

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we have the privilege and joy of installing a new Director of Christian Education (DCE) intern. His name is Michael Leapley, and you can find out more about him from his short bio in this newsletter. Hosting a DCE intern is meant to be of service to Christ's kingdom on several different levels. First, Michael will be serving St. Paul's by bringing his training and expertise to bear on our educational and Christian formation efforts. We will also be serving Michael by providing him with ministry experience within our congregation, and both he and the saints at St. Paul's will be serving Christ's kingdom by helping to strengthen God's people and form professional church workers for the future. All of this is done from our great appreciation for the Gospel and the gifts God gives through Christ (Mark 10:45). Below I have provided a brief description explaining a bit of the role and history of the Director of Christian Education with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We look forward to the work the Lord has given us with Michael over the next year!

In Christ,
Pastor Bobby

What is a Director of Christian Education?

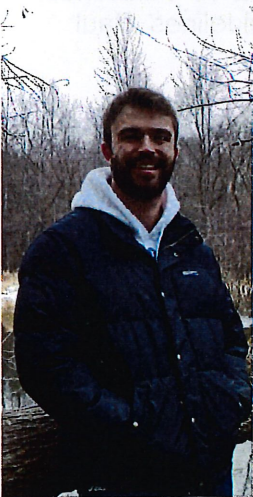
A Director of Christian Education, by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod definition, is a synodically certified, called, and commissioned life-span educational leader prepared for team ministry in a congregational setting. In this setting, a DCE is:

- A called minister of the Gospel;
- A professionally trained parish education specialist;
- A team minister who works with the pastor, staff and lay leaders of the congregation;
- An administrator and resource person of parish education and youth;
- A teacher of the faith, and;
- A trainer of the laity for service inside and outside of the parish.

In 1959, the LCMS in convention resolved, "that congregations be encouraged to analyze their parish program and, where needed, to establish the office of Director of Christian Education in order to provide additional leadership for the educational program of the congregation."

In 1962 in convention, the LCMS encouraged "the field to grow with the passing of another resolution that teachers' colleges be encouraged, with approval of the Board of Higher Education, to intensify the program for training Directors of Christian Education in their curricula."

Almost 50 years later, there are six Concordia Universities that certify DCEs. Concordia University Texas is the newest to add DCE certification to its list of majors. At present, it is the fastest growing program on campus -- increasing almost 500% since beginning in 2000. Concordia University Texas accepts and abides by the Synodical mission statement for all DCE's established at the 1999 DCE Summit: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the DCE plans, administers and assesses ministry that nurtures and equips people as the Body of Christ for spiritual maturity, service and witness in home, job, congregation, community and the world. (Ephesians 4:11-16, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)



Michael Leapley, DCE Intern

Michael Leapley will be installed on January 31, 2021 at both the 8:00am and 10:45am worship services. Michael just completed his education degree, earning his Lutheran Teacher Diploma. Michael is from New Berlin, Wisconsin. He ran track at CUNE for all four years. He loves watching movies. And most importantly he has a passion for theology and teaching it to others. WELCOME MICHAEL TO ST. PAUL'S!

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
December 21, 2020 at 7:00pm

President Larry Jung opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reviewed November 2020 Church Council Meeting Minutes. Nate Bode made a motion to approve the Minutes. Steve Jacobson seconded. Motion carried.

Went over Treasurer's Report. No questions or comments. Nate Bode motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jason Oberfoell made the second motion. Motion carried.

Board Minutes

-There was a typo in the Board of Elders minutes. It is Pastor Matthew Nix who is serving as chaplain in Sioux Falls while members have been down there.

-Nate Bode received a bid to remove the wallpaper behind the altar, patch and touch up drywall, texture and paint. Bid was for \$2,295. Board of Trustees has the bid and will obtain another bid to present to the Voters.

Pastor Report:

-Pastor Bobby mentioned that attendance at church has been good.

