Sept. 9, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Jan. 27,

Feb. 10, Mar. 3, April 14, and May 12.

Dates are subject to change.



LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 3, 2018

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

NO EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00am-12:00pm and
1:00pm-4:00pm,
Monday thru Friday

The office may be closed on
occasion, so please call
ahead.



Pastor Wiest will be in the church office
on Wednesday's from 10:00am-
12:00pm and 1:30-2:30pm. Anyone
needing / wishing to visit personally
with pastor, please contact the church
office. Pastor Wiest can also be reached
at revmeisterorlcs@gmail.com.



Every Sunday

8:00am & 10:30am - Divine Services

Every Monday

7:00pm - Divine Service



ADULT BIBLE CLASS on Sunday Mornings at 9:15am:

Join us during August as we continue spending time
in God's Word together as a congregation.

We will be continuing our study on the LORDS PRAYER.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. We Look forward to seeing you.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

**Fourth Quarter Voter's Meeting
Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Voter's Meeting at 1:30pm in the church basement

August Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2018

Happy Birthday to...

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| 1 Anthony Itzen
Dale Rickers | 15 Neal Niedfeldt
Jamie Norton | 25 Darcie Compton
Carla Loemker |
| 2 Neeley Duff
Merle Kuhlmann
Donna Lofing | 16 Talena McClellan
17 Gerrad Busboom
18 Lawrence Kumm | Chase Lofing
Phyllis Schmidt
Page Southwick |
| 3 Robert Frerking
Benjamin Martin | 19 Carter Aden
Connor Kelley | 26 Samantha Aldag
Todd Deke |
| 4 Brittanie Keating
Carla Meyer
Cheryl Wirth | Marilus Snyder
Stacy Wallman
Vera Weber | Mia Holthus
Lora Kuhlmann
Rory Cash Zutavern |
| 5 Madison Little | 20 Dale DeBuhr
Nancy Rudder | 27 Garrett Easley
Kaylee Helmick |
| 6 Thomas Boyer
Parker Fossler
Tyler Wright | Courtney Thomas | Marie Kitt
Madison Oestreich |
| 7 Donavon Eckhoff
Christine Huls | 21 Ann Kelley
Theodore Robinson | David Taylor |
| 8 Berri Easley
Lois Luebs
Megan Siems | 22 Yvonne Eckhoff
Richard Martin
Joan Schmidt | 28 Bryan Bishop
Walley Boerger
Christine Boone |
| 9 Tami Helmick
Austin Oestreich | 23 Hadley Kelle
Jarod Lueders | Tierra Snyder |
| 10 Aaron Bishop
Daniel Helmick
Kirsten Holle | Stan Wirth | 29 Taylor Easley |
| 13 David Doering | 24 Beverly Weishahn | 30 Daniel Craven
Stefanie Lloyd
Jane Oeltjen |
| 14 Norbert Meyer
Celeste Wells | | 31 Elizabeth DeBuhr
Janette Hill
Travis Ruskamp |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 6 Terry & Teresa Brethouwer, 35 yrs. | 26 Wilbur & Bonnie Oestreich, 75 yrs. |
| 10 Eldred & Carol Lohse, 27 yrs. | Kevin & Judy Weakland, 40 yrs. |
| 11 Eric & Robin Klaus, 23 yrs. | 28 Lawrence & Rowien Kumm, 14 yrs. |
| 13 Rodney & Doris Luedders, 47 yrs. | Michael & Dixie Johnson Sr., 37 yrs. |
| 18 Christopher & Amy Whitfield, 17 yrs. | 29 Glen & Myrna Spilker, 67 yrs. |
| 24 Virgil & Sharilyn Anderson, 33 yrs. | 31 Rodney Aden & Melody Philippi-Aden, 27 yrs. |
| 25 Kevin & Bonnie Riekenberg, 39 yrs. | |

If your information is missing or incorrect, please contact Kelly in the church office as work continues in order to keep our records up to date. We apologize for any errors.

Visit our website for the latest updates at
stpaulbeatrice.org



Upcoming LWML Events

LWML Executive Board Meetings

First Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the church basement. Next meeting will be August 7th.

Zone Fall Workshop October 2018

Host Site:
Trinity Lutheran Church,
Jansen, NE

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

Nebraska South LWML Website

www.lwmlnesouth.org

District Convention

September 14-15, 2018

Host Site:
Younes Conference Center,
Kearney, NE

Theme: "Daughters of the King-Sisters in Christ"

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

LWML Sunday

October 7, 2018

Theme: "Our Rest in a Changing World"
Psalm 62:1-8

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

38th Biennial National Convention

June 20-23, 2019

Host Site:
Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the Lord"
1 Chronicles 16:23-24a

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

CHURCH USAGE POLICY: All requests to use the church for a meeting or activity (i.e. – the fellowship hall for a baby shower or meeting, etc.) must be approved by the church office. If you would like to reserve the church, contact the church office. If your request is approved, Kelly will confirm with you the date is available. If your request is not received by the church office prior to scheduling your event you may not be able to hold your event.

