

*Voice of the Saints*  
*St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool*  
*Aberdeen, SD* *September 2020*

**Psalm 72:1-4 (Of Solomon.):**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!**
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!**
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

**God's Justice**

Justice is never an easy term to define. Of course you could go to the internet and do a Google search for the definition, but the answers you find only provoke further speculation since most definitions end up using words like fairness, merit, or equality, all of which raise the question of who gets to decide what fairness, merit, or equality looks like. In Psalm 72, God is the source of justice, and confessing that God is the source of justice runs contrary to many of our preconceptions of what justice is. Here is one example.

Justice as it comes from God is connected to God's authority and His ability to render judgments. We tend to think of justice as measured outcomes, as when we ask ourselves, "Did we or someone else get what we or they deserve?" God does care about outcomes, but His authority as Creator expands His judgments to include His ruling and reigning over everything. Therefore, God is certainly exercising His justice when He pronounces the world guilty of sin (Romans 3:23; Eccl. 7:20; 1 John 1:8) and when He judges people's hearts and motives (Mark 15:8; Isaiah 29:13). But God does not make the modern distinction between judicial, executive, and legislative judgments and thus justice, so God is exercising His justice when He, by His providence, upholds creation (Hebrews 1:3) and assures us of our access to creation in ways we take for granted (the sun rising every morning, the growth of plants and animals for food, etc.). Very often, we question God's justice because of a particular outcome we think we deserve while forgetting that the abundance of blessings we receive daily without a second thought are every bit as much a part of God's justice as the measured outcome we desire in a particular situation.

In Isaiah 51:4, God says, "I will set my justice for a light to the peoples." When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy kingdom come," and when we pray that petition, we're praying that God's kingdom as revealed and inaugurated by Jesus would rule and reign among us. Essentially, we're praying that the fullness of God's justice as exemplified in the cross and empty tomb be brought to bear upon our church, our families, and our individual lives. In Christ, the light of God's justice is the light of Christ's atonement for our sins. It's the light of justification whereby through Jesus paying the price for our sins, we become justified by grace through faith instead of the outcomes of our ability to keep God's commands (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Jesus' incarnation, death, and resurrection as the Son of the Living God encapsulates every aspect of God's ruling and reigning along with the justice and judgments such action entails. This makes the comfort of the Gospel go much deeper than questions about our individual desires for favorable outcomes. God cares about these outcomes, but He does so within the context of His authority over all creation and His desire to save a fallen people situated within a fallen universe.

In Christ,

Pastor Bobby

**Church Council Meeting**  
**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**August 17, 2020**

Opening Devotions by Larry Jung

**Minutes of the July 20, 2020 Council Meeting** were reviewed and there was a motion to approve by Paul and a second by Jerry Streckfuss. An amendment is needed for the proposal of pastor's salary increase for "until one is called" to "until one is installed". A motion to approve the amendment was made by Jason Oberfoell and a second by Jon Mesmer. Also all other Board minutes were approved by a motion from Jason Oberfoell and a second by Paul Swanston.

**Treasurer's Report** – Taylor reported that based on the recent offerings from lower attendance there is a good chance there will be a shortfall to meet the budget. Motion to approve the treasurers report by Tom Agnitsch, second by Deb Droog.

**Pastor's Report/Church Report** – Pastor gave some information about the DCE Internship program and how it will allow us to perform ministries that we otherwise would not be able to with our current vacancy.

**Old Business:** There has not been a discussion about what to do with Youth checking account yet.

**New Business:**

1. Nate Collins proposed a couple options for the computer that runs the slides and videos for church services. He is going to send out an email with all the information and pricing. Discussion will continue once information has been reviewed by the council.
2. The 2021 Budget Proposals need to be set and the hope is to have a proposed budget by next month for approval.
3. Discussion was had about plans for Music Sunday. It was proposed to have it at one service with choir, bells and string instruments with social distancing guidelines in place for everyone's protection.
4. There was a donation from the Tim Erickson Estate. A proposal was made to move 10% to the mission and ministry funds. The rest will go to facilities for now until we can discuss where to put the remaining balance. Motion to approve was from Jason Oberfoell and a second by Russ Podoll.

**Memorials and Gifts** – Memorials for Art Dahme will go to the Mercy Fund. Memorial for Marilyn Lickfelt will also go to the Mercy Fund. Memorial for Terry Mages to St. Paul's. There was a motion to approve memorials and gifts by Taylor Beutler and a second was made by Tom Agnitsch.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jon Mesmer and a second was by Paul Swanston.

