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

# The Marriage of the Lamb

The metaphor of marriage seems to us an unusual way to understand Christ's relationship to the Church, but instead of being a source of confusion, it should be a source of profound comfort. When a couple is married, the two become one, and in important ways, they begin a new life as a new family with a new home. These same themes inform our understanding of Christ and the Church.

In Revelation 19:7-9, St. John writes, "Let us rejoice and exult and give [God] the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and through the faith delivered in Word and Sacrament, Jesus makes for Himself a new people, a holy Bride clothed in "fine linen, bright and pure" through Jesus' blood bought forgiveness, a forgiveness that permits us to be and act as God's new and redeemed people.

Likewise, by making for Himself a new people, Jesus has bridged the chasm of sin and death that separates us from God, which means that our Savior's resurrection guarantees us that we are now one with our Lord. Like in marriage, the two become one; except for us, this happens through the removal of sin. But this removal of sin also implies a new home.

The original home God created for His people has been corrupted through sin so that it no longer works the way it's supposed to, but Jesus has secured for us a future, new creation through His resurrection. We experience this new home in faith while here on this earth, but because we as the Church are the bride of Christ, we have the assurance of this new home on the last day.

In the Matthew's Gospel, Jesus will use marriage multiple times to help us understand the kingdom of God. And even in the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah will say, "For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you" (Isaiah 62:5). Marriage helps us understand how comprehensive, personal, and deep God's salvation for us in Jesus goes. In Christ,

Pastor Bobby

John 17:10-11, "10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

Matthew 22:2; 25:6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

**DCE Intern Home Visits:** Greetings from your DCE intern, Michael Leapley! I have really enjoyed my first two weeks at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and I have taken the first steps to get to know all of you. Help me get to know you *more* by signing up for a home visit! "What is a home visit?" you may ask. A home visit is an opportunity for me to learn about the congregation and an opportunity for you to share your ideas about the educational programs at St. Paul's...all from the comfort of your own home! You do not want to miss out on this, so let me know what time and date works for you. Sign up on the sheet in the South narthex or send me an email at michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org.



# Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**: April 1, 2021 — 12:15 pm (Mask Only) with Holy Communion

6:15 pm with Holy Communion

**Good Friday**: April 2, 2021 — 12:15 pm (Mask Only)

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 - 12:15 pm—MASK ONLY

Easter Breakfast (LWML) at 9:15am



A Prayer service will be held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 12:30 pm. This 30 minutes service will include prayers for coming out of the pandemic. All members are encouraged to attend.

#### **APRIL USHERS:**

#### EARLY:

Rodney Kono, Head Usher Myron Voegele Terry Ellingson

#### LATE:

Jason Oberfoell, Head Usher

# **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

May 9—Confirmation

May 13—Ascension Service @ Our Savior

June 13-18—Vacation Bible School

#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2021 at 7:00pm

President Larry Jung opened the meeting with a prayer.

- -Minutes from the Feb. 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Nate Bode made a motion to approve the minutes. Jon Mesmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- -Treasurer's Reported was reviewed. Noticed that maybe the last Sunday's offering in February was not included in the report. (Short of ~\$6,400). Will look at next month's report to verify if that offering is updated. Steve Jacobson motioned to approve the report. Nate Bode second. The motion carried.

#### Church Board Minutes:

- -Board of Personnel's minutes mentioned they interviewed 4 candidates for the Custodian position. Larry Jung informed the Council that Personnel has hired an individual for the position.
- -Corrections for the Board of Elder's minutes. Line 2 regarding having a Pastor to preach for Palm Sunday is missing the dollar amount. The amount is \$900 for expenses. Line 4 in regards to a motion made for money from the Youth Account. Motion says to "allow" up to.... The correction is: Motion to "recommend to the Council" up to \$6,000 for youth ministry. Jason Oberfoell made a motion to use \$6,000 from the Youth Checking account to be used for Youth Ministry. Jon Mesmer seconded. Motion carried.
- -Nate Bode motioned to approve the Church Boards' Minutes with the listed corrections. Motion was seconded by Deb Pederson. Motion carried.

