

## **Called by Christ to Serve**

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

**Aberdeen, SD**

**October/November 2023**

### **Called By Christ to Serve as an Example**

*<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. (John 13:12-17)*

When you hear that we are "called by Christ to serve" you might think of serving along the lines of Mary and Martha and serving guest that visit. Maybe you think of serving within your neighborhood such as a homeless shelter or something along those lines. Or maybe you think about serving simply in your vocation. However, do you ever think about serving as simply being a role model, as one who sets the example of what it looks like to live a godly life?

On the night that Christ was betrayed he took time to wash his disciples' feet. He wanted them to imitate him. To illustrate to them that no one is above serving. That if the Son of Man came to wash feet, then whose feet are we not called to wash? There are a lot of ways we cannot be like Jesus. We cannot go around healing people or performing miracles. God has not blessed us with those gifts, but we can be like Jesus in being humble. In seeing and realizing that no one is above serving. It does not matter if it is a newborn baby or a 100-year-old person. We are called to serve them.

And we serve others in this way for three big reasons. First, because God has called us to and if he has called us to, we simply should. Second, person that person is someone whom Christ has died for. What a wonderful thing! That means they are precious in God's sight and should then be precious in our sight. Lastly, as a witness and example to those around us of God's shining light.

We can all probably think of someone who was a role-model in our life. It could be because of their work ethic, how kind and caring they are or were, or simply because of who they were to you such as parent or grandparent. Notice, though how that person's actions shaped you in how you saw the world. In how you grew up and what you did. Maybe they knew they were having that effect on you and maybe they didn't but nonetheless they did.

Be that role model for the people around you on how to live a godly life. Show them what it means to "pray without ceasing", to always rejoice even during times of grief because of the reality of the resurrection, to tithe knowing that God will take care of you, to sing boldly and loudly for God deserves all the praises we give him, to simply live a life full of faith. We are called to be that light in this world never for our own sake but that through us people may see the glory of God and join us in our praising and praying to Him forever. May God grant us the ability to be His light in this world as we serve others in humility for their sake.

In Christ,  
Pastor Smith



# MEATBALL DINNER

## Sunday, October 1, 2023 4:30 - 6:30pm

### St. Paul's Lutheran - Fellowship Hall

If you would like a meal delivered, please call the church office at 605-225-1847.

Adults - \$12.00    Children 6-12 - \$5.00    Congregational members are asked to bring their favorite pie for the dinner.    Proceeds will go to St. Paul's missionary – Pastor Bobby.

#### Five Loaves Supper



The next Five Loaves supper will be held on Wed., October 4, 2023 at 5:15 pm. Menu is barbeques and salads. Members are encouraged to bring a salad or a dessert.

#### Prayer Service



The next Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 12:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend the monthly prayer services.

#### Gathering God's Flock

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we are going out to make inactive calls. We need your help to reach more people! We simply want to welcome members who have not been in church for a while back to receive all the many blessings God gives to us in His service. Groups can be husbands and wives, entire families, or just two to three people that want to help. Reach out to Pastor Smith or DCE Michael Leapley if you have questions.

#### Reformation Service



A Reformation Service will be held on Sunday, October 29th at St. John's Lutheran in Groton beginning at 3:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Pulse from Ft. Wayne Seminary in Indiana. More details will be available in the coming weeks.



October is Pastor/DCE appreciation month. Show Pastor Smith and Michael Leapley your support by sending them a card of appreciation for all their work at St. Paul's.



# November events

## Annual Voter's Meeting

The Annual Voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, November 5th at 12:00 pm. Packets for the meeting will be available in the South Narthex on October 22, 2023. If you have questions on the budget for 2024, please ask the chairman of each board, or the church administrator, or Pastor Smith. A lunch of pizza will be provided.



**All Saints Day**— Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 8:00 & 10:45 am worship services. We remember the following: Barbara Bolduan, Gus Lee Habeck, Irene Hahler, Darryl Hanisch, Gerald Henley, Hilda Lasse, and James Lickfelt.

**Thanksgiving Day Worship** — A Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held on Thurs., November 23rd at 9:30 am.



**Wednesday Advent worship services** will begin Nov. 29th. Services will be at 12:15pm and 6:15 pm. Advent services continue on Dec. 6, 13, and 20, 2023. A soup and sandwich meal is offered after the 12:15 pm service and prior to the 6:15pm service.

(Dec. 6th at 6:15 is the Five Loaves meal.)

