

The St. Paul Messenger

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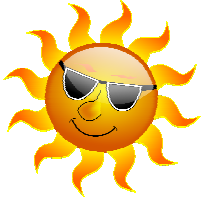
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(2nd & 4th Sunday's Communion)

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

From July 10 – 13, we hosted our Vacation Bible School. Our theme was "A Mighty Fortress." All through the Vacation Bible School, children and volunteers were teaching and learning that in Jesus, the victory is won! A total of 43 different children attended our Vacation Bible School and 25 volunteers gave their mornings to help. It was a wonderfully successful time!

The theme gave our children and volunteers chance after chance to learn about the protection and power of Mighty God. By using the metaphor of a mighty fortress, we understood the victory over the enemy of the devil that God won. We understood the safety from the attacks of sin's condemnation that we who are in Christ enjoy. We understood the community of togetherness that we share with others who are in God's mighty fortress that He built by sending His Son to be our Savior. There are many helpful points to be understood about God and what He does for us when we think about God as a mighty fortress.

I find it particularly whimsical to think about the community of togetherness that we share with others who are in God's mighty fortress with us. Growing up, there was rarely an activity that brought closeness and built memories quite like making a fort together. If I go back to my earliest memories of Vacation Bible School, it was at St. John's in Weber, MN and my friends, Mike and Chris, and my little brother Kent, would always go between two big white pine trees where there was a little open space if you went under the boughs and we would make that our fort together. In other instances, I knew my sleepover was going well with friends when we agreed to make blanket and mattress forts in the living room. I also remember the pride of my friend Dan as he showed us all the awesome tree forts he made around his house. Finally, I remember the many evenings spent in my friend, Dusty's, woods where we made an epic fort with structures in multiple trees, bridges and ziplines to connect them, and the like. As you see, and hopefully remember your own forts along with me, the community of togetherness in forts is terrific!

Into the mighty fortress that He has built, God welcomes us. He welcomes us to closeness with Him and one another. In this mighty fortress, we build support for one another to hold one another up. Sometimes we build bridges and ziplines just for the joy of connecting to one another. Here we discover spaces where we share common desires and goals. Here we know God's plan is going well as love grows in our hearts for Him and one another. Into the metaphor of a mighty fortress, God welcomes us to His community of togetherness.

It was a joy to have that community gather for Vacation Bible School. It is a joy when God gathers us for worship. It is a joy when God gathers us in family and friendships. He welcomes us into His Mighty Fortress!

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SCHOOL NEWS

Rodeo Popcorn Stand

The Popcorn Stand at the Midwestern Rodeo was a huge success again. Together with everyone's help, St. Paul Lutheran School raised over \$5,000 for Physical Education, Art and Technology Supplies. The profits will also include education fee reductions for families that volunteered. A **HUGE** thank you goes out to **Kevin and Christal Buch and her family** for organizing this fundraiser. A well-deserved thank you also goes out to all the families that volunteered at the Popcorn Stand. Great Job!

Prang Power Program

St. Paul Lutheran School is now participating in the Prang Power Free School Supply Program. You can help our school earn free art and writing supplies by buying Ticonderoga, Prang, Dixon, or Lyra brand products and submitting the UPC barcodes to Miss Jenks, 1st and 2nd grade teacher and program coordinator. St. Paul earns points for all UPCs submitted; the points are then used to purchase much needed supplies to supplement our supply budget. Please keep these brands in mind when shopping for back to school supplies. Also encourage your relatives, friends, and neighbors to clip and save their UPCs for us since St. Paul Lutheran is the only school in Manawa currently participating in the program. (Dixon Ticonderoga brand pencils: classic, high quality, easy to sharpen: traditional style of yellow with green metallic band and green printing or black with green band)

Sponsor a Student

How do you support St. Paul Lutheran Church and School? Is your support found in regular church attendance? Do you attend the special functions at St. Paul? Do you attend bible study or help with Sunday School or VBS? Do you serve in a leadership role at St. Paul? Do you faithfully give to support the missions of St. Paul? The "Sponsor a Student" program will give congregational members a chance to assist the families and students of St. Paul in another way. Unlike financial aid, this program will simply allow a congregational member to sponsor a student without the paperwork of applying for financial aid. Members can sponsor a student for a month, a semester, or an entire year. The amount of contribution or commitment is decided by the sponsor. This commitment could range from \$50, a monthly payment, to \$875, a yearly payment. Donors would remain anonymous.

Have you heard about all of the great things happening at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School?

Tell someone else!!!



The school theme for the 2017-2018 is "**Stand Firm**" from 1 Timothy 4:12. *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

The teachers selected this verse as our school year theme because of the strong message that God is sending to us through Paul. He is encouraging the young pastor Timothy to not let his age hold him back. Paul tells Timothy to set an example in all his actions. This is great advice for our students at St. Paul Lutheran School. Even though they are young, they can be examples of Jesus's love in all elements of their lives.