#### Pastor's Report:

- -Pastor Bobby and DCE Intern Michael Leapley put together a Questionnaire of Post COVID-19 Disengagement and Reengagement Discussion Questions. Asked Council members to read over, answer, and think about how people are disengaged from the church, why they are, and ways to improve engagement with members and non members.
- -Call day at the seminary is April 27th and 28th.
- -Pastor Bobby discussed an organization known as Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. Members of St Paul's would go door to door in the neighborhood and do a survey with residents. We will be doing one on April 17th.

#### Old Business:

- -Church transition to new governance. Council discussed need to begin transitioning duties that the Church Administrator would have under the new Constitution and Bylaws. Deb Pederson motioned to approve of the "Church Administration Transition Proposal" Nate Bode seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- -Sanctuary Project: Repair the wall behind the altar. Paul Swanston made a motion to approve of a bid by H&M for \$2,295 under Budget line 5.2010 Property Maint/Upkeep. Schedule for after Easter. Steve Jacobson seconded the motion, Motion carried.
- -Michael Guerin presented a sample of the new church website. Motion made by Jon Mesmer to have the new website go live pending review by Pastor Bobby. Nate Bode seconded. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

- -Insurance for the church van has a Health Special Risk rider policy that needs to be renewed in April. Tabled to view details of the policy premium and coverage.
- -Contract for Pipe Organ tuning was presented. Contract from Frederick J Hall from Milltown WI. New contract for 3 years is \$760 per year. Nate Bode motioned to accept the terms of the contract. Steve Jacobson seconded. Motion carried.
- -Publicity Circle will be doing the newsletter again. Ask that deadline for church council minutes be submitted by the Wednesday morning after the Council meeting.
- -Northwestern Energy sent a letter regarding budget billing and seeing an increase in Natural Gas. We can either pay up to make up the difference in expense or adjust the monthly expense over time to make up the difference. Council recommended adjusting the monthly payment but tabled until the additional amount was known.

Present: 9 members

<u>Memorials and Gifts:</u> -Paul Swanston motioned to accept the Memorials and Gifts. Deb Pederson seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 19th, 2021 at 7:00pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Attendance: Paul Swanston, Jon Mesmer, Deb Pederson, Steve Jacobson, Jason Oberfoell, Nate Bode, Larry Jung, Michael Leapley, Tom Agnitsch, Pastor Bobby, Guest: Michael Guerin.

Submitted by Jason Oberfoell

THEME: JESUS SERVANTS

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#### **LWML Meeting**

March 11, 2021

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

Pastor Bobby led a Bible Study, Through Love Serve One Another.

The Pledge was said together by the group. Free will offering was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: A motion was made by Vicki Hartje and seconded by Ashlee Wahl to approve the February minutes. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was approved and placed on file for audit.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

We are still looking for someone interested in ordering for the Gift Shop.

Reminder of the Workshop coming up September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be a combination District Retreat, (which usually is scheduled in April) and Christian Life Workshop in one. The theme will be "God's Quilt of Comfort Wrapping Up in the Psalms".

Discussion was held concerning becoming members of the Naier.org for the exchange of resources. There is some interest to try this for a year. Deb Pederson will try to contact another church who are members for a reference.

There are a few changes required in our LWML Constitution and By-Laws. Deb Pederson and Betty Ochsner will review and make these changes for approval by the members at the next meeting.

#### **CIRCLE REPORTS:**

Good Cheer: Met March 4<sup>th</sup>. Served for a funeral. Janice Frohling sent out 6 Birthday cards, 4 Sympathy cards and 2 Get well cards.

Publicity: Will be putting in a request to start completing the News Letter again.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you cards were received from Davita Kidney Dialysis for quilts, Gloria Anderson, Dennis and Brad Huff.

Requests for donations from Orphan Grain Train, Seminary Advancement, The Banquet and Lutheran World Relief.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The group agreed to start serving at funerals rotating between the circle members.

With only two mid-week services left for Lent, the group decided to not do mid-week meals at this time.

It was decided we would be serving an Easter Breakfast using the same menu as the DCE installation. Diana, Dee, Deb and Betty are available to help.

\$100.00 was given to Dennis upon his retirement.

We will maintain the 11:00am start time for LWML meetings at this time.

