

Chops Don't Fail Me Now

This past summer I bought myself a "new" trombone. A silver Olds with an F-slide, to be precise. It was used, off eBay, and there's a sticker on the case with the fall football schedule of some high school team in Alabama, 1979. Oh, the stories this thing could tell, and the memories that came flooding back.

The day I got it I polished it up, pursed my lips, and ... phew ... was reminded immediately that I haven't played the trombone in over 10 years. There's a reason why no one says, "It's just like playing a trombone." It isn't a bike. There are specific muscles in your face and mouth used for brass instruments that, like any muscle, grow weak if unused for a long time. So if you don't keep your "chops" up you'll feel it sooner rather than later.

I needed to get my chops back because a friend asked me (and Vicar) to play brass during the main Divine Service at our annual All Pastors Conference in Boyne Mountain. Sure, it wasn't really taxing music—more of a "pick up and play" situation with just a few hymns, a Sanctus, and a postlude—but again, picking up and playing after a decade of not would have meant a blown out embouchure before the service was even half over.

So I practiced. After a few weeks, the muscles came back and I could play for longer: 10 minutes, 20 minutes, 30 minutes. Still nowhere near the endurance I had in my heyday, standing on the sidelines of a football game blasting out Chicago's "25 or 6 to 4" and Pink Floyd's "Money" at top volume. But it was enough for the more genteel setting of a Lutheran worship service.

Incidentally, one of the themes of the conference was on Christian identity and how we all need to strengthen our core spiritual practices for the culturally dark days ahead. Not quite a "circle the wagons" doomsday scenario, but rather a refocus on who we really are as Christians. In the face of so much evil outside of the church, we need to keep our chops up: worship regularly (in church), read the Bible, pray continually, be around other Christians, focus on your family. Get strong in peaceful (or at least neutral) times so that in hard times you know what to do and how to pray.



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I'm reminded of a fairly new Big Band jazz standard I played in high school called "Chops Don't Fail Me Now" by Dominic Spera. The song was fairly tricky, but it kicked. It was sloppy yet sharp in all the right ways befitting a jazz band. But yes, as the name says, you needed good chops. If we played that song towards the end of a set, your cheeks were screaming. Toward the end of the song you literally thought, "Chops don't fail me now!" Like the last pushup before your arms give out or the final stretch of a footrace. Endurance wasn't just beneficial; it was necessary.



I don't know what the future holds, but Christians need stronger chops as a rule. To repeat what one of the speakers at the conference said (his name was Rod Dreher), "I am not optimistic about the future. But I have hope." I agree: I frankly don't believe in my fellow man. I think the real miracle is that anyone does any good at all. I think humanity is just as wicked, selfish, and irrational as it always has been. I think our current culture is getting worse, and maybe headed to the brink of another internal combustion. No, I'm not optimistic about the world *at all*. But I do have hope. I have hope that the Lord will sustain his church and send millions of hurting people into the arms of faithful Christian congregations. I have hope that Christ will continue

to be our constant bulwark against a godless cultural maelstrom, even when our faith is vilified more and more in the public square. I have hope that the Holy Spirit will strengthen our chops so we can make it to the final postlude.

As Jesus said about the End Times, "Because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matt. 24:12-14)

Amen. Chops don't fail me now.

-Pastor Matyas



Vicar Schultz.. On Packs of Wolves and Cold-Cut Coveralls

An Author's Note from Vicar Schultz: The following is an essay written for an assignment in my current class, "The Master Narrative". The writing prompt was: "Write a short essay with your pastoral counsel for parents who want to guide their children in internet use, specifically with regard to social networking sites."

My immediate reaction was to scoff at the first prompt and simply turn in "Just Don't" as my essay, but then I got irritated at the second note...

Additionally they offered this instruction: "Recommending children not use social networking sites is not the point. Assume they are using them already, your counsel is meant to help parents guide their children in how to use these sites in a godly manner."

This assignment was created less than 5 years ago, but we have gotten A LOT of data in that time about the drawbacks of on-line experience and screen time in younger kids, not the least of which was our months-long (mostly not good) experiment with trying to replace in person education with Zoom.

If the following essay seems brusque or heavy on the snark, please forgive me and understand that it is coming from a frustration with those who would continue to say that the World is fine, and not out to enrich itself at the cost of your kids' mental and emotional health. They are generally not on your side, and the data shows that.

