

Voice of the Saints
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool
Aberdeen, SD *February 2021*

Reacting Instead of Reflecting

Psalm 119:10-12, "With all my heart I have sought Thee; Do not let me wander from Thy commandments. Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee. Blessed art Thou, O LORD; Teach me Thy statutes."

I received an email from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund with a video about asking the question, "Why?" Asking this question is a powerful way to evaluate and think deeper about *why* we do things. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our answer to that question of "Why?" should always (ultimately) come back to God's Word in general and to Jesus specifically. Why don't we cheat on your taxes? Is it because we don't want to get caught? Or is it because stealing would dishonor our Heavenly Father and bring shame to Christ who redeemed us from sin and death by His cross so that we could serve with our resources instead of hoard them?

In the 5th century, there was a pastor named Eutyches, and he was zealous in making sure the church taught good doctrine, especially when it came to the relationship between Jesus' divine and human nature. But Eutyches ran into problem. He so vehemently opposed a false teaching about Jesus (Nestorianism) that he reacted by going to the extreme in the other direction. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D., both Eutyches and Nestorius were condemned as heretics.

Our political and cultural environment seems to want to push us to extremes, and we are tempted to do so. Sometimes the temptation comes from a zeal *for* something. Other times it comes from a zeal *against* something, but in either case, the question we really ought to be asking is, "Why?" And if the answer to that question does not come back to God's Word and our Savior's death and resurrection, there's a good chance that we might be making a similar error to that of Eutyches, reacting out of zeal instead of reflecting God's Word and will in Christ.

In Jesus' name,

Pastor Bobby



Dennis Angerhofer will be retiring February 28, 2021. To show our appreciation for his years of service, we are having a card shower. You may drop the card at the office or mail to his home.

We are looking for a part-time custodian, anyone interested please contact the church office.



Lent Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 17, 2021— 12:15 pm* & 6:15 pm

Lent Services: February 24, 2021 — March 24, 2021 — 12:15 pm* & 6:15 pm

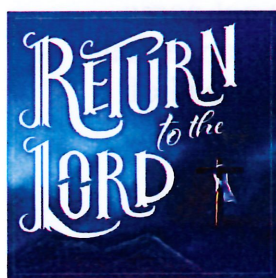
Maundy Thursday: April 1, 2021 — 12:15 pm & 6:15 pm with Holy Communion

Good Friday: April 2, 2021 — 12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Easter Vigil: April 3, 2021 — 4:00 pm at St. John's, Groton

Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021 — 8:00 am & 10:45 am

*A blended Sunday/Lent worship service with Holy Communion



"Return to the Lord" is the theme for daily devotions for Lent and Easter. Copies of the daily devotion will be available in the South Narthex.

FEBRUARY USHERS:

EARLY:

Paul Zinter , Head Usher
Tim Zinter
Lowell McIntire
Geraldine McIntire
Cora Burrer

LATE:

Taylor Beutler, Head Usher
Kiana Beutler
Zach Harry

Church Council Meeting
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
January 18, 2021

Larry Jung started the meeting with a devotion.

Minutes of the December 21, 2020 Church Council Meeting were approved with a motion from Jon Mesmer and a second from Nate Bode.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurers report was reviewed and it was noted that there were some corrections that needed to be made for 2020. There was a discussion about the profit and loss of the Preschool and some discussion about how to split the insurance premiums. Report was approved with a motion from Nate Bode to accept after the changes and a second from Jason Oberfoell.

Board Minutes were reviewed and approved by a motion from Nate Bode and a second from Paul Swanson.

Old Business - Structure and Governance Retreat – There was a discussion on the need to set a date for the retreat and determine how much detail to put in the agenda. It was determined that setting this date for after Easter would be more beneficial and further discussion is needed.

DCE preparations – An apartment has been found for the DCE and a line item needs to be added to the Expense Report for DCE expenses.

PPP Forgiveness Payment – Loan was 100% forgiven.

Call Process – Another call meeting is scheduled for Sunday Jan 24th between services

District Nominations – We have received a letter with candidates for District nominations. They need to be submitted by August 2021.