The meeting was closed with a devotion and prayer led by Roberta.

The next meeting will be April 8 at 11:00am with Ashlee Wahl serving.

Submitted: Deb Pederson, Secretary

# Adult Bible Study

There are two voices calling out to you—the Word and the World. Whose voice will

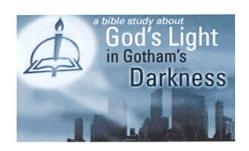
you listen to? Led by DCE intern, Michael Leapley, Word vs. World is a study on the Christian worldview and how to act on it. Held in the fellowship hall, this weekly Bible study takes place on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Look at St. Paul's Facebook page for livestreams and recordings.



# Youth Group

The Youth Group Kickoff, Think Spring, will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM! Come for fellowship over burgers, brats, and yard games! Adults and youth from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome!

The following youth group study will take us through the critically acclaimed film, The Dark Knight. The 5-session study connects and contrasts main themes from the



movie with Scripture and Lutheran teachings. We will be discovering and discussing changeless truths concerning sin and our need for a Savior.

The study is open to grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM and will be held on the following Sunday's: April 25<sup>th</sup>; May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>; June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The youth ministry calendar can be found at this website: http://leapleyclassroom.weebly.com/splc-calendar.html

### Adult Volunteers Needed

Do you value passing on the faith to the next generation? Do you want to volunteer at church without having to prep beforehand? Can you make a once-a-month commitment? If you are an adult of ANY AGE and said yes to these questions, then you should come to youth group! Contact Michael Leapley at michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org for more information.

#### **Applying Biblical Teachings**

#### "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Great are the blessings of God and most wonderful is the gift of His Word. What a hopeless world this would be without it, for faith and hope come by the hearing of the Word.

In his writings on the 119th Psalm, Martin Luther questioned why God's Word is not a light to the eyes, so as to be able to see. Can feet be lighted? Can paths see? The writer of "Amazing Grace" knew the answer to these questions and wrote, "...was blind, but now I see."

The psalmist here mentions nothing of the Word giving light to the eyes in order that they may not be blind. There is no doubt that Scripture teaches that the Word as a lamp guides the footsteps of the believer past pitfalls and dangers. There also is no doubt that Scripture teaches that the Word as a light shines as a bright and certain beam on the path for the believer. So how can the Word be a lamp and a light while the believer is yet blind? This is the basis of the true nature of faith!

In the letter to the Hebrews, we read, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2). Having been called by the Gospel, God's Word, our eyes are fixed on Jesus, and we are blind to all else. We gladly hear the Word of God and through the work of the Holy Spirit are enlightened. The Word becomes the lamp and the light that guides the feet and heart without seeing. As Christians, we hear the Word and do what it says.

Faith does not see where it is going. It just goes. Faith does not see the why. It just does. Faith does not need great knowledge and understanding. It is ready. In faith, the believer hears the Word of God and is guided by it without seeing, trusting where it will lead. In faith, we walk securely in our living and giving, for we are doing what we have heard from the Word.

Through our own understanding, we may feel there is not enough time in our lives to serve the Lord, much less, those around us. We also may feel that our budget just won't allow much in terms of giving to our Lord and Savior. Yes, God's Word tells us to fix our eyes on Jesus and, trusting in Him, we simply do what we have heard in faith from the Word. In faith, we give up our own understanding of how things are or how they should be and act, trusting in Him. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word, we do this, glorifying God and serving our neighbor through our living and our giving.



#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Aberdeen SD Treasurer's Report as of February 2021 for General Fund