Enjoy, Vic. Schultz



On Packs of Wolves and Cold-Cut Coveralls

Dear Parents,

It has come to my attention that you would like some counsel on internet and social media use for your kids. My advice will be different, depending on the age of your children. I will attempt to pass on to you what the people who design and produce the environments and algorithms that control much of cyber-space allow for their own children. (hint: it is as little as possible)

To begin with, have you been training your children in righteousness by sharing with them a knowledge and love of Scripture, bringing them regularly to the Lord's House for worship and spiritual feeding, and indoctrinating them in their true identity as a child of God and a servant of Christ? GOOD! Keep doing that! As far as the On-line world goes, it's mostly a pack of wolves that I'll try to help you navigate.

Let's start at the top: High Schoolers. It is nearly impossible for a high school student to function without a phone, tablet, or computer capable of communicating over the internet. Many parents find it convenient and comforting to know that their student has a phone so that they can communicate with them as needed, particularly if they have a driver's license. This, of course means a smart phone, and so the entire world is in the palm of the student's hand. By this time you will have taught your teenager what is expected of a Christian interacting with the world, and if they are an older teen approaching adulthood, there is very little left for you to do besides advise and influence. Very soon all the choices will be theirs. The pressure to follow their peers into interacting with the worst people on the planet in the worst ways is great, and they lack fully developed brain of an adult to help them make good decisions.

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I recommend that you make sure you have the ability to access their phone (which you are most likely paying for for your convenience) so that, as Godly Christian teens, they know that they are in fact still accountable to others, their parents in particular. You can decide how much you are willing to trust your children, but you must be able to pull the reigns in if they prove to be unable to make good decisions.

If you have middle school aged kids, they too will be expected to use the internet for things like school work, and many entertainment options (e.g. games and videos) today can only be accessed with an internet connection. Most internet-capable games have a play option that allows them to interact with real people in the game setting (hopefully with a permission level filter where you can control who is interacting with your child). My recommendation is simple. If you do not chose to say, "Sorry, but no." to these types of activities where there is potential for predatory or unchristian behavior, you must be in control and monitor what your middle schooler is doing on-line and with whom. Use software to filter unwanted sites, limit the amount of time they are allowed to engage in this activity, and have the equipment in a public place. If at all possible, do not allow them to have their own device, but use the family technology, learning the important skill of taking turns. Purely social media sites that exist solely to exchange communication and identity (like Instagram, Snap-chat, etc.) and video platforms (TikTok, YouTube, etc.) are extremely popular, extremely addictive, and extremely detrimental to the healthy development of a pre-teen/young teen, not limited to but particularly bad for girls. Jr. High is already the deepest pit in hell: don't make it worse by allowing your child to be exposed to the poison that is the world's opinion of them.



If your children are in lower-to-middle elementary grades, do not allow any unsupervised internet activity of any kind. Again, make sure the equipment is in the main area of the house, limit the amount of time, and monitor, monitor, monitor the content, because it is a very small percentage of the internet that actually has your child's best interest in mind. Social media and networking is right out. Pick up YOUR phone, text or call another parent, and set up a playdate for your child to socialize. Really. Social media = Just don't.

If they are younger than elementary school, when it comes to the internet, if you are not present, in control of, and aware of the source and content, again, give them the gift of 'No'. The best research is showing us that not only is the possibility of damaging content high, but the screen time itself is not good for early childhood brain development. Children's brains need to develop the ability to live in a 3 dimensional world where the laws of physics apply, and they need to develop the interpretive framework and skills to be able to understand this reality.

Research is showing that children of this age who have too much screen time do not develop these important abilities, because the work of interpreting the world into informational packets the mind can picture and think about is already done on the 2D screen. They cannot make their own mental representational pictures (listening to/imagining a story for instance) of the 3D world, because their brain has never had to do this work.

In short, the on-line world is a cesspool of the worst of humanity, flowing with currents of filth, but dotted with islands of useful and important information and experiences. Why would any parent turn their child loose in that environment, even with copious amounts of moral training and Christian up-bringing? Why would you send your child into a pack of wolves wearing a suit made of lunch meat? You would only do so out of necessity, with strong protections and your immediate presence whenever possible.