Members present: Larry Jung, Russ Podoll, Taylor Beutler, Dustin Klapperich, Jerry Streckfuss, Tom Agnitsch, Jon Mesmer, Paul Swanston, Jason Oberfoell, and Deb Droog. Guest: Nate Collins

## LWML Executive Board Meeting August 13, 2020

**Present:** Deb Pederson, Betty Ochsner, Roberta Adolphsen

**Excused:** Sally Kushman

**Agenda:**

1. Updated the LWML book.
2. Updated the Year at a Glance.
3. The executive board accepted Beverly Borchard's resignation as President.  
The executive board is looking for nominations for President. Please contact one of the above officers if you have someone to nominate.
4. We will not be meeting in September. Our first meeting is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. The decision was made to start our meetings at an earlier time and have coffee and cookies or bars instead of a full meal to follow St. Paul's present precautions.

**Please contact any of the above officers if you have any questions or concerns.**

Submitted:

Deb Pederson, Secretary

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### Applying Biblical Teachings

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).

By our attitudes and conduct, those around us should regard us as servants of Christ. As Christ's servants, we show great integrity and honesty in our dealings with others. When we incur a debt, whatever that debt may be, we repay it according to the instruction given in Psalm 37:21— "The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously."

We have been brought to faith by the Holy Spirit working through the Word, and from this faith, our attitudes and conduct proceed. These attitudes and conduct directly reflect Christ's love. In this love, we take care of all our obligations owed to others.

In his commentary, Matthew Henry wrote, "Render to God His due in the first place, to yourselves, to your families, to your relations, to the commonwealth, to the church, to the poor, to those that you have dealings with in buying, selling, exchanging, etc. Render to all their dues, and that readily and cheerfully, not tarrying till you are by law compelled to it."

Motivated by the Holy Spirit, our attitudes and conduct go beyond any sense of duty that may be derived by individuals. This motivation arises from the debt that can never be marked as "paid in full," the debt of love. God so loved us that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who in love met our deepest needs. We, in turn, as servants of Christ, show this same love toward others. We show great integrity and are truly honest in all of our dealings. We gladly repay the debts we owe. In Christ's love, we serve and do not sin against our neighbor, which may harm him and bring the condemnation of the Law. Rather, in the role of servant, Christ's love lives and works through us, thus fulfilling the Law and doing the will of God.





**THE LIGHTHOUSE PRESCHOOL: Accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year.** Contact the Church Office—225-1847— for a registration form.

## September Events:



**Confirmation** classes will begin on September 2, 2020 at 7:00pm. Circuit confirmation will be held on Wed., September 9, 2020



**Circuit Youth Meeting**—Sunday, September 6, 2020 from 5-7:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church.



**Sunday School** begins on September 13th.



**The annual church picnic** is on Sunday, September 13th at noon. The picnic will be held at Wylie Park, Shelter C.



**“Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today”** A circuit convocation will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 3:00-5:30pm. Pastor Dean Schroeder will be the presenter. Topic: Christian spirituality is following Jesus. It is the ordinary life of faith in which we receive Baptism, attend the Divine Service, participate in the Holy Supper, read the Scriptures, pray for ourselves and others, resist temptation, and work with Jesus in our given location here on earth. Books are free and will be available for pick up. Coffee and dessert will be served.

### SEPTEMBER USHERS:

#### EARLY:

Larry Jung, Head Usher  
Lowell McIntire  
Geraldine McIntire  
Terry Ellingson

#### LATE:

Kenny Kilber, Head Usher  
Norma Kilber  
Nate Collins  
MaKayla Collins



## October Events:



**Five Loaves Supper** is will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Serving time will begin at 5:15 pm.



**LWML** meeting on October 8, 2020 at 11:00am.



A Circuit Reformation Worship Service will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mansfield, SD. More details to follow.