We are excited to welcome back the excellent, identical staff as last year. Pastor Nathan Reichle, Becky Griesbach-Preschool, Debbie Hintz-Kindergarten, Teri Rae Suehs & Lori Elmhorst-First, Brenda Jenks-Second, Rachel Beyer-Third & Fourth, Josh Korotka-Fifth & Sixth, Brian Elmhorst-Seventh & Eighth/Principal, Lori Hass and Kay Peterson-Secretaries, Connie Klotzbuecher and Becky Schertz-Custodial Service, Hannah Peter-Food Service, Betty Klotzbuecher-PE, Jim Quinn-Music, and Jenny Mursau-Reading Specialist.



at Rodeo Grounds

9:30 a.m. church service

at the Rodeo Shelter House

E5888 County Hwy. B, Manawa

Music by Mustard Seeds

Potluck meal - bring salad, hot dish or dessert

Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers & drinks

provided by Church Council

Games & bouncy house

Dress casual!



LADIES AID NEWS

The St. Paul Ladies Aid held their annual indoor picnic in the St. Paul School dining room on Thursday, July 6, 2017. We recited the table prayer, and then proceeded to enjoy our potluck lunch. It is so interesting that no menu is planned, however, we always get a variety of delicious dishes!

We were pleased that Ardene Post joined us as a guest. She recently became a member of St. Paul Church, and it was interesting to hear about her active membership in her former church in Chicago, Illinois.

The afternoon was spent playing card bingo, with everyone receiving a prize. Carol Beck was the lucky recipient of the Door Prize. Thank You to Betty & Jeanette for purchasing the prizes.

Birthday wishes were extended to Lois Glocke, Betty Bonikowske, Evelyn Klotzbuecher and Margaret Fahser. Yvonne reminded us of Bingo at the nursing home on Wednesday, July 12th. Betty volunteered to serve fellowship following the Shut-In Communion Service on Thursday, July 20th.

No business meeting was held, however, we were reminded how important it is to contribute to the new Roof Fund. After a brief discussion it was decided to give a donation of \$1,000.00 to the fund.

A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

THE LADIES AID

The old church bell had long been cracked, it's call was but a groan; it seemed to sound a funeral knell with every broken tone. "We need a bell," the brethren said, "But taxes must be paid, we have no money we can spare, just ask the Ladies Aid."

The shingles on the roof were old, the rain came down in rills, the brethren slowly shook their heads, and spoke of monthly bills. The chairman of the board arose, and said, "I am afraid that we shall have to lay the case before the Ladies Aid."

The carpet had been patched and patched, till quite beyond repair, and thru the aisles and on the steps, the boards showed hard and bare. "It is too bad," the brethren said, "an effort must be made to raise an interest, on the part of the members of the Aid."

The preacher's stipend was behind, the poor man blushed to meet the butcher and the grocer as they passed him on the street. But nobly spoke the brethren then, "Pastor, you shall be paid! We'll call upon the Treasurer of our good Ladies Aid."

"Ah!" said the men. "The way to Heaven is long and hard and steep; with slopes of care on either side; the path is hard to keep. We cannot climb the heights alone our hearts are sore dismayed; we ne'er shall get to Heaven at all without the Ladies Aid. Author Unknown

SHUT-IN SERVICE Thursday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m.



This is a worshipful communion service in the sanctuary as well as fellowship with other members of St. Paul. We will be bringing the communion elements to the pews where you will be sitting (in every other row). After a brief communion worship service with Pastor Reichle you will have an opportunity to enjoy a snack in the fellowship area. All are welcome to come.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be starting on Sunday, September 10th (none on Sept. 17), for children ages 3 years-8th Grade from 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m. every Sunday during the school year. Sign up in back of church to pre-register or contact Katie Sitter.



GOODBYE "VISION 2000,"
HELLO "ROOF LOAN."

You probably all have heard the phrase, "Out with the old, In with the new." That could be a good explanation of what will be happening in our St. Paul Congregation. To bring everyone up -to-date, in 1999 discussion began on the improvements needed to update our building facilities, and that is when the term "Vision 2000" originated. In 2001 our congregation voted to approve a building project estimated at \$2,800,000.00. Special advance gifts were received, however, it was necessary to get a loan approved in the amount of \$1,800,000.00. Since that time, our members have given GENEROUSLY to the "Vision 2000 Loan," reducing the balance to less than \$50,000.00! Recently it had been brought to our attention that it was time to replace the roof which had developed many leaks during its nearly 60 years of service. At the voters meeting on Sunday, July 16th, it was proposed that our congregation apply for a loan not to exceed \$265,000.00, to retire the Vision 2000 loan, and use the remaining available funds to install a new roof. This proposal was voted on, and passed unanimously, and when the paperwork is completed, the Vision 2000 loan will no longer be on the books. It will be replaced by the "Roof Loan," and all future contributions toward the debt of our congregation will be used toward the reduction of this Roof Loan. In the 141 years of the history of St. Paul Congregation, it has frequently been necessary to go into debt, however, in reading this history, you will always find phrases like, "with God's help," or "trusting in the Lord." So, once again, we have found it necessary to borrow money to repair & improve our house of worship. And again, "trusting in the Lord," our members will be moved to give generously to reduce this debt.