Vicar Schultz

From the Principal's Office

St. Paul Lutheran School teachers are dedicated to the learning and growth of all students. To help prepare students for the next grade level and ultimately the world, the mid to lower elementary grades (Y5-4th grade) are adopting a half hour of literacy block five days a week to meet the literacy needs of students right where they are. Students who are independent readers will join other independent readers for the enjoyment of reading and immersion into good literature. Students who are reading at their grade level will continue to be supported and taught the fundamentals of reading to gain proficiency leading into independent reading. Students who are below grade level who are in need of extra support and skill building will have the opportunity to be taught right where their skills currently are so that they can advance and grow into where they need to be.



Please keep Miss Stanley, Miss B., Mrs. Dent, Mrs. Kusterer, Miss Abraham, and Mrs. Matyas in your prayers as we embark on an adventure of meeting the varied needs of academic literacy so that ultimately, our students can be proficient readers who are willing and able to read the Word of God, learn about the world around them, and engage the world as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

-Principal Mrs. Valerie Matyas



Say Hello to our New Members!

From Justine and Ryan Marlette: Our story begins in high school, where we met, and continued on in Milwaukee after Justine graduated from MSU's Veterinary Technology Program. Ryan finished his bachelor's degree in Business Finance in Milwaukee, and we were married in 2010. Wesley came along in 2012 and we relocated back to the Tri-Cities in 2015. Bradley made his appearance in 2019 and we now reside in our forever home in Kawkawlin on the river. We are excited and blessed to be members at St Paul and look forward to getting to know everyone!

Ryan, Justine, Wesley & Bradley Marlette



Contact information for new members received since the latest directory was published is provided in the blue photo album at the bottom of the case where new member pictures are displayed in the church entry. Pictures removed to make room for new ones are stored in the photo album until those recently received members are pictured in a new directory.



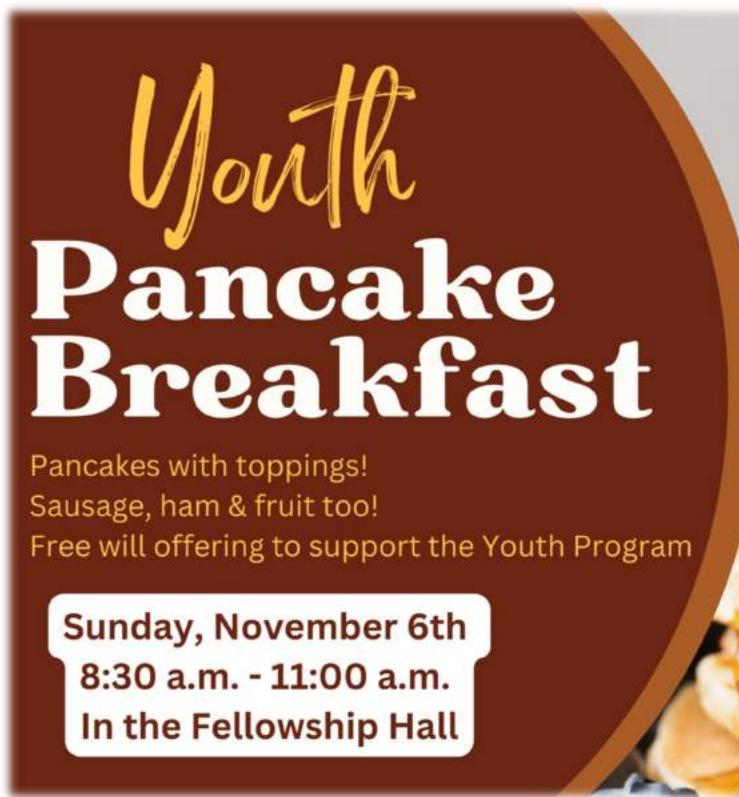
Roll Call Sunday

The annual Roll Call Sunday celebration is fast approaching. Before the 10:30 service on October 30th, classes celebrating a 10th year anniversary in 2022 will be gathering in the Welcome Center Area of the Ministry Center to process into church together. After the service, the Youth will be hosting the banquet in the Fellowship Hall. How great it is that an event highlighting the faithfulness of God's work in His people through many decades in the past will be able to use and enjoy the gift of God's faithfulness that we find in the new spaces we have to use in the Ministry Center! You do not need to be a member of any of the classes to attend, but advance notice is requested. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults.