New Business - Michael Guerin addressed the council in regards to the church website. The current application that is being used to create and update the website is no longer compatible with the template that we are currently using. A motion was made by Nate Bode and a second by Jon Mesmer for Michael to put together some options for new templates or even outsourcing the website management to someone else. This will be presented at the next meeting.

Palm Gardens Closed – There was a discussion about the new establishment going into Palm Gardens and if the church will still be offering our parking lot for use. If so, there needs to be something signed to transfer liability in the event of an accident.

Thank you card/letter – Thank you card from the Journey for continued support, and another from the Daniel Wold Foundation notifying of a donation to be put towards making the church more inclusive and accessible. A donation was also made on behalf of Howard Dahme

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 15, 2021 at :00 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Jon Mesmer and a second by Nate Bode

Members in attendance: Larry Jung, Steve Jacobson, Dustin Klapperich, Taylor Beutler, Tom Agnitsch, Paul Swanson, Jerry Streckfuss, Jason Oberfoell, Nate Bode, and Pastor Bobby. Guests: Michael Guerin and Cindy Jung

January 14, 2021
LWML Meeting

Present: 11 members, 3 guests

THEME: AFRAID OF WHAT

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ochsner.

Betty announced that Ashley Wahl has decided not to take the position of Treasurer. Nominations were requested. De Pederson nominated Vicki Hartje. A motion was made by Deb Pederson and seconded by Betty Streckfuss to appoint Vicki as the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Installation of new officers was completed by Pastor Bobby.

Pastor Bobby led an opening devotion on FAITH OVER FEAR based on Phillippians 3:1-11 ending with prayer led by Pastor Bobby.

The Pledge was said together by the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Ashley Wahl and seconded by Gloria Anderson to approve the March minutes. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was approved and placed on file for audit.

OLD BUSINESS: See above: Treasurer position and Installation of Officers.

CIRCLE REPORTS: No Circle meetings held due to Covid 19 restrictions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you cards were received by the following St. Paul's staff members and shut in's for Christmas gifts: Pastor Anderson, Alison Andreasen, Darleen Haselhorst, Cindy Jung, Janet Borchard, Lone Shilman, Pastor Bobby and family, LWML, The Seminaries, Elda Kolb, Gladys Felix, Arvin Zinter, Esther Wilson, Erling Podall, and a Thank you from the family of Darlys Bolduan.

Janice Frohling sent out 27 Thanksgiving cards and 26 Christmas Cards to the shut-ins along with Birthday and Sympathy cards each month since October.

NEW BUSINESS:

DCE Installation will be January 31st. Kitchen help will be Dee Roth, Cindy Jung, Betty Ochsner, Deb Pederson.

We will be serving egg bake and caramel rolls. Those who have volunteered to bring egg bake are Dee, Ashley, Jan, Betty, Sally and Deb. We will make rolls on Saturday at the church. Those helping are Diana, Deb, Betty, and possibly Dee.

Discussion was held concerning future meetings. The group decided to stay with the 11:00 start time and serving just dessert for Feb. and March with further discussion at that time.

Betty will attend the LWML zone society Presidents meeting at St Paul's Jan. 21st.

The next meeting will be February 11 at 11:00am with Good Cheer serving.

Submitted: Deb Pederson, Secretary

Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

February 2021

What is a child? Saint

So far, we have established that children are created, human, and sinful. Now, we address the beautiful reality that children, when baptized into the faith, are also saints.

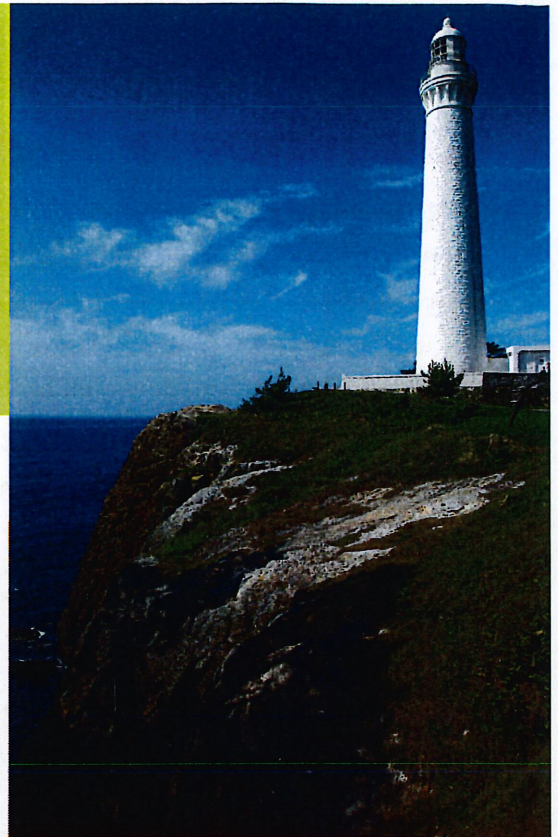
This is radical to much of history and world cultures and customs. In much of the world, children are undervalued, used, and neglected. In history, children were seen as less than human, and denied basic human rights such as life, freedom, and care.