# Lighthouse Preschool News

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

**Sept. 2020**

**A new series for a new year! What is a child?**

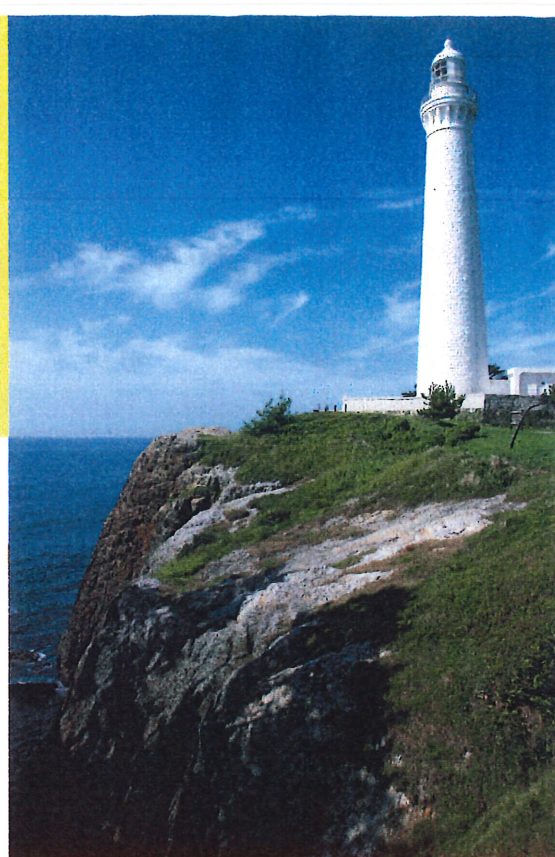
Last year, we learned about how the Lighthouse Preschool addresses the needs of students' overall development. We do not focus merely on their academic development, but also their spiritual, social, emotional, and physical development. Hopefully, as you saw the various activities we do, you were able to get a closer look into how we ensure the development of all our students.

This year, we are going to try something a little different. During each month, our newsletter will focus on answering the question, "What is a Child?" It seems like an obvious question with obvious answers. However, we might be surprised to find that people have answered this question differently. Even members of the same generation, church body, or family will answer this differently.

Why is a definition so important? Well, depending on how you answer this question will reveal what your underlying beliefs are. Those underlying beliefs impact how you treat, interact, and care for a child. By unpacking those beliefs, we, as Christians, are also able to see if what we believe lines up with our faith and allows the Word of God to bear on us to shape us to His good and perfect will. (Continued on Back)

## **Announcements:**

**Please continue to pray for the health of our students and families!**



## **Upcoming Dates:**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>- No School/Labor Day**

**October 12- No School**



Thank you for all the snack donations! We are stocked and ready for the year!



## Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)

A great activity to try is to list 10 things that answer the question, "What is a child?" For our grammar nerds, we could say they can be adjectives or nouns. While some of them might be subjective and based on an opinion, try to keep the list to objective definitions. (For example, "cute" is a subjective word, but "unique" is an objective word.)

If you do this little activity, I would love to hear from you! Email me at [alisona@stpaulsaberdeen.org](mailto:alisona@stpaulsaberdeen.org)! Stay tuned to next month's newsletter, where I start unpacking a Biblical definition of what a child is!

From one Child of God to all you others, Mrs. A

### REMINDERS:

-Please save those Ken's and Kessler's receipts. We can begin accepting receipts from August 2020 and later.

-If you see the following people, please thank them for their efforts this summer to make the preschool great!

Russ Podoll, Dennis Angerhofer, Jerry and Betty Ochner, Cindy Jung, Terry Ellingson, and Paul Swanston.



### A note from Mrs. Siebert

Thanks be to God for another preschool year! As we begin the year, I would like you to know that I am truly blessed to be teaching so many little ones! The month of September will be full of new experiences as we focus on learning rules and routines and meeting new friends. Please pray for a smooth transition for us all as we go forward with a great school year!