| Wednesday<br>Account # | Account Name                                  | Annual Budget | Period Activity | YTD Balance | Page 1 of 4 Previous YTD |  |
|------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| INCOME                 |   |               |                 |             |                          |  |
| 4.1010                 | General Offerings                             | 489,247       | 24,195          | 73,105      | 70,803                   |  |
| 4.1015                 | Electronic Giving Offset                      | 300           | 27              | 76          | 39                       |  |
| 4.1020                 | St. Paul's Leola/SMP                          | 12,000        | 1,000           | 3,000       | 2,000                    |  |
| 4.1200                 | Sunday School Offerings                       | 500           | 39              | 76          | 157                      |  |
| 4.1250                 | Coffee/Soup & Sandwich Receipt                | 4,000         | 150             | 512         | 598                      |  |
| 4.1300                 | Transfer From Restricted Funds                | 25,000        | 2,083           | 4,166       | 0                        |  |
| 4.1400                 | Miscellaneous Income/Giving                   | 7,500         | (112)           | 1,197       | 1,340                    |  |
| 4.1500                 | Stewardship Giving                            | 0             | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
|                        | Total Member Giving & Income                  | \$538,547     | \$27,383        | \$82,134    | \$74,939                 |  |
| 4.1510                 | Pre School Tuition                            | 33,000        | 4,075           | 7,710       | 9,777                    |  |
| 4.1520                 | Pre-School Giving                             | 10,000        | 2,105           | 3,155       | 4,475                    |  |
| 4.4152                 | Church Support of Preschool                   | 26,825        | 747             | 2,276       | 0                        |  |
|                        | Total Pre-School Tuition & Member Giving      | \$69,825      | \$6,927         | \$13,141    | \$14,252                 |  |
|                        | TOTAL INCOME                                  | \$608,372     | \$34,310        | \$95,276    | \$89,192                 |  |
| EXPENSES               | Lutheran Witness                              | 2.000         | (20)            | (220)       | (125)                    |  |
| 5.1000                 |   | 2,000         | (20)            | (320)       | (135)                    |  |
| 5.1100<br>5.1200       | Portal Of Prayer Personalized Mission Support | 1,250         | 482             | 482<br>0    | 291                      |  |
| 5.1210                 | Together In Missions (TIM)                    | 5,000<br>0    | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
| 5.1210                 | Main Street Living                            | 2,000         | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
| 5.1400                 | SD District Support and Missions              | 38,000        | 3,166           | 6,333       | 8,333                    |  |
| 5.1450                 | Advertising                                   | 1,000         | 3,100           | 0           | 0,555                    |  |
| 5.1500                 | Mission Festival/Evangelism                   | 500           | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
| 5.1550                 | Postage                                       | 1,500         | 0               | 118         | 10                       |  |
| 5.1600                 | Fellowship Events                             | 4,000         | 297             | 768         | 1,005                    |  |
| 5.1650                 | Five Loaves Fellowship Supper                 | 1,000         | 0               | 0           | 366                      |  |
| 5.1700                 | Worship/Communion Supplies                    | 3,500         | 44              | 266         | 810                      |  |
| 5.1800                 | Baptismal Supplies                            | 250           | 0               | 77          | 55                       |  |
| 5.1900                 | Offering Envelopes                            | 750           | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
| 5.1945                 | Church Support of Preschool Exp               | 26,825        | 747             | 2,276       | 0                        |  |
| 5.1950                 | Evangelism Miscellaneous                      | 500           | 0               | 0           | 102                      |  |
| 5.1951                 | Mercy Fund                                    | 3,600         | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
|                        | BOARD OF EVANGELISM                           | \$91,675      | \$4,719         | \$10,002    | \$10,840                 |  |
| 5.2010                 | Property Maintence/Upkeep                     | 27,000        | 3,109           | 4,022       | 3,214                    |  |
| 5.2040                 | Church Utilities                              | 19,000        | 1,623           | 3,310       | 749                      |  |
| 5.2050                 | Church Insurance                              | 12,000        | 0               | 0           | 2,771                    |  |
| 5.2060                 | Office Miscellaneous                          | 1,000         | 37              | 72          | 86                       |  |
| 5.2061                 | Electronic Giving Fees                        | 1,000         | 89              | 89          | 99                       |  |
| 5.2062                 | Bank Service Charges                          | 250           | 13              | 31          | (11)                     |  |
| 5,2090                 | Church Snow Removal                           | 8,000         | 255             | 447         | 3,490                    |  |
| 5.2400                 | Van Upkeep and Repair                         | 500           | 76              | 118         | 20                       |  |
| 5.2500                 | Office Supplies                               | 2,000         | 125             | 148         | 690                      |  |
| 5.2550                 | Office Equip.Maint/Support                    | 16,700        | 422             | 1,262       | 940                      |  |
| 5.2600                 | New Office Equipment                          | 0             | 828             | 1,656       | 1,568                    |  |
| 5.2620                 | Capital Improvements                          | 5,000         | 0               | 0           | 0                        |  |
|                        | BOARD OF TRUSTEES                             | \$92,450      | \$6,582         | \$11,159    | \$13,621                 |  |
| 5.3010                 | Miscellaneous Elder Expenses                  | 0             | 0               | 125         | 0                        |  |
| ~ 4010                 | BOARD OF ELDERS                               | \$0           | <b>\$0</b>      | \$125       | \$0                      |  |
| 5.4010                 | Senior Pastor-Salary                          | 54,480        | 5,540           | 11,080      | 6,815                    |  |
| 5.4011                 | Asst Pastor-Salary                            | 40,000        | 0               | 0           | 6,496                    |  |
| 5.4030                 | Senior Pastor-Car Allowances                  | 1,500         | 125             | 250         | 295                      |  |

