

Called by Christ to Serve
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool
Aberdeen, SD ***November 2021***

Called by Christ to Serve as Parents

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Raising children is not easy. If you have a newborn, you have to wake up at all hours during the night. As they get older you must get them to and from school, games and practices, music lessons, and after a long day of work you have to help them with their homework. On top all of that you still must cook, clean, do laundry, yardwork, and everything else. Having and raising kids is not an easy task and some days can simply be exhausting. Yet, you do all of this because you love your kids and want the best for them.

The Bible has many passages talking to parents about how to raise their kids. Simply google "what does the Bible say about a parent's responsibility" and you will get a whole list of Bible passages. However, the most important aspect of being a parent is captured in this passage from Deuteronomy. Parents above all else are to teach their children all that God has commanded his people.

This naturally means bringing kids to church, but we all know how that goes sometimes. It can be hassle just getting them dressed and ready to go. Not to mention when you get to church, and they begin to cry, scream, and do whatever else kids do. It can feel like a burden, that everyone is watching you struggle, or that you are disrupting service. But nothing could be further from the truth! Even as you struggle, be encouraged knowing that you are doing what you are called to do as parents! That being bringing and raising your kids in church. As pastors we love nothing more than seeing families with their kids there. We know the struggle that parents go through during a church service but what a testament it is, not only to us, but to the church of what it means to be a parent. It means raising your kids by bringing them to church even if you have to do it with them kicking and screaming. Why? Because you want nothing but the best for your kids and because you are called by Christ to serve as parents.

However, raising kids in the faith does not only lie with the parents but also with the church. We, as the church, are called to help parents with kids whenever we can. When we see parents struggle in church, we lend a helping hand instead of getting frustrated with them and their kids. It means we encourage parents to continue to come whenever they can. Raising kids in the faith is the most important aspect of being a parent, but it does not fall on the parents alone, but on the church of all believers as well. We are called to serve those around us and that includes helping those who are called to be parents.

So, parents as you raise your children, remember that above all else you are called by Christ to raise them in faith. To bring them to church, Sunday school, confirmation, and the like. However, you are not alone as you do this for the church at large is also called to help raise your kids in the faith. Raising kids in the faith is not for parents or grandparents alone but for everyone in the church. May we continue to do so, not for our sake, but for the sake of our children and their faith!

In Christ, Pastor Smith

Five Loaves Supper



November 3rd at 5:15 pm. Help is needed — for set-up, serve and clean-up.
Menu: Pizza. You may bring a salad or a dessert.

Prayer Service



A Prayer Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 14th at 12:30pm.
Prayers will be offered for the our country's leaders and military troops.

Ham and Meatball Dinner — Sunday, November 14, 2021



4:30-6:30 pm—St. Paul's Lutheran - Fellowship Hall

We need the following:

*People to work in the dining room at the early shift (3:30-5:30) and the late shift (5:30 until done).
There are sign-up sheets at the south and north entrances.

*Please have your items for the White Elephant Sale at the church by **Thursday, November 11th**.
We accept new and gently used items.

*If you would like a meal delivered, please call Sally at 225-3731.

Adults - \$12.00 Children 6-12 - \$5.00

Baked items are needed for the Bake Sale, such as carmel corn, fudge, Christmas cookies, party mix (in small sandwich bags).



Upcoming Services:

Advent Services: December 1, 8, 15, 22 at 12:15pm & 6:15pm

Joy Sunday: December 12 at 9:30am (One Service Only)
Brunch following the service. No Sunday School or Bible Study

Christmas Eve Services: December 24 at 3:30pm & 5:00pm

Christmas Day Service: December 25 at 9:30am

Sunday Worship: December 26 at 9:30am (One Service) No Sunday School

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 18th, 2021 at 7:00pm**

President Larry Jung opened the meeting with a prayer

September 20th, 2021 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Taylor Beutler motioned to approve the minutes. Nate Bode made a second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for September 2021 was reviewed. Motion made to approve the report by Paul Swanston. Nate Bode seconded. Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Discussed meetings of the Board of Elders and the Board of Education.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Bobby mentioned potential new members joining. Also discussed the new position, Church Administrator, and roles with the new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Look at redoing Cindy's job description to align with the Church Administrator role and find some help with trustee work, financial duties, etc. Pastor Bobby gave information out if we were to call DCE Intern Michael Leapley. Pastor Smith mentioned they are trying to do more visitations/calls to those who are grieving, new members, individuals who haven't been able to come to church, etc.

Old Business:

New wireless routers were installed today. There are 2 passwords. One for staff and one for guests. Looking into if we need the fourth router or not in the basement.

Reviewed a draft of the Mega Outcome/Outcome Policies for the Council/Elders. Will continue to look at that and finalize for the Ministry Plan.