Youth Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, November 6th, the Youth will be hosting their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Besides pancakes there will be ham, sausage, fruit and yummy toppings. As this is one of the youth group's regular fundraisers, a free will offering will be taken to cover costs and put some money aside for programming and the next Michigan District Youth Gathering in 2023 at Mackinaw Island . Everyone is invited! Bible Class and Sunday School will not be held that day to allow families the opportunity to attend together.



Friendship Circle News

Pray for your Pastor, Vicar, and Day School Teachers.

One of the areas of mission work that LWML feels strongly about is the work that goes on in each and every congregation. One of the most important jobs a congregation member can do is to pray for their workers. Your professional church workers NEED and covet your prayers!! They are the frontline to the ministry that happens here at St Paul. They need to be lifted up in prayer and encouraged each and everyday from the congregation who supports them! Over the next few months we will include prayers that you can use to pray for the people God has Called to serve us here at St Paul! We will start with prayers for Pastor and Vicar.

1. Pray that your pastors will always have a passion to know Christ more intimately.

Prayer: Father, help our pastors to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings (Philippians 3:10). Since we know of their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the saints, may we never stop giving thanks for them, always remembering them in our prayers. We will keep asking that You, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, will give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know You better (Ephesians 1:15-17).

2. Pray that your pastors will minister out of a humble spirit.

Prayer: Lord God Almighty, would You help our pastors to humble themselves before You and under Your mighty hand, so that You will lift them up (James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6)? Guide them in what is right and teach them Your way (Psalm 25:9). May our congregation see that they are wise and understanding as shown by their good lives, and by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom (James 3:13). Father, You have said that the ones You esteem are those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at Your Word (Isaiah 66:2). May our pastor be such a person!

3. Pray that your pastors will minister from the Spirit's power.

Prayer: Gracious Father, may our pastor's messages and preaching come to us, not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that our faith might not rest on the wisdom of man, but upon Your power (1 Corinthians 2:4-5). Help them never to depend upon their own might or power, but always upon Your Spirit, Lord Almighty (Zechariah 4:6). May You, the God of hope, fill our pastors with all joy and peace as they trust in You, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

4. Pray that your pastors will be persons of prayer and of the Word (Acts 6:4) in order to live a holy and pure life.

Prayer: Glorious God, we pray that our pastors will seek You with all of their hearts. Help them never to stray from Your commands. May they hide Your Word in their hearts so that they will not sin against You (Psalm 119:10-11). Give them a deep desire to meditate on Your precepts and to consider Your ways. May they delight in Your decrees and never neglect Your Word (Psalm 119:15-16). Give them understanding so that they will keep Your law and obey it with all of their hearts. Direct them in the path of Your commands where they will find delight. Turn their hearts toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain, and turn their eyes away from worthless things. Preserve their lives according to Your Word (Psalm 119:34-37).

5. Pray for the families of your pastors.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, may our pastors fear You so that they will have a secure fortress that will always be a refuge for their children (Proverbs 14:26). May they consistently teach their children to revere Your commands by following their example (Psalm 34:11), so that they might be blessed (Psalm 112:1-2). Help them to manage their families well so that their children will obey them with proper respect (1 Timothy 3:4-5).....

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May husbands love their wives just as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25). Help them to be considerate and respectful to their wives so that nothing will hinder their prayers (1 Peter 3:7). May wives be respectful to their husbands, submitting to their authority as they would submit to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22). Faithful Lord, strengthen and protect our pastors and their families against the attacks of the enemy (2 Thessalonians 3:3), and may their households always choose to serve You (Joshua 24:15).

6. Pray for protection against the schemes of the devil.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help our pastors to be strong in Your mighty power. May they continually remember to clothe themselves with Your armor so that they can take their stand against the devil's schemes. Help them to remember that their struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Help them to stand their ground and to stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around their waists, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with their feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition, help them to daily take up the shield of faith so that they can extinguish all of the flaming arrows of the evil one. May they put on the helmet of salvation and use the sword of the Spirit, Your Word. Give them the desire to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Help them to be continually alert, and to keep on praying for all the saints (Ephesians 6:10-18). Don't let the devil establish a foothold in any area of their lives (Ephesians 4:27). Help them to have a good reputation with outsiders, so that they will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap (1 Timothy 3:7). May they continually submit themselves to You, Father, and may they be self-controlled and alert in order to resist the devil, standing firm in the faith, so that the devil will flee (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9). Keep them from temptation and deliver them from the evil one, Lord (Matthew 6:13).