Yet, the Israelites always viewed children in a different light. They were fellow heirs and God's promise to continue caring for His people. Children were included in Christ's ministry when Jesus came as a child and when he chose to spend time blessing them.

Now, we share this eternal life with all the little ones with whom we share the pew! This means the Holy Spirit is working in them and producing fruit. This is why, while we don't idolize them, we can learn from their simple faith and zeal for life. They too, have direct access to Christ and his gifts of baptism. They have Christ in them and will live forever.

Unfortunately, because they are saints, this also means that they are a target of Satan and in need of protection, teaching and guidance as they battle in the spiritual battle around us all.

May the Lord continue to keep His young saints that the evil foe may have no power over them. May they know and delight in the God who in His great mercy, included



Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 12- No School

Feb. 15- No School

March 5th- No School

March 18-19- No School (Spring break)

April 1-5- Easter Break



Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)

them in His kingdom and who has promised to strengthen them in the faith given at baptism with His word.

May He be with us, the saints who care for the younger saints, as we continue to pass the faith we inherited while guarding them and teaching them to guard themselves against the ancient foe.

REMINDERS:

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 School year! Please call the preschool for more information or pick up a registration packet in the South entrance to the sanctuary.



While studying the letter "M," We enjoyed a visit by the real life Little Debbie Muffin Man of the Aberdeen area- Mr. Cody Lee.

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
& Lighthouse Preschool**

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578



Every Sunday
Divine Service @ 8am
Bible Study @ 9:15
Divine Service @ 10:45
Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Jer 11; Acts 7:1-34 6:15 Worship 7:00 pm Elder Mtg	2 Jer 12:1-4 Acts 7:35-53	3 Jer 12:5-17; Acts 7:54-8:8 6am Men's Bible Study 7am Personnel Mtg 12:15 Worship 5:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation	4 Jer 13:1-14 Acts 8:9-25 9:00am Quilting 6:30 Board of Ed mtg.	5 Jer 13:15-27 Acts 8:26-40	6 Jer 14 Acts 9:1-19
7 Jer 15:1-9 Acts 9:19-31 5-7pm Circuit Youth at Our Savior Coin Banks	8 Jer 15:10-21 Acts 9:32-10:8 6:15 Worship	9 Jer 16:1-21 Acts 10:9-23	10 Jer 17:1-18; Acts 10:24-33 6am Men's Bible Study 12:15 Worship 5:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation	11 Jer 17:19-27 Acts 10:34-48 9:00am Quilting 11am LWML Mtg	12 Jer 18 Acts 11:1-18	13 Jer 19 Acts 11:19-30
14 Jer 20 Acts 12:1-17 1:00 pm Elder Bible Study	15 Jer 21:1-10 Acts 12:18-25 OFFICE CLOSED 6:15 Worship 7:00 Church Council Meeting	16 Jer 21:11-22:10 Acts 13:1-12	17 Jer 22:11-30; Acts 13:13-41 6am Men's Bible Study 12:15 Ash Wed Worship 5:00 Women's Bible Study 6:15 Ash Wed Worship 6:45 Confirmation	18 Jer 23:1-22 Acts 13:42-47 9:00am Quilting	19 Jer 23:23-40 Acts 13:48-14:7	20 Jer 24 Acts 14:8-18
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28 Jer 29:1-23 Acts 17:10-21 Food cart for The Journey						

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