

Voice of the Saints

*St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool
Aberdeen, SD*

September 2021

It's All God's

Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

We so often talk about the things that we have as ours. I have a house or an apartment. I own a car. I have _____ and you can fill in the blank. That is how we talk and that is how the world talks. However, by simply reading the very first verse of the Bible we are forced to change our view of our possessions. Here at the beginning, we read that the heavens and the earth were created by God. Genesis 1 goes to talk about how God created everything in them as well. The trees, the plants, all the animals, and even man himself.

Suddenly, we realize by simply going back to the very first verse of the Bible that nothing we have is ours, but instead God's. That includes our own bodies! This in and of itself is a radical statement in our world because we like to take pride in what we have and like to think that no one can tell us what we can or cannot do with our bodies. However, Genesis 1 flips that on its head!

Since God is the one who has created everything, including us, it means that we as creatures are meant to follow the Creator and His will for us. It means that as we take care of this land to the best of the ability because it is not our land but God's land which he has graciously given to us. It means we are called to live a godly life with our bodies because these bodies are not ours but given to us by our God. So, we do not get drunk, defile our bodies sexually, or to tear people down with them. Instead, we live a life that is pleasing to God with our bodies because even our bodies were created and given to us as a gift from our God.

You see how this one verse radically changes how we view everything we have and how it is radically different from the view that of the world? It forces us to look outwards instead of inwards. It forces us to realize that as mere creatures we are dependent completely on our Creator. So, as people who have been called through the waters of Baptism to live a new life. We live a life pleasing to our God, our Creator, by taking care of this world, the land he has given to us, and our own bodies. We do this not for our own benefit, though that does come, but because these all gifts that God has given to us because of his love for each one of us. And we give thanks each day because our Creator continually provides and sustains us above and beyond what we need. That is love of our Creator! Thanks be to God for that!

In Christ,

Pastor Smith

**Church Council Meeting
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
August 16, 2021**

Larry Jung opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the July 19, 2021 Church Council Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jon Mesmer and a second by Steve Jacobson.

Taylor reported that the church is fiscally ahead of where we were last year in regards to income and expenses. Larry proposed to look at the Treasurers report in more detail and wait for approval at the next council meeting.

The Board Minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Deb Pederson and a second by Jon Mesmer.

Pastor reviewed the agenda for the structure and governance retreat this Saturday and discussed what some of the goals of the retreat are. He also presented a handout for a rough draft of a joint parish agreement with St Paul's, Leola. This would essentially allow St Paul's Aberdeen to call Ray Anderson as an Assistant Pastor in Rural Missions after his schooling is complete. If approved by the council, the next step would be for leadership of both parishes to get together and finalize a Joint Parish Agreement. A motion to move forward with the agreement was made by Nate Bode with a second by Tom Agnitsch.

The church is up for renewal on the Stewardship Readings that we receive. After discussion it was decided that the stewardship readings could be generated within the church. Nate B made a motion to not renew the stewardship reading subscriptions with a second by Steve Jacobson.

Larry presented a proposal from Dakota Structured Cabling for a new wireless system in the church. It was recommended to get another proposal from NVC to compare costs.

Paul reported about the flooring for the preschool and how it would be quite expensive to replace. After discussion it was decided that it was not a top priority at this time but we need to start preparing to be able to replace it in the future.

Paul Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Steve Jacobson. The next council meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Larry Jung, Michael Leapley, Nate Bode, Steve Jacobson, Pastor Smith, Jon Mesmer, Paul Swanson, Jerry Streckfuss, Deb Pederson, Pastor Bobby, Taylor Beutler, Tom Agnitsch and Dustin Klapperich.



Five Loaves Supper is scheduled for September 1st. Help is needed (talent and experience not necessary) — for set-up, serve and clean-up. — Pick a month to help. Call Sally at 225-3731 or the church office to sign up.



A Prayer Service is scheduled for Sunday, September 12 at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for teachers and students.



NEW! A new Wednesday Bible Study will begin on September 15th at 10:30 am. 1 Samuel is a wonderful book where we get to see God forgive Israel time and time again. We get to read about some political intrigue in the rise and fall of Saul. Also, we get some amazing stories, such as David and Goliath. It is a wonderful book that sets up so many future stories in the Bible and we get a glimpse of what the greater King will be like. This Bible study will be led by Pastor Smith.