-Discussed the recent Call and now moving forward. Council recommends to the Call Committee, (in accordance with what the Voter's decided in the Aug 30th, 2020 Special Voter's Meeting), that after a call to the field was declined, that the church now will call from the Seminary to fill the Assistant/Associate Pastor vacancy.

Old Business

-Discussed the new Structure and Governance and moving forward. Sent copies to the District for review. One item was brought up and needed clarification. Referring to the new Constitution and Bylaws that were voted on in November, 2020; Article 8: Meetings, 8.3. Quorum number. "...a quorum of fifty voting members shall constitute a quorum in the case of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws or in the case of removing an ordained or commissioned minister from office." The number of voting members wanted to be clarified. Jason Oberfoell made a motion that President Larry Jung will have a brief meeting before Bible Study on January 3rd, 2021 to verify that the number will be fifty (50) voting members. Nate Bode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-**DCE:** Michael Leapley will be coming on Dec. 29th. He and his parents will be with Pastor Bobby to tour the town and look at apartments. Tentatively, there will be a Meet and Greet at the church from 8am-9am on Dec. 30th, 2020. He will be installed on January 31, 2021.

-**Covid Policy:** Attached is a recommended policy from the Board of Elders for Covid-19 Guidelines. Policy will be found on the church's website. Jason Oberfoell motioned to accept these guidelines. Paul Swanston seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: -District Convention scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed to Dec. 5-7, 2021.

Nate Bode made a motion to accept the Memorials and Gifts. Jon Mesmer made a second. Motion carried.

Next Meeting scheduled for Jan. 18, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Jason Oberfoell motioned to adjourn. Nate Bode seconded. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Attendance: Larry Jung, Deb Pederson, Jason Oberfoell, Steve Jacobson, Taylor Beutler, Paul Swanston, Jerry Streckfuss, Jon Mesmer, Deb Droog, Pastor Bobby, Nate Bode, Tom Agnitsch.

Submitted by: **Jason Oberfoell**

Lighthouse Preschool News

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

January 2020

What is a child? Sinner

Very few people are comfortable looking at a newborn baby who can not even hold its head up and calling it sinful. Yet, Christians throughout history have said that ALL humanity is sinful. How can this be?

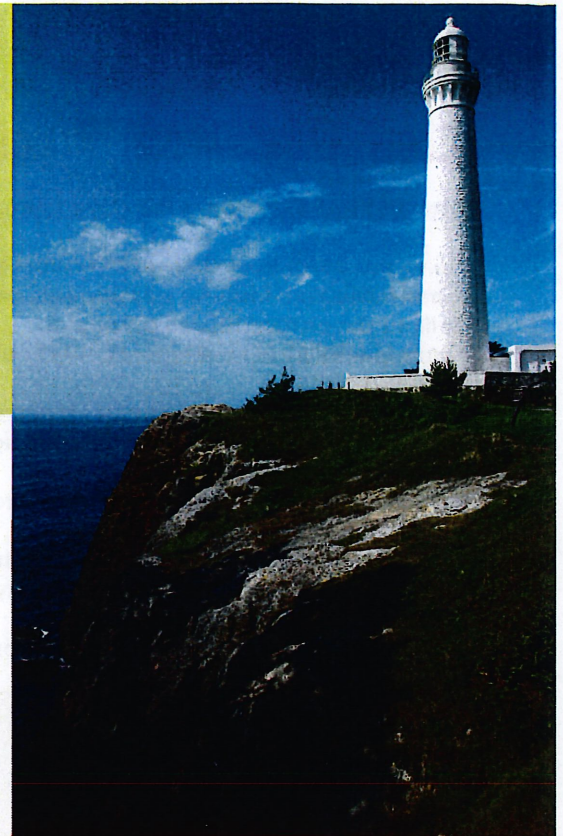
In a previous newsletter, we mentioned that all humanity has inherited sinfulness from our first Father and Mother just as we have inherited freckles or eye color. This is often called original sin and unfortunately, we can't do anything about this inheritance, just as we can't do anything about those dimples or lack thereof.