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| Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Account # Account Name |  | Annual Budget   | Period Activity  | YTD Balance     | Page 2 of 4 Previous YTD |
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| 5.4031   | Asst Pastor-Car Allowance                | 1,500           | 0                | 0               | 132                      |
| 5.4050   | Senior Pastor-Housing Allowance          | 24,000          | 2,000            | 4,000           | 5,833                    |
| 5.4051   | Asst Pastor-Housing Allowance            | 24,000          | 2,000            | -,000           | 4,000                    |
| 5.4080   | Senior Pastor Continuing Ed.             | 500             | 0                | 0               | 4,000                    |
| 5.4081   | Asst Pastor Continuing Ed.               | 500             | 0                | . 0             | 0                        |
| 5,4090   | SMP Expenses                             | 12,000          | 0                | 2,455           | 3,820                    |
| 5.4120   | Babysitting Services                     | 500             | 0                | 2,433           | 5,820<br>71              |
| 5.4200   | Secretary- Salary                        | 33,842          | 2,820            | 5,640           | 5,423                    |
| 5.4205   | Secretary Substitutes                    | 03,642          | 2,820            | 0,040           | 0,423                    |
| 5,4200   | Custodial-Salary                         | 16,000          | 881              | 1,857           | 3,279                    |
| 5.4250   | Organists-Salary                         | 4,000           | 0                | 1,837           | 3,279                    |
| 5.4260   | Pastoral Support                         | 2,000           | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5.4300   | Payroll Taxes                            | 5,000           | 283              | 573             | 990                      |
| 5.4310   | Health Insurance Benefits                | 62,000          | 5,549            | 8,946           | 12,351                   |
| 5.4320   | Retirement                               | 17,250          | (452)            | 1,053           | 2,000                    |
| 5.4320   | Life/Dis Insurance                       |                 | (432)            | 1,033           | 346                      |
| 5,4340   | HRA Reimbursements                       | 5,000           | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5.4350   | Lighthouse Preschool Tuition Benefit     | 11,750<br>6,000 | 300              | 545             | 0                        |
| 5.4500   | Conventions/Conferences - Pastors        | 3,000           | 0                | 0               | 17                       |
| 5.4600   | DCE Intern                               | 25,000          | 2,198            | 3,698           | 0                        |
| 5.4000   | BOARD OF PERSONNEL                       | \$349,822       | \$19,246         | \$40,099        | \$52,258                 |
| 5,5000   | Sunday School                            | 1,500           | 0                | 0               | 183                      |
| 5.5100   | Vacation Bible School                    | -               | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5.5200   | Confirmation                             | 1,000           | 0                | 0 .             | 0                        |
| 5.5250<br>5.5250                                 | Adult Christian Education                | 1,300<br>500    | 250              | 272             |                          |
| 5.5230<br>5.5300                                 | Youth Ministry                           | 500             | 348              | 348             | (951)<br>18              |
| 5.5320<br>5.5320                                 | Camp Mineboji                            | 500             | 340<br>0         | 348<br>0        | . 0                      |
| 5.5520<br>5.5500                                 | Library Media Resources                  | 300             | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5,5600<br>5,5600                                 | Retreats and Workshop                    | 0               | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 0,000  | BOARD OF                                 | \$5,60 <b>0</b> | \$599            | \$ <b>621</b>   | (\$750)                  |
|  | EDUCATION/YOUTH                          | ŕ               |                  |                 |                          |
| 5.6100   | Pre-School Director Salary               | 12,500          | 1,041            | 2,083           | 3,541                    |
| 5.6110   | Pre-School Teacher(s)                    | 28,302          | 2,358            | 4,717           | 3,833                    |
| 5.6120   | Pre-School Assistants                    | 10,000          | 1,839            | 3,109           | 2,079                    |
| 5.6210   | Pre-School Payroll Taxes                 | 4,110           | 400              | 758             | 716                      |
| 5.6220   | Pre-School Retirement                    | 3,575           | 0                | 137             | 305                      |
| 5.6222   | Pre-School Life/Disability Insurance     | 1,118           | 0                | 53              | 79                       |
| 5,6310   | Conventions/Conferences - Pre-<br>School | 500             | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5.6410   | Pre-School Insurance                     | 720             | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5.6420   | Pre-School Snow Removal                  | 950             | 0                | 0               | 0                        |
| 5.6430   | Pre-school Maintenance                   | 2,000           | 266              | 479             | 639                      |
| 5.6440   | Pre-school Utilities                     | 2,500           | 168              | 338             | 427                      |
| 5.6510   | Pre-School Ed. Materials                 | 750             | 0                | 458             | 75                       |
| 5.6520   | Pre-School Supplies                      | 1,200           | 250              | 407             | 32                       |
| 5.6530   | Pre-School Advertising                   | 600             | 600              | 600             | 0                        |
|  | LIGHTHOUSE PRESCHOOL                     | \$68,825        | \$6,926          | \$13,141        | \$11,729                 |
|  | TOTAL EXPENSES                           | \$608,372       | \$38,073         | \$75,148        | \$87,700                 |
| Dif  | ference                                  | <u>\$0</u>      | <u>(\$3,763)</u> | <u>\$20,127</u> | <u>\$1,491</u>           |