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

EARLY:

Need a Head Usher
Terry Ellingson
Lowell McIntire
Geraldine McIntire

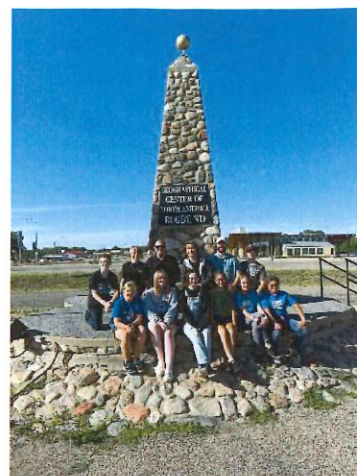
LATE:

Kenny Kilber, Head Usher
Norma Kilber
Nate Collins
McKayla Collins

Check It Out!



Our youth have been busy! Pictures from the Higher Things Retreat in Spearfish, SD are on the left; pictures from Jesus Door-2-Door in Rugby, ND are on the right.



Upcoming Events

- Jesus Door-2-Door at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD (Saturday, September 11)
 - An opportunity for youth and adults to share their faith with the community!
- Sunday School Rally Day (Sunday, September 12)
- Devotional Challenge Book – Tuesday Night Bible Study
 - At 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
 - Starts September 14
 - A study that will give us practice improving our personal devotions!
- Rural Field Seminar (Saturday, September 25)



Lighthouse Preschool News

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

August 2021

Thank you for all your support and prayers!



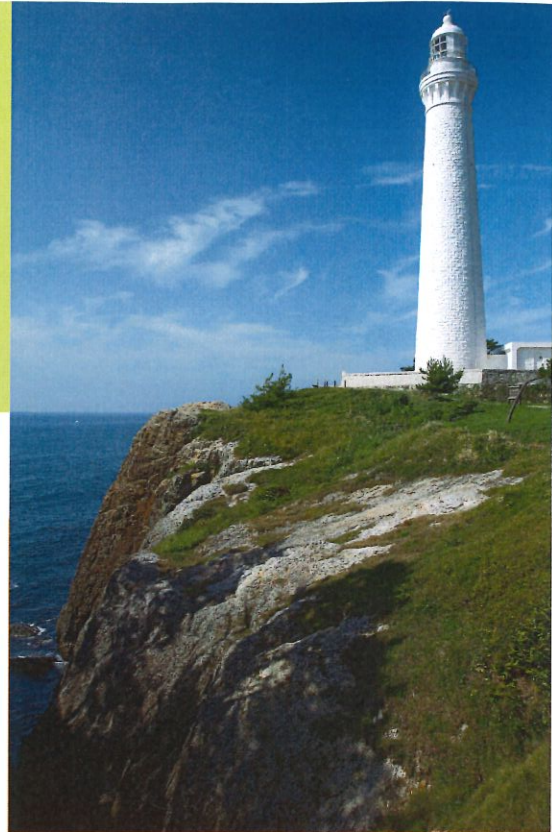
In May we celebrated new beginnings when we let our butterflies go.

As we look towards the beginning of this school year and the new beginnings that await us, we pray for all our students from last year that are beginning Kindergarten and are no longer with us.

We also pray for our incoming students and their families as we begin or continue our journey together.

Hymn #866 Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend

Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend, to each of them your presence send
Call them by name and keep them true in loving faith, dear Lord, to You.
That all of us, your children dear, by Christ redeemed, may Christ revere:
Lead us in joy that all we do will witness to our love for You.



Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 6th- No School

Sept. 27th and 28th-
Picture Days

Oct. 11th- No School

Oct. 22nd- P/T Conf.





**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Every Sunday
Divine Service @ 8am
Bible Study @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Divine Service @ 10:45 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 6am Men's Bible Study 7am Personnel Meeting 12:15 pm Worship 5:15pm 5-Loaves Supper 6:30 Confirmation	2 9am Good Cheer Cr at Kushman home 6:30pm Board of Ed	3	4
5 5-7pm Circuit Youth @ Our Savior	6  6:15 Worship 7pm Elder Meeting	7	8 6am Men's Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship 6:30pm Circuit Confirm 6:30pm Sunday School Plan Meeting	9 9am Quilting 11am LWMML Meeting	10	11 Jesus Door to Door
12 Sunday School Begins 12:30 Prayer Serv. 1pm Elder Bible St. 5pm Youth Group	13 5:00pm Altar Guild 6:15 Worship	14 7pm Devotional Challenge Book Bible Study	15 6am Men's Bible Study 10:30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship 5pm Women's Bible St. 6:30pm Confirmation	16 9am Quilting 7pm RGI Meeting	17	18
19	20 6:15 Worship 7:00 Church Council	21 7pm Devotional Challenge Book Bible Study	22 6am Men's Bible Study 10:30am Bible Study 12:15 pm Worship 5pm Women's Bible St. 6:30pm Confirmation	23 9am Quilting	24	25 8:00 am Rural Mission Field Seminar
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