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

Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Previous YTD
<b>INCOME</b>					
4.1010	General Offerings	524,398	33,818	263,188	303,487
4.1015	Electronic Giving Offset	300	45	263	165
4.1020	St. Paul's Leola/SMP	12,000	1,000	7,000	0
4.1200	Sunday School Offerings	500	0	223	253
4.1250	Coffee/Soup & Sandwich Receipt	4,000	138	1,346	2,511
4.1400	Miscellaneous Income/Giving	5,000	237	57,747	4,885
4.1500	Stewardship Giving	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total Member Giving &amp; Income</b>	<b>\$546,198</b>	<b>\$35,239</b>	<b>\$329,770</b>	<b>\$311,303</b>
4.1510	Pre School Tuition	37,500	150	13,892	15,966
4.1520	Pre-School Giving	10,000	1,231	8,237	9,242
	<b>Total Pre-School Tuition &amp; Member Giving</b>	<b>\$47,500</b>	<b>\$1,381</b>	<b>\$22,130</b>	<b>\$25,208</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$593,698</b>	<b>\$36,620</b>	<b>\$351,900</b>	<b>\$336,512</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
5.1000	Lutheran Witness	2,750	0	(155)	(206)
5.1100	Portal Of Prayer	1,250	0	291	583
5.1200	Personalized Mission Support	5,000	0	2,500	2,500
5.1210	Together In Missions (TIM)	1,000	0	0	0
5.1300	Main Street Living	2,000	0	1,000	1,000
5.1400	SD District Support and Missions	50,000	8,333	29,166	23,500
5.1450	Advertising	1,000	0	300	414
5.1500	Mission Festival/Evangelism	500	0	0	0
5.1550	Postage	2,000	0	605	845
5.1600	Fellowship Events	6,500	185	2,284	3,505
5.1650	Five Loaves Fellowship Supper	2,000	0	862	573
5.1700	Worship/Communion Supplies	2,500	224	2,321	1,392
5.1800	Baptismal Supplies	250	0	231	81
5.1900	Offering Envelopes	700	0	0	0
5.1950	Evangelism Miscellaneous	2,000	0	102	560
5.1951	Mercy Fund	3,600	0	1,200	1,800
	<b>BOARD OF EVANGELISM</b>	<b>\$83,050</b>	<b>\$8,743</b>	<b>\$40,710</b>	<b>\$36,551</b>
5.2010	Property Maintenance/Upkeep	22,000	723	10,196	12,338
5.2040	Church Utilities	22,500	1,669	9,077	14,791
5.2050	Church Insurance	11,000	0	7,816	6,632
5.2060	Office Miscellaneous	1,000	0	84	79
5.2061	Electronic Giving Fees	1,000	83	305	540
5.2062	Bank Service Charges	250	7	65	32
5.2090	Church Snow Removal	12,000	0	3,613	12,758
5.2400	Van Upkeep and Repair	1,000	0	175	332
5.2500	Office Supplies	3,000	117	1,289	901
5.2550	Office Equip.Maint/Support	5,700	245	2,361	2,847
5.2600	New Office Equipment	11,000	828	6,453	5,156
5.2620	Capital Improvements	5,000	0	0	0
	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	<b>\$95,450</b>	<b>\$3,673</b>	<b>\$41,438</b>	<b>\$56,412</b>
5.3010	Miscellaneous Elder Expenses	1,000	0	0	0
	<b>BOARD OF ELDERS</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
5.4010	Senior Pastor-Salary	52,894	3,907	24,354	25,890
5.4011	Asst Pastor-Salary	39,977	0	21,112	21,732
5.4030	Senior Pastor-Car Allowances	1,500	252	1,047	782
5.4031	Asst Pastor-Car Allowance	200	0	132	0