THANK YOU to the gracious people at the BSDC for preparing our monthly newsletters for mailing this month. We sincerely appreciate their volunteer work and a job well done.

DORCAS BOUTIQUE: Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

Car Wash Tickets: The LYF are selling Super Wash car wash tokens – 5 for \$20!! They are available in the church office.



PINK FLAMINGOS: The pink flamingos have escaped their cages!!! As you know, they love to move from place to place spreading their joy! The youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July 2019, are "tending to" the flamingos. They would love to hear from you if you are willing to support them. You may buy insurance so that you do not get flocked for \$20. OR, you can request to have the flamingos visit someone. They, in turn, can share the joy and send them to someone else.

The youth are suggesting a \$20 donation to the LYF for moving them. Checks can be made to the St. Paul's LYF. If you would like to request someone to be "flocked", or if you would like to purchase insurance, you may contact one of the following three adults: Carla Loemker at 402-520-0015, Rod Aden at 402-239-5305 or Eric Klaus at 402-239-7127. The fun starts today and will continue until August 10. We hope you have as much fun with this as we do, and once again, we thank you for your support!!

CAR WASH: The youth attending the National Youth Gathering next summer will be holding a Car Wash at the Auto Zone on Sunday, August 19, from 11:00 to 3:00. This will be for a free will donation. We encourage you to come have your car washed after church. Thank you for your support!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT: Vacation Bible School reached 74 students the week of July 9-13 with an average of 68-70 students daily. With the theme "Splash Canyon", our mornings began with an opening for all students. Groups of students then rotated through five stations/sessions: Storytelling and Bible Challenge, crafts, recreation, music, and snacks. We all gathered together again for a closing session. Those attending the closing program on Friday morning were treated to a recap of the Bible truths and songs learned throughout the week. Our offerings for the week totaled \$144.71 and were for "Mission Madagascar", a Concordia Gospel Outreach program to provide books

about Jesus for children in Madagascar. Our St. Paul's teachers, Shelley Eisele, Jonetta Hagemeyer, Jessica Leseberg, and Lisa Oltmans were instrumental in making the week a success. We couldn't have done it without their help and the help of our other volunteers throughout the week: Dixie & Mike Johnson, Angie Frerking, Bev Duensing, Becky Jobman, Alex Holle, Olivia Hatzenbuehler, Olivia Aden, Chloe Frerking, Talon Tracy, Brady, Kelsay, and Payton Bledsaw, Cheyene and Kendall Oates, Brooklyn Schafer, Jordan Loomis, Jarrod Brand, and Bob Frerking. A huge thank you to all of them and the cookie bakers and all other donators as well! We also want to acknowledge Our Savior Lutheran Church of Odell for sharing the decorations they used for their VBS. We are passing them on to St. Peter's in Wymore for use at their VBS!

Directors Amanda Brand and Vicki Frerking

Stewardship Devotion

Scripture Reading:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).



Becoming Rich

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, Christians understand that riches do not consist of money. In fact, riches have nothing to do with money. We can have very little money and be very rich or be very wealthy and be impoverished. True riches have to do with a right relationship with Jesus Who brings us happiness, satisfaction, joy, love and peace. Material possessions do not constitute real riches.

Material things are transitory. What we possess materially is subject to loss in a variety of ways. Our wealth can be lost in the stock market or through rust, obsolescence, and thievery. No matter how much money we may have, we have no way of guaranteeing that it can be kept safe and secure. Money can be lost, stolen, or its purchasing power lost through inflation. Investments can decline in value and businesses can fail. Our property can be burned or robbed. All material things can be gone quickly. Even if our material things stay with us, we will eventually leave them, because, at the end, we can take nothing with us.

So, if we want to be rich, it cannot be on the basis of material things. Things of this world are much too precarious a foundation on which to build a life. If we are to be rich, we have to turn away from material things and turn toward Christ. In our Scripture reading, Jesus tells us to *“store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”* If we want to get really rich, we have to start storing up riches in heaven.

In order for us to store up treasures in heaven, we first need to love God with all of our heart, soul, and strength and love our neighbors as ourselves. To store up treasures in heaven, we need to loosen our grip on things of this world. We need to learn to be content with what we have rather than always wanting more worldly things.

Through faith, we are rich. As Christians, we receive the riches of eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Why do people worry so much about not having enough money?
2. Why don't material things provide lasting happiness?
3. Why is it important to remember that the only thing that we take to heaven is ourselves?

Prayer:

Lord, You are the provider and controller of all things. Help us to put our trust and faith in You rather than in worldly things. We thank You for Your wonderful love that was shown through Your Son, Jesus. In Your precious name, we pray. Amen.