7. Pray blessing into the life of your pastors and their families:

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, may the words of our pastors' mouths and the meditations of their hearts be pleasing in Your sight (Psalm 19:14).

May You, O Lord, give our pastors the desires of their hearts and make all of their plans succeed (Psalm 20:4). Lord, our God, may Your favor rest upon our pastors and establish the work of their hands (Psalm 90:17).

God of hope, may You fill our pastors with all joy and peace as they trust in You, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Roman 15:13).

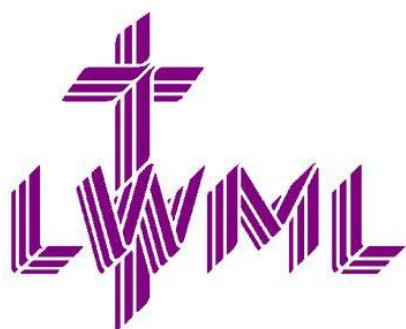
Lord of peace, may You give our pastors and their families peace at all times and in every way (2 Thessalonians 3:16). May You, the God of peace, equip our pastors with everything good for doing Your will, and may You work in them what is pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Heb. 13:20-21).

ALL are invited to attend Friendship Circle's Mission Project Auction!

When: Nov. 17th at 6:30pm

Where: Ministry Center Fellowship Hall

Who: EVERYONE :)



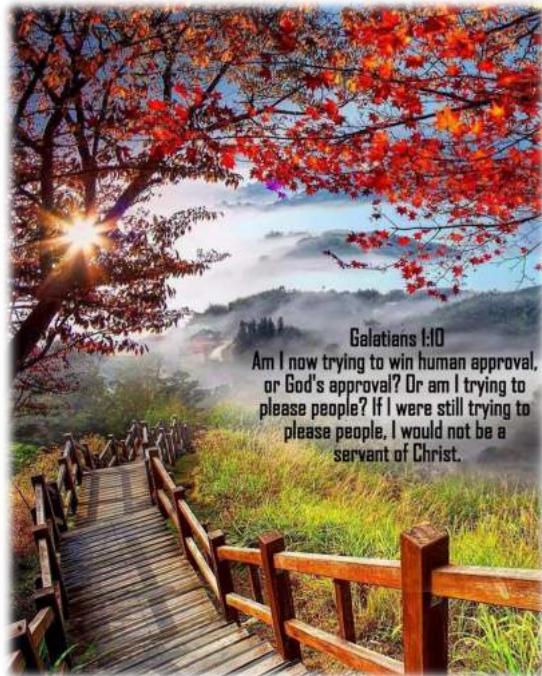
We are praying for a record breaking auction this year to help us fund as many mission projects as possible! Join in the fun as you bid on a variety of items (wine, baked goods, gifts, and lots more) and help very worthy causes at the same time!



Ladies Aid News

Stacy Schlicker led our meeting with a devotion by Lisa Terkeurst. She struggled with being a person who always wants to please others. She was a "yes" woman even when it difficult for her to do what others desire of her. She realized that being too concerned with gaining the approval of others can give us a heart

divided with God. Galatians 1:10 says, "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." All people have limits--physically, relationally, emotionally. We are all limited. Only God is limitless. We all need boundaries and realize that only God can meet our needs. Remember "God's love isn't based on us. It's simply placed on us.



The new changes to the constitution were passed and approved. There will be boxes put in church for anyone who would like to help the Bay County Foster Children with Christmas gifts. They are accepting \$30 Walmart gift cards, cash or a checks made out to Wellspring Lutheran Services. Our Auxiliary Committee will have meeting on May 15, 2023 at Wellspring Office on Westside Saginaw Road. This will be the first meeting since 2019.

Our next meeting will be November 7. Election will be held.

Jeremy Horn Concert

Christian songwriter and musician Jeremy Horn and his band will be here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and bring your friends for this great night of music!!