Some try to rationalize the issue by making distinctions between original and actual sins or said another way, inherited sin or sins actually committed by an individual. But when is a person actually old enough or mentally capable enough to be accountable for sin? As mentioned before even original sin is damnable, whether someone commits an actual sin or not. And we already see that children feel the effects of original sin such as sickness, disease, and even death that they don't deserve.

The Lord says the wages of sin is death. We don't like that! We don't like it for our sin of gossip and we don't like it when it is the consequence for a sin of which we had no say. It doesn't feel fair.

Yet, what would the alternative be? That certain people have no need for a savior and some people do? Everyone, even those that feel the effects of sin upon them more than they actually commit them, are in need of a Savior- and what a glorious reality the Lord has made come true! The Savior of all humanity experienced life from womb to grave and knows personally the struggles that each life stage holds.

It is because children are sinful that we believe in connecting them to Christ's work through baptism as soon as possible. It is because they are sinful that we guard their hearts and minds from negative influences, and it is because they are sinful that we can tell them that Christ came for them.



Upcoming Dates:

January 4th- Preschool Resumes

January 24-29- National Lutheran Schools Week

Feb. 12- No School

Feb. 15- No School



Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)

Hymn #596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Verses 2-4

You were before your day of birth, indeed, from your conception
Condemned and lost with all the earth, none good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good You constantly denied Him.

But all of that was washed away- immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed According to our nature.

In Baptism we now put on Christ- Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed and freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good Before our Heavenly Father.

REMINDERS:

Please remember to collect those Ken's and Kessler's receipts!

Also, please consider donating to our Tuition Assistance Fund to help families attend our preschool during this difficult time!



The preschoolers put on a lovely Christmas program where they shared the good news of Christ's birth with their parents on Dec. 15th.

**Mrs.
Siebert**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful, blessed Christmas! The children are back in preschool after a much needed break. As we begin the New Year, we will be talking about hope. The promise of a Savior brought hope to the faithful and He continues to bring hope today with his promise of eternal salvation. We ask that you continue to keep the preschool in your prayers as we begin 2021 and for a successful second half of the school year!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Aberdeen SD
Treasurer's Report as of November 2020 for General Fund

Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Previous YTD
INCOME					
4.1010	General Offerings	524,398	40,731	436,205	457,113
4.1015	Electronic Giving Offset	300	57	469	248
4.1020	St. Paul's Leola/SMP	12,000	1,000	10,000	2,500
4.1200	Sunday School Offerings	500	66	427	474
4.1250	Coffee/Soup & Sandwich Receipt	4,000	199	2,256	3,319
4.1400	Miscellaneous Income/Giving	5,000	0	48,698	6,654
4.1500	Stewardship Giving	0	0	0	0
	Total Member Giving & Income	\$546,198	\$42,054	\$498,058	\$470,310
4.1510	Pre School Tuition	37,500	5,100	28,607	30,599
4.1520	Pre-School Giving	10,000	1,165	18,827	10,202
	Total Pre-School Tuition & Member Giving	\$47,500	\$6,265	\$47,435	\$40,802
	TOTAL INCOME	\$593,698	\$48,319	\$545,493	\$511,112
EXPENSES					
5.1000	Lutheran Witness	2,750	0	(230)	1,586
5.1100	Portal Of Prayer	1,250	316	900	1,167
5.1200	Personalized Mission Support	5,000	0	3,750	2,500
5.1210	Together In Missions (TIM)	1,000	0	0	1,000
5.1300	Main Street Living	2,000	0	1,500	1,000
5.1400	SD District Support and Missions	50,000	4,166	45,833	43,102
5.1450	Advertising	1,000	0	300	414
5.1500	Mission Festival/Evangelism	500	0	0	0
5.1550	Postage	2,000	0	925	1,110
5.1600	Fellowship Events	6,500	325	3,380	5,292
5.1650	Five Loaves Fellowship Supper	2,000	0	862	1,000
5.1700	Worship/Communion Supplies	2,500	272	3,276	3,191
5.1800	Baptismal Supplies	250	0	231	98
5.1900	Offering Envelopes	700	0	596	598
5.1950	Evangelism Miscellaneous	2,000	0	102	781
5.1951	Mercy Fund	3,600	0	1,200	3,300
	BOARD OF EVANGELISM	\$83,050	\$5,081	\$62,627	\$66,142
5.2010	Property Maintenance/Upkeep	22,000	4,335	23,099	21,107
5.2040	Church Utilities	22,500	1,724	15,811	21,236
5.2050	Church Insurance	11,000	3,948	13,882	10,837
5.2060	Office Miscellaneous	1,000	0	463	63
5.2061	Electronic Giving Fees	1,000	84	627	852
5.2062	Bank Service Charges	250	0	107	198
5.2090	Church Snow Removal	12,000	255	3,868	12,880
5.2400	Van Upkeep and Repair	1,000	39	260	500
5.2500	Office Supplies	3,000	125	1,624	1,462
5.2550	Office Equip. Maint/Support	5,700	46	3,305	4,500
5.2600	New Office Equipment	11,000	2,199	12,484	9,735
5.2620	Capital Improvements	5,000	0	4,999	4,166
	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	\$95,450	\$12,758	\$80,536	\$87,544
5.3010	Miscellaneous Elder Expenses	1,000	175	272	0
	BOARD OF ELDERS	\$1,000	\$175	\$272	\$0
5.4010	Senior Pastor-Salary	52,894	4,407	41,986	36,263
5.4011	Asst Pastor-Salary	39,977	0	21,112	34,100
5.4030	Senior Pastor-Car Allowances	1,500	125	1,547	1,356
5.4031	Asst Pastor-Car Allowance	200	0	132	0

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Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Previous YTD
5.4050	Senior Pastor-Housing Allowance	23,000	2,916	32,083	31,433
5.4051	Asst Pastor-Housing Allowance	23,000	0	12,000	21,992
5.4080	Senior Pastor Continuing Ed.	500	0	500	0
5.4081	Asst Pastor Continuing Ed.	500	0	0	0
5.4090	SMP Expenses	12,000	0	12,600	2,737
5.4120	Babysitting Services	2,000	0	468	1,102
5.4200	Secretary- Salary	32,540	2,711	29,828	28,856
5.4205	Secretary - Substitutes	600	0	0	0
5.4220	Custodial-Salary	21,333	1,384	14,186	22,274
5.4250	Organists-Salary	4,800	50	835	1,525
5.4260	Pastoral Support	1,200	0	2,324	0
5.4300	Payroll Taxes	4,675	313	3,725	4,056
5.4310	Health Insurance Benefits	70,714	4,833	65,065	61,714
5.4320	Retirement	17,250	1,113	11,805	15,133
5.4330	Life/Dis Insurance	5,000	255	2,302	3,807
5.4350	Lighthouse Preschool Tuition Benefit	6,000	245	2,345	0
5.4500	Conventions/Conferences - Pastors	3,000	0	102	3,323
	BOARD OF PERSONNEL	\$334,433	\$18,355	\$255,981	\$273,145
5.5000	Sunday School	2,000	32	706	1,246
5.5100	Vacation Bible School	2,000	0	900	853
5.5200	Confirmation	1,100	698	2,319	1,175
5.5250	Adult Christian Education	500	178	(598)	360
5.5300	Youth Ministry	500	0	271	402
5.5320	Camp Mineboji	500	0	0	0
5.5500	Library Media Resources	300	0	0	248
5.5600	Retreats and Workshop	150	0	0	0
	BOARD OF EDUCATION/YOUTH	\$7,050	\$909	\$3,598	\$4,287
5.6100	Pre-School Director Salary	21,462	1,041	16,283	19,925
5.6110	Pre-School Teacher(s)	23,230	2,358	23,292	13,562
5.6120	Pre-School Assistants	9,000	1,626	10,289	14,341
5.6210	Pre-School Payroll Taxes	4,110	384	3,714	3,658
5.6220	Pre-School Retirement	3,575	305	4,591	4,752
5.6222	Pre-School Life/Disability Insurance	1,118	79	930	1,011
5.6310	Conventions/Conferences - Pre-School	1,500	136	903	348
5.6410	Pre-School Insurance	720	0	1,471	700
5.6420	Pre-School Snow Removal	950	0	200	700
5.6430	Pre-school Maintenance	1,950	266	2,105	2,659
5.6440	Pre-school Utilities	2,300	173	1,909	2,489
5.6510	Pre-School Ed. Materials	1,000	0	1,025	910
5.6520	Pre-School Supplies	1,200	258	938	1,363
5.6530	Pre-School Advertising	600	0	481	0
	LIGHTHOUSE PRESCHOOL	\$72,715	\$6,630	\$68,136	\$66,422
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$593,698	\$43,912	\$471,152	\$497,543
	Difference	\$0	\$4,407	\$74,340	\$13,568

