

## *Called by Christ to Serve*

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

*Aberdeen, SD*

*September 2022*

### **Stewardship: Remembering God and Giving Thanks**

In the Lutheran Study Bible, Psalm 105 is summed up in the title “Tell of God’s Wonderful Works.” This telling is a response from God’s people for all God has done and all He promises to do, so the Psalmist will go on to praise God for His giving of the Promised Land, for His care of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, His providence for His people during famine through Joseph, His deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt, and God giving His people victory in their conquest over Canaan. For all of this, the Psalmist tells us, “<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! [...] <sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!” (Psalm 105:1-2, 5-6 ESV) Yet this call and reminder from the Psalmist attests to our sinful tendency to forget all that God has done for us.

There exists a relationship between good stewardship, remembering our dependence upon God, and our desire to give God thanks. In other words, when we begin to wane in our thankfulness to God, it’s because we are forgetting how dependent we are upon Him for everything, and when we forget how dependent we are, we stop seeing ourselves as stewards of what God has given us, and instead we substitute our own ambitions for God’s will. This is why remembering God’s “wondrous works” becomes so important.

In times of suffering, we need to be able to look to Jesus’ cross and see God turning our suffering into His resurrection promise through His sacrifice and the forgiveness it brings. When we desperately want to control our lives and the lives of others, we need to be reminded that our desire for control is the very heart of sin, but that the One who is in control made His control about cancelling our debt of sin and renewing us through His Word and Sacraments. The most insidious threat, however, is prosperity. When things in our lives seem to be going well, we need to be reminded that everything we have comes from the Father’s hand and that we don’t deserve, yet God gives it to us for the sake of Christ and our neighbor.

In Galatians 6:9, St. Paul writes, “So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” We are all children of Abraham through faith in Jesus Christ, and all the wondrous works of the Old Testament apply to us, especially as they culminate and are fulfilled in Jesus for you and me. To be a good steward requires us to remember and not forget that true hope comes only through the work Christ has accomplished on our behalf, and because of this we give thanks to God, and thus when it comes to our time, talents, and treasures, we ask what His will is for us instead of what we’d prefer to do.

In Christ,

Pastor Bobby

## Five Loaves Supper



September 7th at 5:15 pm. Menu: Pizza. You may bring a salad or a dessert.

## Prayer Service



A Prayer Service is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for first responders and armed forces.

### Up Coming Events:

Midweek Worship: Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Confirmation Begins: September 7th at 7:00 pm

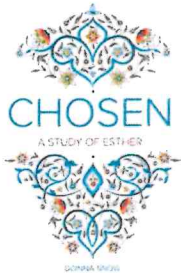
Sunday School Begins: September 11th at 9:30 am

Women's Bible Study Begins: September 14th at 5:15 pm

Quilting: September 8th @ 9am

LWML Meeting: September 8th at 11:30 am.

### Wednesday Women's Bible Study—5:15 pm— *"Chosen"*



Women's Bible Study will resume on September 14, 2022. This Bible study will read and discuss the book *"Chosen"* by Donna Snow. The Book of Esther is one of the most fascinating books of the Bible because of all its words, God's name never appears. That doesn't mean God is absent. Rather, that God is ever present, weaving His plan through every part of Esther's narrative. Set at a lavish feast in the Persian Empire, and following a beauty contest, you can see how God uses Esther to save an entire nation from annihilation. This study provides clear biblical direction on how we also are chosen, equipped, and given God's perfect counsel from Scripture. All women are invited to participate in this Bible Study.



**Vocal and Bell choir practices** will begin TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th. Vocal Choir will meet at 6:45pm and Bell choir will start at 7:30 pm. Please note that the practices have switched from Wednesday nights to TUESDAY nights. No previous experience is necessary for either group. Anyone who would like to share their love of music with their brothers and sisters in Christ is welcomed!