# Lighthouse Preschool News

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

April 2021

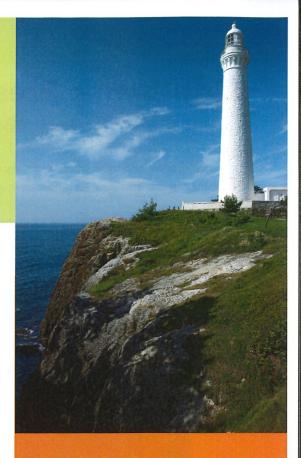
## What is a child? Vocation Holder

In Lutheran circles, we talk about the various relationships that people hold in our families, churches, and world. Luther calls them vocations. It is within those relationships that we care for others and share God's law and gospel with them. It is also within those relationships that we realize our own failures and daily ask for forgiveness from God and our neighbors.

Children have vocations NOW! They are sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, friends and neighbors. They need to be encouraged and taught how best to serve in those vocations.

Children WILL have vocations! Someday, they will be mothers and fathers, church elders and altar guild members, workers and voting citizens. They need to be exposed to what happens in those vocations so that they can be ready to embrace it when the Lord calls them into those roles. Older children should not be overly sheltered and put out into the world unprepared, either!

Do NOT confuse the vocations! Many parents allow the children to decide what to watch on t.v. or what time to go to bed, where the family will eat out, or even what activities they get to partake in. Young children especially need parents to be parents and make decisions for them until they are old enough to gradually take responsibilities on for themselves. Research has shown that children who are responsible for much of the decisions when they are children suffer from decision fatigue in later years. We also should keep in mind that children do not need to know EVERYTHING that adults know and it is okay to protect them from some realities until they are old enough to understand that knowledge.



# Upcoming Dates:

April 1-5- Easter Break

May 11- Spring Program 5:30 pm

May 14<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of Preschool



# **Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)**

Hymn #867

Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old Which in our younger days we saw, and which our parents told

Our sons and daughters we shall tell and they again to theirs That generations yet unborn may teach them to their heirs

# **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.



The children enjoy Ms. Phyllis reading a story.