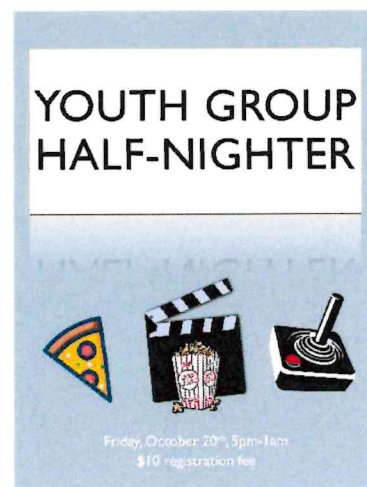
## Check It Out!

Pictured on the left is our group of 16 people from 3 congregations who did Jesus Door-2-Door right here in Aberdeen on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please pray for those who heard the gospel! The pictures on the right show DCE Michael Leapley's time in Latvia leading Bible camp and visiting the Bobby family. It was an incredible experience meeting the missionary children and their families. Thank you to everyone who kept me in their prayers and supported my mission trip to Latvia!



## Events and Information

- Concordia Nebraska Visit Day
  - October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Group Half-Nighter
  - Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> (5-1am)
  - \$10 per person
- District Youth Gathering
  - November 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>





# Lighthouse Preschool News

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

Fall 2023

## Thankful for Friends!

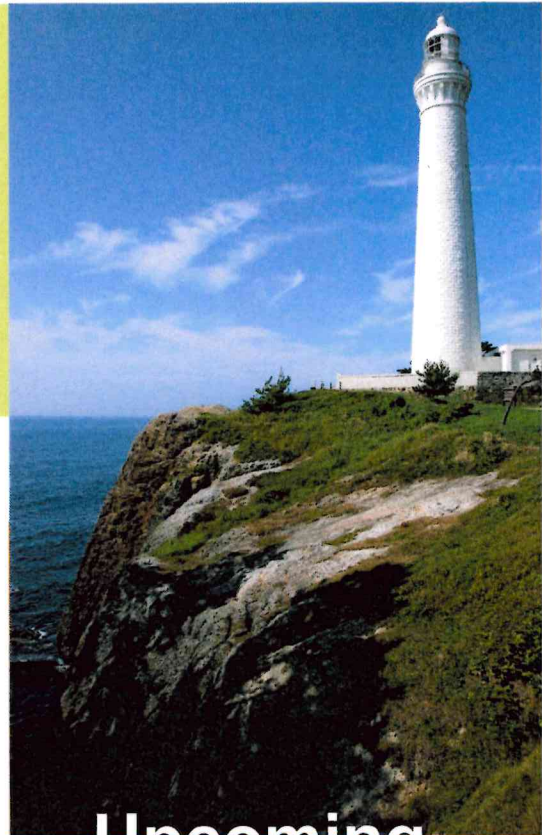
The Lighthouse Preschool is off to a wonderful start! We will be spending quite a bit of time this fall reflecting on the blessings God has bestowed upon each one of us. One blessing that our preschoolers are very grateful for is their new friends! We are blessed to have 19 children in our program this year, and each one has their own unique personality. It is fun to see how we learn about each other and discover what our likes and dislikes are.

October is fire safety month. We will be taking our first field trip to the fire station where we will learn all about fire safety. The students are very excited about this trip!

Another fun event scheduled for this fall is our annual Thanksgiving feast. This is a meal that the preschool families share together. It is a wonderful opportunity for the families to get to know one another as well as for the children to talk about the things they are thankful for and to show off their artwork. Please pray for the students as we enter this fall season!

## Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their donations of snacks! We have an abundance of items that should last us most of the year. Please remember to save your Ken's and Kessler's receipts as we can turn these in for cash for the preschool! We are also collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. Please consider saving them for this service project!



## Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Picture Day!

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>- Northern's homecoming parade!

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>- No School/PT Conferences

## Reminders:

Do you have a Thrivent Membership and are willing to take a Thrivent Action Team Money Card out to help us with a project? Please let Jenelle know!

**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
**& Lighthouse Preschool**  
**Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077**



Every Sunday  
**Divine Service @ 8am**  
**Bible Study @ 9:30 am**  
**Divine Service @ 10:45 am**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 4:30-6:30pm – Meatball Dinner	2	3	4 10am Bible Study 5:15pm Five Loaves Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7pm Confirmation	5 9:00 am Good Cheer Circle meeting	6	7
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