Joint Parish group with Leola met with Pastor Andreasen, (Circuit Visitor) to arrange call documents for Vicar Ray Anderson.

New Business:

Discussed the details of what would be needed to extend a call to DCE Intern Michael Leapley. This would go to the Voter's for their decision.

Talked about the next couple of months transitioning to the new Bylaws. There will be a Voter's Meeting on November 7th to hold elections. There will be elections for all Board of Elders, Church Council and School Board members. Will have a joint meeting with all elected members on November 20th to plan for the next year. There will also be a Voter's Meeting on December 5th to present to the voters the Church Ministry Plan and approve of the Plan.

Council will meet next month, November 15th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Taylor Beutler. Steve Jacobson made a second. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Members Present: Larry Jung, Nate Bode, Jerry Streckfuss, Deb Pederson, Steve Jacobson, Jon Mesmer, Jason Oberfoell, Taylor Beutler, Paul Swanston, Pastor Bobby, Pastor Smith.

Submitted by:

Jason Oberfoell

NOVEMBER USHERS:

EARLY:

Need Head Usher
Tom Agnitsch
Terry Ellingson

LATE:

Howard Anderson Head Usher
Need ushers

LWML Meeting—October 14, 2021

THEME: CAREGIVING

Present: 14 members 1 visitor

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

OPENING DEVOTION: Caring for the Caregiver-Roberta Adolphsen

BIBLE STUDY: Care for the Long-Distance Caregivers-Michael Leapley

The League Pledge was said in unison by the group. Free will offering was taken.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. There is a sign-up sheet in the Christian Book Store. If you are able to work at times please sign up and let Sally know when you are available.
2. Reformation service at St. Paul's on October 31st is at 4 PM. We have been asked to serve a German meal at 5 PM. Saturday, Oct. 16th at 9am the Strudels will be made. Saturday Oct. 30th at 9am the Halupsi will be made. Please Let Betty O. know if you can help.
3. Gloria made a motion, seconded by Deb that we proceed with the Ham and Meatball Dinner after discussion by the group. Motion carried. It was decided that 1/3 of the proceeds would go to the Seminary Food Banks, 1/3 to a pastor in Pierre going into missions and 1/3 to LWML account. Pastor Bobby requested we place a display in the sanctuary showing which missions we are assisting.
4. It was agreed by the group to assist with the Advent lunches 3 weeks in December.

CIRCLE REPORTS:

Good Cheer: Cards sent: 2-sympathy, 1-get well, 10-birthday. Served at 1 funeral.

Publicity: Completed the Newsletter.

Altar Guild: No report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you notes were received by the Andreasen's for the Baby quilt and Schaffer family for serving at the funeral. Letters were received from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Seminary Advancement and Lutheran Bible Translators requesting donations. Fall quarterlies were received from Life Date and Anne Carlsen Facility. Dr. Thomas J. Egger accepted the call to serve as the president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gloria, Deb and Betty went to the Fall Rally October 12th in Groton. Gloria gave a report on the Dr. Patty Peters presentation of her mission trips. We can consider making finger puppets and yarn dolls to send with her. A team will be going next fall that will require used eye glasses. The 2022 Spring rally will be in Leola and Fall Rally in Mansfield. There is now an LWML App you can download on your phone with all updates.
2. It was unanimously decided LWML should get a Credit Card. Vicki H. and Betty O. will take care of this.
3. Gloria made a motion, seconded by Roberta that we give the Pastors and DCE a card and money. Motion carried.
4. There is a funeral October 18th at 3:00. Sally will contact help if the family decides to serve food.
5. A motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Dee to not renew our membership in the Naier company. There are not enough products that the LWML could utilize.
6. A motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Betty to move the dish clothes that were sold by the youth to the Christian bookstore for display.

The meeting was closed with Prayer. Meeting was adjourned by Betty O.

The next meeting will be November 11th at 11:30am with Publicity Circle 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.

November 2021

October was Fire- safety month!