# 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

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| 5-7pm Youth Group—<br>Gotham   | 25 Esther 6<br>1 Thess 2:17-3:5                  | 5-7pm Circuit Youth<br>Group@ St. Paul's                                   | 18 Lam 4:1-22<br>Col 2:6-15                     | 1:00pm Elder Bible St.<br>5-7pm Youth Group<br>Intro                       | 12:30pm Prayer Service | 11 Jer 52:24-33<br>Phil 2:12-30 | NO SUNDAY Meluia, SCHOOL  | 4 Jer 50:33-46;Eph 4:17-32<br>9:15am Easter Breakfast | 12:1  | Mask Only Services at 12:15 on Maundy Thursday and 12:15 on Good Friday Easter Services: 8:00am and 10:45 am | SUN  |
| 6:L5pm Worship   | 26 Esther 7 1 Thess 3:6-13                       | 6:15pm Worship<br>7:00pm Church<br>Council Meeting                         | 19 Lam 5:1-22<br>Col 2:16-23                    |  | 6:15pm Worship         | 12 Lam 1; Phil 3:1-11           | Church Office Closed No Monday Night Worship Service 7:00pm Elder Meeting | 5 Jer 51:1-11;Eph 5:1-21                              | 12:15 pm Mask Only  | ices at 12:15 on Maundy<br>8:00am and 10:45 am   | MON  |
| 7:00 pm Word vs<br>World Bible Study                                       | 27 Esther 8<br>1Thess 4:1-18                     | 7:00 pm Word vs<br>World Bible Study                                       | 20 Esther 1; Col 3:1-17                         | World Bible Study  | 7:00 pm Word vs        | 13 Lam 2:1-12<br>Phil 3:12-4:1  | 7:00 pm Word vs<br>World Bible Study                                      | 6 Jer 51:12-23<br>Eph 5:22-6:4                        |   | Thursday and 12:15   | TUE  |
| 12:15pm Worship Service<br>5:00pm Women's Bible St.<br>6:30pm Confirmation | 28 Esther 9; 1Thess 5:1-28 6am Men's Bible Study | 12:15pm Worship Service<br>5:00pm Women's Bible St.<br>6:30pm Confirmation | 21 Esther 2; Col 3:18-4:6 6am Men's Bible Study | 12:15pm Worship Service<br>5:00pm Women's Bible St.<br>6:30pm Confirmation | 6am Men's Bible Study  | 14 Lam 2:13-22; Phil 4:2-23     | 12:15pm NO SERVICE<br>5:00pm Women's Bible St.<br>6:30pm Confirmation     | 7 Jer 51:24-58; Eph 6:5-23<br>6am Men's Bible Study   |   | on Good Friday   | WED  |
|  | 29 Esther 10<br>2 Thess 1:1-12<br>9 am Quilting  | 9 am Quilting  | 22 Esther 3<br>Col 4:7-18                       |  | 9 am Quilting          | 15 Lam 3:1-24<br>Col 1:1-14     | 9 am Quilting<br>11:00 am LWML mtg<br>6:30 pm Board of Ed                 | 8 Jer 51:59-64<br>Phil 1:1-11                         | 12:15 pm Maundy<br>Thursday Service<br>6:15 pm Maundy<br>Thursday Service | 1 Jer 49:34-39<br>Eph 3:1-13   | THUR |
|  | 30 Ezek 1<br>2 Thess 2:1-12                      |  | 23 Esther 4<br>1 Thess 1:1-10                   |  |                        | 16 Lam 3:25-39<br>Col 1:15-23   |   | 9 Jer 52:1-11<br>Phil 1:12-30                         | 12:15 pm Good<br>Friday Service<br>6:15 pm Good<br>Friday Service         | 2 Jer 50:1-16<br>Eph 3:14-21   | FRI  |
|  | e<br>e   |  | 24 Esther 5<br>1 Thess 2:1-16                   | St. Paul's   | 9-3 OAFC @             | 17 Lam 3:40-66<br>Col 1:24-2:5  |   | 10 Jer 52:12-23<br>Phil 2:1-11                        | 4:00 pm<br>Easter Vigil @<br>St. John's in<br>Groton                      | 3 Jer 50:17-32<br>Eph 4:1-16   | SAT  |