A free will donation will be taken. Any questions, please contact Heidi Schultz at 989-450-0975.

A photo of Jeremy Horn sitting on a chair outdoors, with a dark banner overlay containing concert information.

JEREMY HORN CONCERT

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St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Ministry Center
6100 Westside Saginaw Road
Bay City, MI 48706

Christian songwriter and musician Jeremy Horn and his band

Upcoming Events...



Blood Drive

We are hosting a blood drive in the Ministry Center on Thursday, October 27 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please call Darlene (989-737-9937) or Julia (989-225-1889) to schedule an appointment.

If you are healthy and able, please donate blood!

Scholastic Book Fair – Save the Date!

Mark your calendar! St. Paul's Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the gym on October 24th through October 28th. All sales earn free books for our school! Over the last three years, St. Paul's Scholastic Book Fair has earned \$4,800 in free books and resources. Families donated an additional 175 books to our classrooms and library. YOU can be a part of this year's success! Consider partnering with St. Paul by shopping at the Book Fair or donating in support of our classrooms and library. For more information, contact Kristen Glasser: 989-529-2962



Trunk-or-Treat

Join us Friday, October 28th from 6-7pm, at the school parking lot and playground for trick-or-treating! Come host a treat trunk and enjoy the buzz of costumed kid excitement while hanging out with some of your favorite people! The event will be all outdoors again this year. Light snacks and drinks will be available.



Treat trunks: Please plan for around 150 kids, although we may have more. Register with Katie to make sure you are updated in case of inclement weather. Text 989.225.3532 or email squaretangle@gmail.com

(Rain date, Saturday, October 29, 1-2 p.m.)

Fresh Wreath Fundraiser

Spruce up your holiday decor in support of St. Paul Lutheran School. Order your 24 inch Fraser Fir holiday wreath now. \$25. Presales end November 7th. Wreaths will be available just in time for Thanksgiving celebrations. Makes a great gift!

Contact Kristen Glasser 989-529-2962 or Ray & Debbie Garcia 989-662-6050 to place your order now.



Missionary Links

Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Puerto Rico.

[Click here to read their July & August 2022 Newsletter.](#)



All Things Considered—#5 “God is Moving in Iran”

It seems rather contradictory to write a note about God on the move in Iran, of all places. Iran is considered to be one of the nations that most opposes Christianity, and yet that is exactly what's happening in this repressive nation. People are finding ultra-orthodox Islam to be so repulsive and restrictive that they are questioning what they're being told by the religious leaders. They are beginning to look elsewhere for faith filled living. There is a God-shaped hole in each heart that seeks to be filled. Praise God they are searching and reaching out to Christ for His peace, mercy, grace and hope.

We give humble thanks that Iranians are coming to Christ in such a hostile environment. We rejoice that God uses whatever avenue is open for His word to invade even Iran!

One of the small victories for Christ at work follows giving us a glimpse into the lives of searchers for true and lasting faith. “Tala, new believer from a Muslim family, was surprised one day to find her brother reading a New Testament and her sister working on a crossword puzzle in a Christian magazine. All the answers to the puzzle her sister told her, were found in the Bible. A Christian worker had secretly delivered the Bible and Christian magazine to their family's home, and Tala's siblings were interested. Tala then took the opportunity to start sharing about her new faith with her family. “Pray for them to find Jesus,” she said. Front-line workers are finding creative ways to share the gospel with many in Iran who are seeking truth.”

The above message was taken from various recent news reports and from an article taken in its entirety from Voice of the Martyrs “2022 Global Prayer Guide.” Always continue to keep the persecuted church world-wide in your prayers. May we be found worthy of being called “Christian.”