## Check It Out!

The 2022 South Dakota Higher Things Confirmation Retreat was hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, Aug. 12-13. The theme of the retreat was “The Devoted, Devotional Life” which was expounded upon by Pastor Bret Bierman, the plenary speaker. Pastors Andreasen, Yeadon, and Ford did the honor of preaching the Good Word. Breakout sessions were taught by Pastor Bobby, Pastor Smith, and DCE Leapley.



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## Events and Information

- Screwtape Letters Bible Study is on Wednesday nights at 7pm
  - There will be NO CLASS on September 21<sup>st</sup>
- Youth Group is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month from 5-7 PM
- Jesus Door-2-Door on September 17<sup>th</sup> (9am-4pm) at St. Paul's, Aberdeen
  - We invite participants of all ages!
  - Lunch will be provided!
- Youth Group Half-Nigher this October!
  - Be on the lookout for more details to come
- College Visit at Concordia Nebraska, November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
  - Do you have a high school student that would be interested in visiting CUNE? Contact DCE Michael Leapley to register!



# 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 2022**

## Ready, Set, Go!

It is amazing how quickly summer break goes by! I hope you all were able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends this summer. As we begin the new school year, I ask for your prayers for our students, families and employees as we transition into a new routine and meet new friends.

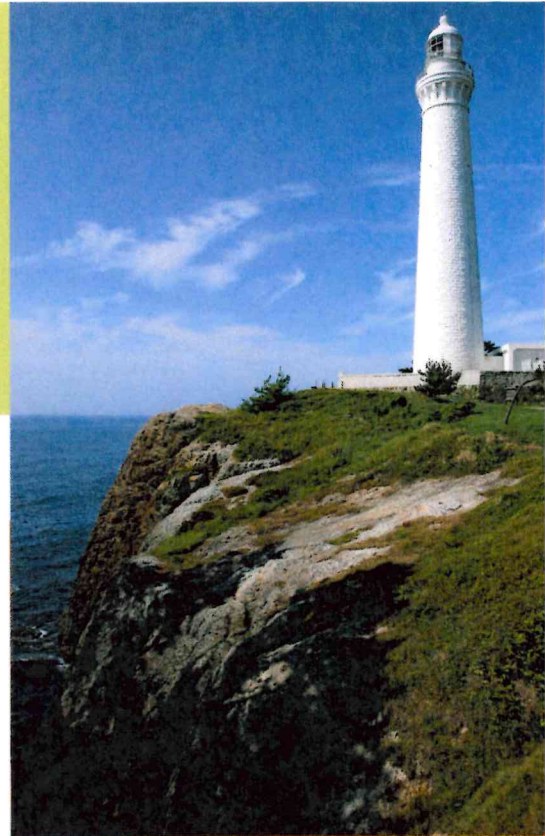
We are blessed to have 11 students on our roster this year! A smaller number of students means there will be more time to spend on the individual needs of each student as well as doing some amazing group projects and activities! I look forward to getting to know each and every child and teach them all about God, his creation, and our Savior, Jesus.

As we begin our new school year, please consider how you can help us!

-Please spread the word that we are still taking applications for this school year! It is not too late to register!

-Consider subbing as an aide in the classroom or helper/driver on the bus in case a staff member must be absent. Let Cindy or Jenelle know if we can add you to our list!

-Begin saving receipts from Ken's and Kessler's. We receive 1 or 2% back from every purchase!



## Upcoming Dates:

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**First Day of School**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> - No School/Labor Day**

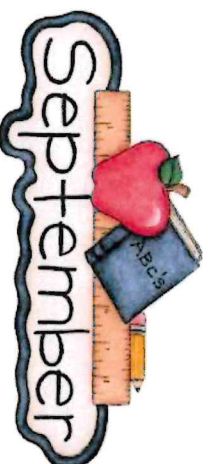


# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## & Lighthouse Preschool

Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578

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Every Sunday:

Divine Service @ 8am

Bible Study @ 9:30 am

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Divine Service @ 10:45 am

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