**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 Nah 3 Luke 19:45-20:8	2 Hab 1:1-11 Luke 20:9-26
3 Hab 1:12-2:1 Luke 20:27-40. 5-7 pm Circuit Youth @ Our Savior Coin Banks	4 Hab 2:2-20 Luke 20:41-21:9 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Elder Mtg Preschool resumes	5 Hab 3:1-13 Luke 21:10-24	6 Hab 3:14-19 - Luke 21:25-38 6am Men's Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship (Mask) 5pm Women's Bible St 6:30 pm Confirmation	7 Zeph 1:1-6 Luke 22:1-13 9am Quilting	8 Zeph 1:7-18 Luke 22:14-30 Epiphany 6:30 pm Epiphany Service @ St. Paul's	9 Zeph 2:1-7 Luke 22:31-38 10:30 am Music Meeting
10 Zeph 2:8-15 Luke 22:39-53 1:00pm Elder Bible St.	11 Zeph 3:1-8 Luke 22:54-65 6:15 pm Worship	12 Zeph 3:9-13 Luke 22:66-23:16	13 Zeph 3:14-20; Luke 23:18-31 6am Men's Bible Study 7am Personnel Mtg 12:15 pm Worship (Mask) 5pm Women's Bible St 5:15pm 5Loaves Co,m Mt 7-8 Circuit Confirmation	14 Jer 1 Luke 23:32-43 9am Quilting 11am LWNM Mtg	15 Jer 2:1-13 Luke 23:44-56	16 Jer 2:14-28 Luke 24:1-12
17 Jer 29:3-5 Luke 24:13-35	18 Jer 3:6-18 Luke 24:36-53 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Church Council	19 Jer 3:19-25 Acts 1:1-11	20 Jer 4:1-18; Acts 1:12-26 6am Men's Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship (Mask) 5pm Women's Bible St 6:30 Confirmation	21 Jer 4:19-31 Acts 2:1-13 9am Quilting	22 Jer 5:1-13 Acts 2:14-41	23 Jer 5:14-31 Acts 2:42-3:10
24 Jer 6:1-15; Acts 3:11-26 Food for The Journey 31 Jer 10:11-25; Acts 6:8-15 8:00 & 10:45 am Installation of DCE Michael Leapley	25 Jer 6:16-30 Acts 4:1-22 6:15 pm Worship	26 Jer 7:1-29 Acts 4:23-31	27 Jer 7:30-8:17; Acts 4:32-37 6am Men's Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship (Mask) 5pm Women's Bible St 6:30 Confirmation	28 Jer 8:18-9:11 Acts 5:1-16 9am Quilting	29 Jer 9:12-26 Acts 5:17-42	30 Jer 10:1-10 Acts 6:1-7

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Please join us for a
Circuit Epiphany Worship Service
on Friday., January 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm
at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church,
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