Acolyte and Reader Schedule for November 2022

Acolytes:	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 6	Elaina Garcia	Chase Wyman		John Schlicker	Richard Doan
Sun., Nov. 13	Isaac Hendrick	Charles Begick			
Sun., Nov. 20	Eli Bebow	Danny Haas			Brian Appold
Wed., Nov. 23		6:30 p.m. Chase Wyman		Sam Britton	John Rodgers
Thurs., Nov. 24	9:00 a.m. Olivia Matyas				
Sun., Nov. 27	Kaleb Kusterer	Charles Begick			
Wed., Nov. 30	3:30 p.m. Hayden Kusterer	6:30 p.m. Ava Begick			

Altar Guild and Ushers in November 2022

Altar Guild:	8 a.m. Ushers: Group #2	10:30 a.m. Ushers: Group #5	Head Usher:
Lynn Strawn	Randy Appold (239-2072)	Bob Campbell (401-7766)	Dale Jezowski (327-7613)
Dorothy Helmreich	Weston Appold	Terry Burkhard	
Sally McMullen	Greg Behmlander	Rich Doan	
	Matt Appold	Wayne Stieve	
	Daryl Appold	Mike Myers	
	Rylan Appold		

Family Elder List (June-December 2022)

	<u>Family Name:</u>	<u>Elder:</u>		<u>Family Name:</u>	<u>Elder:</u>
A-Bec	Abraham-Beckers	Brian Appold	L-Na	LaFontaine – Nagy	DJ Bourdow
Beg-Br	Begick-Brown	Howard Helmreich	Ne-Schi	Neuman– Schimm	Scott Weiss
Bu-E	Buda – Engelhardt	Jeremy Begick	Schl – V	Pfau-Schlicker	Tom Appold
F-He	Finney - Hendrick	Ben Burnison	Wa – Z	Schmidt-Wagner	Jerry Schlicker
Hi-Ku	Hildebrant– Kusterer	Terry Burkard			

Your elder should be able to answer any church related questions you may have, or they can find the person who can answer your question.

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Newsletter articles for the next newsletter are due on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. You may submit articles to the email address below or drop them off in the office.
Website: www.stpaulbaycity.org
Email: office@stpaulbaycity.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2022
(Approved)

Chairman Weston Appold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Matyas led us in an opening prayer.

Council members in attendance include: Weston Appold, Pastor Matyas, Vicar Schultz, Andy Weiss, Valerie Matyas, Tom Appold, Jim Marter, Josh Schlicker, Jason Schlicker, Leeta Theiss, Tom Deprekel and Sharon Schlicker.

Acknowledgement of Blessings - Thankful for a successful start to the school year and Vicar Schultz has a new granddaughter.

Minutes - *A motion passed* approving the minutes from August 18, 2022 council meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Andy Weiss reported the treasurer's report is not final yet but will be sent out when it is completed. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Gifts and Memorials - no report

175th Anniversary Committee - The committee's next meeting is in September. Requesting someone from that committee to attend the next council meeting to give updates on the event.

Planning Committee - The Planning Committee presently consists of Missy Appold, Andrea Dent, Terry Burkard, Rylan Appold, Matt Schlicker, Dan Covieo, Vicar David Schultz, Tom Deprekel, Leeta Theiss and Valerie Matyas.

BOARD REPORTS

Board of Elders - Chairman Tom Appold presented the Elder's Report.

1. Membership changes
 - a. In: Marlette family - transfer from Richville
Andy & Mary Gettel and family - Andy by affirmation and Mary by Confirmation

Board of Trustees - Chairman Josh Schlicker shared the following information:

1. Obtaining estimates on gutters for Vicar Schultz's home and the God Box.
2. Checking on a gutter section near the Ministry Center entrance.

Board of Education - Chairman James Marter reported the following:

1. The school received a change from provisional to fully accredited status.
2. There are 26 new students this year.
3. They will be discussing with the principal future class enrollment sizes and classrooms.
4. Family Fun Day is on September 10th. The bounce house will be located the same place as last year next to Pastor's house.

Board of Business Management - Chairman Andy Weiss reported the following:

1. They will be calling pledges for next year
2. In the process of obtaining quotes for insurance needed for PTO Drydock fundraiser

Board of Youth - Vicar Schultz shared the following:

1. Roll call will be on October 30th with a banquet in the afternoon
2. A pancake breakfast will be on November 6th in place of the monthly potluck

Board of Evangelism - Chairman Tom Deprekel reported the following:

1. Camp LuLayLea
 - A. Camp Licensing Report from inspection of 7/19/2022
 1. Camp is in compliance with Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
 2. Report erroneously indicates: Camp zip line was inspected on June 1, 2022, that winter sports equipment was in use and that the Rock Climbing Wall was inspected by the manufacturer on 5/19/22.
 - a) Erroneous information contained in the Licensing report was brought to the attention of Samuel Love, LARA Consultant, and will be corrected by LARA.
 - B. Financial year end Projected Receipts and Expenses
 1. Receipts \$126,700.00
 2. Expenses \$159,000.00
 3. Ending Cash Balance : \$23,746 resulting in a net change in cash balance of **(\$32,300.00)**
 4. Full financial report may be inspected by church council members by appointment.
 - C. Last session of camp closed on Monday due to COVID outbreak among campers and staff.
 1. Early camp closing was very organized and was performed with great skill and care for the campers and staff was paramount.
 2. All families were timely notified and pick-up of campers was very orderly.
 - D. Fundraising efforts are underway to make up for the shortfall and to pay for unforeseen expenses.
 - E. Camp Director and Camp Staff outperformed expectations and are to be congratulated.
2. KERYX Prison Ministry
 - A. Prisons are again open to volunteers
 1. Ron Reuther and Tom DePrekel have been attending weekly groupings with the inmates and other volunteers at the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer on Thursday evenings. Both pay for their own travel
 2. Tom DePrekel has been attending monthly Ultreya meetings with inmates at the URF/Chippewa prison in Kinross, MI in the U P. Pays for own travel and meals.
 3. NOTE: Saginaw Regional Facility in Freeland is closed due to COVID outbreak, as are other facilities in the state. Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer closed again last week until further notice due to COVID outbreak.
 4. Chippewa Correctional Facility has a KERYX Prison 4 day weekend scheduled for Nov 3-6, 2022, with 48 candidates who will participate in their first KERYX weekend. This is all subject to COVID restrictions which may be put in place.
PLEASE PRAY!
 5. One of the Correctional Facilities in Ionia has invited KERYX to put on a weekend in their facility. Training an inside team has begun and weekly meetings are taking place.
 6. Thumb Correctional Facility has indicated that the probability of a KERYX Weekend in January is being considered, as long as the COVID restrictions are lifted by then. If so, St Paul may again be asked to host the overnight team training. I have asked the KERYX leadership to tour our new facility.

3. LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY at local colleges
 - A. This is a Synodical concept
 1. The district should be compiling a list of students from LCMS churches that pastors have sent to the District that attend various state colleges and universities.
 - B. I am still looking for a younger couple to host that program.
4. Visiting neighborhood homes etc
 - A. Looking for someone to lead the subdivision of evangelism
 1. Organize evangelism teams
 2. Arrange training meetings
 3. Meet with pastor
 4. Make presentation to church members

Board of Stewardship - Chairman Leeta Theiss reported that the Women's Fall Day Retreat is October 22nd and they will be helping with registration and also during the event.

Unfinished Business

1. Josh Schlicker will be checking with the Saginaw Spirit Shocks & Saves program about the possibility of obtaining a free AED for the Ministry Center.
2. Wes will be checking with Ben Helmreich on a first aid kit that will be located by the Ministry Center coffee bar
3. By-Law change
 - a. Board eligibility for paid staff members
 - b. Board eligibility for staff's immediate family members

New Business

1. In the process of installing a new phone system for church and school. This was previously approved by the council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Pastor Matyas closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Schlicker, Secretary

Next Regular Voters Meeting-Sunday, January 8th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. - Budget Approval

Next Council Meeting - Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Calendar

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Elders Mtg.	2	3 6:00 PM Board of Ed	4 Wedding	5
				No School		
6 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 8:30 AM-11:00 AM Youth Pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM Celebration & Praise with Communion 5:00 PM Youth Group	7 7:00 PM Ladies Aid	8	9 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	10 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Jeremy Horn Concert	11	12
13 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 5:00 PM Youth Group	14 6:30 PM Board of Business Mgt Mtg.	15	16	17 12:00 PM JOY Gathering 6:00 PM Friendship Circle	18	19
20 8:00 AM Grades 5-8 Sing 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 5:00 PM Youth Group	21	22	23 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Worship	24 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship Thanksgiving Day	25	26
				No School		
27 8:00 AM Worship with Communion 9:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship with Communion 5:00 PM Youth Group	28	29	30 3:30 PM Advent Worship 4:00 PM Advent Supper 6:30 PM Advent Worship	Oct 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Dec 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	