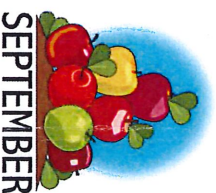
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5.4050	Senior Pastor-Housing Allowance	23,000	2,916	20,416	17,166
5.4051	Asst Pastor-Housing Allowance	23,000	0	12,000	13,963
5.4080	Senior Pastor Continuing Ed.	500	0	500	0
5.4081	Asst Pastor Continuing Ed.	500	0	0	0
5.4090	SMP Expenses	12,000	3,009	9,224	0
5.4120	Babysitting Services	2,000	0	468	371
5.4200	Secretary- Salary	32,540	2,711	18,981	18,363
5.4205	Secretary - Substitutes	600	0	0	0
5.4220	Adult Ser./Custodial-Salary	21,333	1,352	8,837	14,893
5.4250	Organists-Salary	4,800	0	785	1,150
5.4260	Pastoral Support	1,200	475	1,625	0
5.4300	Payroll Taxes	4,675	310	2,486	2,633
5.4310	Health Insurance Benefits	70,714	10,785	46,488	39,275
5.4320	Retirement	17,250	854	7,352	9,634
5.4330	Life/Dis Insurance	5,000	0	2,046	2,440
5.4340	HRA Reimbursements	11,750	0	1,028	5,359
5.4350	Lighthouse Preschool Tuition Benefit	6,000	0	0	0
5.4500	Conventions/Conferences - Pastors	3,000	0	102	2,792
	<b>BOARD OF PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$334,433</b>	<b>\$26,575</b>	<b>\$178,993</b>	<b>\$172,322</b>
5.5000	Sunday School	2,000	0	183	85
5.5100	Vacation Bible School	2,000	0	900	853
5.5200	Confirmation	1,100	0	642	801
5.5250	Adult Christian Education	500	0	(951)	319
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
	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION/YOUTH</b>	<b>\$7,050</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,045</b>	<b>\$2,711</b>
5.6100	Pre-School Director Salary	21,462	961	12,036	12,842
5.6110	Pre-School Teacher(s)	23,230	2,177	13,677	5,895
5.6120	Pre-School Assistants	9,000	0	4,978	10,269
5.6210	Pre-School Payroll Taxes	4,110	240	2,338	2,218
5.6220	Pre-School Retirement	3,575	769	3,674	3,676
5.6222	Pre-School Life/Disability Insurance	1,118	0	321	547
5.6310	Conventions/Conferences - Pre-School	1,500	0	520	100
5.6410	Pre-School Insurance	720	0	700	0
5.6420	Pre-School Snow Removal	950	0	200	700
5.6430	Pre-school Maintenance	1,950	0	1,022	1,631
5.6440	Pre-school Utilities	2,300	163	1,206	1,628
5.6510	Pre-School Ed. Materials	1,000	0	205	405
5.6520	Pre-School Supplies	1,200	9	84	1,065
5.6530	Pre-School Advertising	600	181	181	181
	<b>LIGHTHOUSE PRESCHOOL</b>	<b>\$72,715</b>	<b>\$4,501</b>	<b>\$41,148</b>	<b>\$41,161</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$593,698</b>	<b>\$43,493</b>	<b>\$303,336</b>	<b>\$309,157</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$6,873)</b>	<b>\$48,564</b>	<b>\$27,354</b>



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

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578



**SEPTEMBER**

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 7am Personnel Mtg	2 6am Men's Bible Study 6pm Worship Service 7-8:30 Confirmation	3 9:00 am Quilting	4 Is. 25:1-12 John 1:1-28	5 Is. 26:1-21 John 1:29-42
6 Is. 27:1-13 John 1:43-51	7 Is. 28:1-13 John 2:1-22 <b>LABOR Day</b>	8 Is. 28:14-29 John 2:23-3:15	9 Is. 29:1-10/John 3:16-36 6am Men's Bible Study 6pm Worship Service 7-8pm Circuit Confirmation	10 Is. 29:11-24 John 4:1-15	11 Is. 30:1-7 John 4:16-45	12 Is. 30:8-17 John 4:46-5:17
5-7pm Circuit Youth @ Our Savior Coin Banks	6:15 Worship Service 7:00 Elder Meeting Church Office Closed			9:00 am Quilting		
13 Is. 30:18-33 John 5:18-29	14 Is. 31:1-9 John 6:1-21	15 Is. 32:1-20 John 6:22-40	16 Is. 33:1-24/John 6:41-59 6am Men's Bible Study 6pm Worship Service 7-8:30 Confirmation	17 Is. 34:1-17 John 6:60-71	18 Is. 35:1-10 John 7:1-24	19 Is. 36:1-22 John 7:25-36
Sunday School begins Noon-Church Picnic 3-5:30 Circuit Convocation @ St. Paul's	6:15 Worship Service			9:00 am Quilting		
20 Is. 37:1-13 John 7:37-52	21 Is. 37:14-29 John 8:1-11	22 Is. 37:30-38 John 8:12-30	23 Is. 38:1-21/John 8:31-47 6am Men's Bible Study 6pm Worship Service 7-8:30 Confirmation	24 Is. 39:1-40:8 John 8:48-59	25 Is. 40:9-23 John 9:1-23	26 Is. 40:24-31 John 9:24-41
	6:15 Worship Service 7:00 Church Council 7:30 Elder Bible Study			9:00 am Quilting		
27 Is. 41:1-13 John 10:1-21	28 Is. 41:14-29 John 10:22-42	29 Is. 42:1-9 John 11:1-27	30 Is. 42:10-25/John 11:28-44 6am Men's Bible Study 6pm Worship Service 7-8:30 Confirmation			
Food for The Journey	6:15 Worship Service					