7TH-8TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION CLASS
MEETING

Pastor Reichle will meet with the Public School & St. Paul students along with their parents on expectations for the 7th-8th grade Confirmation Class on Monday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Chris Roenz.....	8-01-81
Lee & Georgia Wiegert.....	8-01-59
Jay & Pam Sturm.....	8-02-75
Ron & Carol Koehler.....	8-05-67
Aaron & Sara Baumgart.....	8-06-11
Dustin & Michelle Boerst.....	8-06-11
Steven & Sandra Drath.....	8-08-92
Gordon & Audrey Suehs.....	8-08-53
Leonard & Kim Bartel.....	8-11-84
Lloyd & Shirley Ferg.....	8-11-56
Tom & Karen Helpap.....	8-11-73
Matthew & Trista Sturm.....	8-11-12
Scott & Tanya Jaeger.....	8-12-95
Randall & Suzanne Suehs.....	8-14-92
Rolland & Christy Young.....	8-14-93
Kristina & Jeremy Boehnlein.....	8-15-15
Duane & Alice Bartel.....	8-18-56
Tom & Heidi Zander.....	8-19-95
Richard & Lana Bonikowske.....	8-20-77
Bryan & Karla Lockman.....	8-21-04
Michelle & Andrew Drath.....	8-24-13
Henrietta & Conrad Baumer.....	8-27-55
Gerald & Joan Bailey.....	8-27-82
Kelly & Charles Ramstack.....	8-28-10
Lindsey & Hugh Leasum.....	8-30-08
Melissa & Andrew Habeck.....	8-30-14
Lindsay & Daniel Kassis.....	8-30-14

MEN'S CLUB PICNIC AUG. 8

The Men's Club Picnic will be held at Janice & Dave Miller's house (E5881 Blake Creek Road, Manawa) with a Garbage Can Dinner. Will be eating at 7:00 p.m. Please bring drinks & a lawn chair, can also bring a salad or dessert if you wish, but not required. Anyone from the congregation is invited including your children.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

James Hanna.....	8-1	Andrew Elmhurst.....	8-18
Nicki Much.....	8-2	Barbara Flees.....	8-19
Justin Hartwig	8-3	Jennifer M. Meyer	8-19
Joyce Chich.....	8-4	Tammy Arndt	8-20
Caryn Frazier	8-4	Terry Bloch	8-20
Timothy Scheller	8-4	Shirley Opperman	8-20
Kassidee Zander.....	8-4	Skyleigh Schuelke.....	8-21
Audrey Johnson	8-5	Bradley Bartel.....	8-22
Sara Baumgart.....	8-6	Julie Wurth	8-22
Steven Kaczorowski.....	8-6	Ronald Vaughan.....	8-23
Jennifer Scheller	8-7	Lori Elmhorst.....	8-24
Lila Drath.....	8-8	Courtney Dufek	8-25
Jordan Gehrke	8-8	Samantha Dusel.....	8-25
Jacob Krueger.....	8-8	Wesley Klotzbuecher	8-25
Michele Much.....	8-8	Tanner Peters.....	8-25
Joe Niemuth	8-8	David Schuelke	8-25
Justin Riesenber g	8-8	Walter Sztuczko	8-25
Matthew Timm.....	8-8	Brian Mehlberg.....	8-26
Alyssa Zemple	8-8	Jesse Ort.....	8-27
Olivia Boehnlein	8-9	Kensley Seka	8-27
Lucas Kempka	8-9	Kevin Buch	8-28
Billie Jo Rosenau	8-9	Rebecca Claussen.....	8-28
Jaden Jaeger	8-10	Abigail Elmhurst	8-28
Hazel Jahsman	8-10	Jason Rieckmann.....	8-28
Tishnya Johnson	8-10	Kylie Behnke	8-29
Adam Langman.....	8-10	Jessica Drath	8-29
Elsie Stroik	8-10	Jeffrey Jandrt.....	8-29
Aaron Timm.....	8-11	Nolan Heise.....	8-30
Tiffany Wurth	8-12	Kathy Miller	8-30
Carlee Zander	8-13	Bailey Ort.....	8-30
Aaron Hoffman	8-14	Kyle Radtke	8-30
Ronald Voss	8-14	Linda Friday	8-31
Tina Creech.....	8-15		
Alexis Glocke	8-15		
Debbie Hintz.....	8-15		
Ava Bonikowske.....	8-16		
Vilas Mazemke.....	8-16		
Betty Beyer.....	8-17		
Lloyd Ferg	8-17		
LuAnn Kamke	8-17		
Brody Timm.....	8-17		