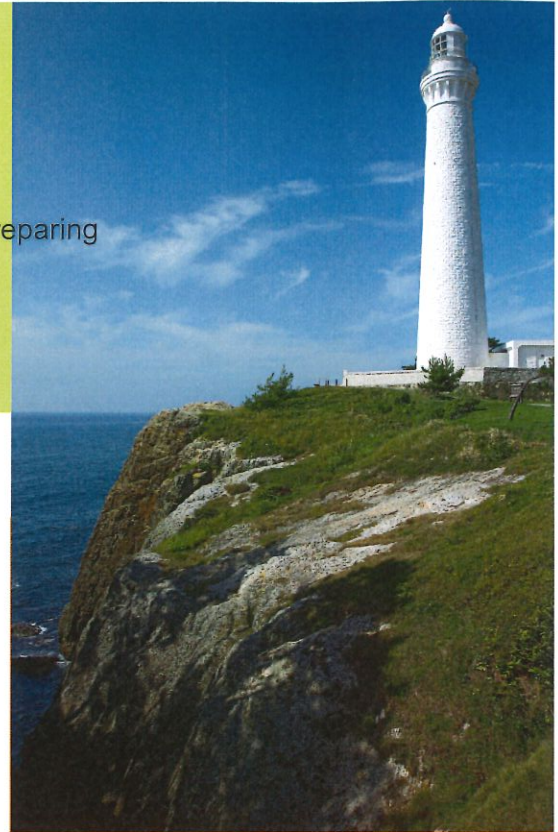
October was a very busy month! We made cookies to celebrate learning the letter "C."

We also learned about Moses. The account of the Burning Bush tied in nicely to our field trip to the Aberdeen Fire Station.

October is also the month when we discuss germs and how to avoid the bad germs that make us sick.

We have a great crew and are celebrating a nearly full roster of students and families. God is Good!

Please continue to keep our students and families in your prayers that their hearts may be receptive to the seeds of faith that the Lord plants to grow and ripen when He sees fit.



Upcoming Dates:

**November 15th-
Thanksgiving Feast
(Preschool Families Only)**

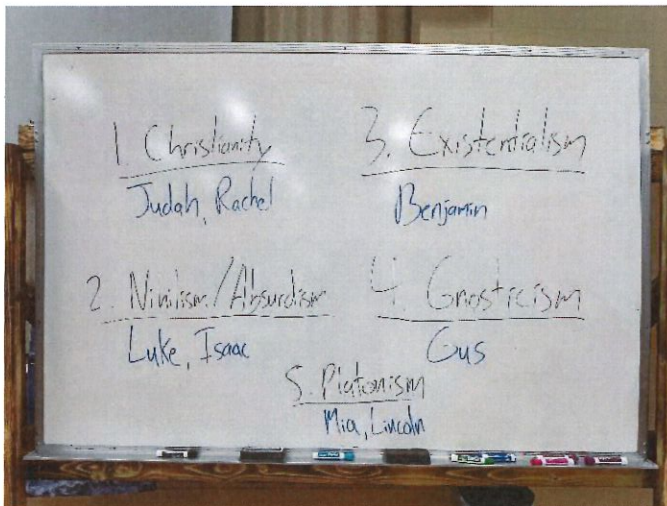
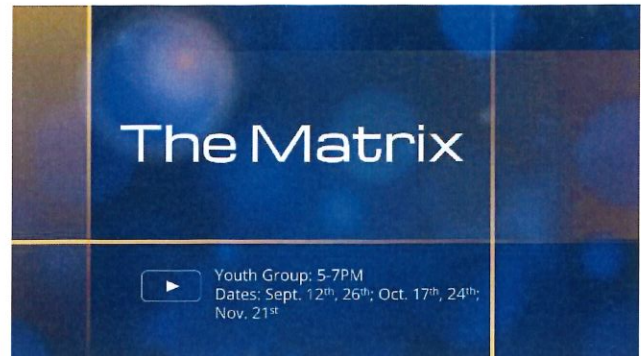
**November 25-26th-
No School**

**December 13th-
Christmas Program open
to public, plus Cookie Sale
Fundraiser**

**Reminders:
Save Those Grocery
Receipts**

Check It Out!

Here are some of the things that we've been up to! The youth have learned a lot as we've studied *The Matrix* through a Christian lens. We've had the opportunity to become "experts" on different worldviews (see below) and identify how Satan uses philosophies of the world to lead us away from Christ.



Events and Information

- Wreath Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering
 - Orders are due Friday, November 5th
 - Wreaths will be available for pickup Nov. 19th-23rd
- The last "Matrix" Bible study for youth group will be on November 21st
 - We are still in need of adult volunteers for youth group! Nov. 21st would be a great night to join us and see all that our youth have learned.
- "Devotional Challenge" workbooks are now available for those attending Tuesday night Bible study, whether it be in-person or online. Please consider donating \$10 per workbook to help with costs.



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

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578
 Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077



Every Sunday
 Divine Service @ 8am
 Bible Study @ 9:15 am
 Divine Service @ 10:45 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Elder Mtg	2 7:00pm Devotional Challenge Bible St.	3 6am Men's Bible Study 10am 1 Sam. Bible Study 5:15pm Women's Bible St 5:15 Five Loaves Supper 6:30pm Confirmation 6:45 Vocal Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Practice	4 9:00am Good Cheer Circle mtg. 6:00pm Board of Ed	5	6 9am-1pm @ Our Savior – Rev. Dr. Bennett Spiritual Warfare
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