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*"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word of Christ."
(Romans 10:17)*

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Reasons to praise the LORD

"Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. Extol the LORD, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion. He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat. He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow. He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the LORD." (Psalm 147)

We have all sorts of reasons to praise the LORD. He has been building up St. Paul's congregation through school children and parents who have decided to make our school their school of choice. He has been building up our congregation through some of those same parents who have gone through the Bible Basics course and have become members.

He brought fresh faces to Vacation Bible School. He has brought us new teachers where we needed them. He has been bringing new people to Bible class and Sunday school. He has added another pastor to assist in serving God's people. We all benefit from these wonderful blessings. Reasons to praise the LORD.

But sometimes we look at all the challenges: a projected operating deficit of \$50,000 for 2018-2019, the ongoing roof leaking issue, the constant air conditioning problems, etc. and wonder why God doesn't take those off our plate. He can, when he wants to. Sometimes, the LORD provides us with opportunities to grow through these challenges. Sometimes he wants his people to pull together as a body to address challenges and not to let just a few handle them, because the task can get overbearing. These are all challenges that will take every member of St. Paul's to address.

It starts with being informed. The leaders have been trying to keep you informed by sharing information through announcements, handouts and speaking with you individually. When the God's Plan of Word (budget) is put out and only a couple are taken and less than 15 voting members out of 80-90 attend a meeting that affects the entire congregation, we have work to do.

Brothers and sisters pray that the LORD strengthens our bars against the attacks of apathy and complacency. Pray that he continues to *bless the people within* that his work may continue here at St. Paul's and his kingdom continues to grow through us.

We have plenty of reasons to praise the LORD, especially for his grace, mercy and forgiven to us through Jesus. We get to praise him for this every Sunday as we heard and meditation on his Word.

—Pastor Snowden Sims

Associate Pastor ordained and installed



Baptism

Connor Samuel Slasor, born May 31, 2018, was baptized in the 10:30 AM service on July 22nd. Connor is the son of Erica & Jon Slasor. We praise and thank God for the blessing of baptism!



Teacher Inservice

In-service for the teachers will begin on Monday, August 6th. All of the teachers will be here each day meeting and working together getting ready for the school year.

Ohio WELS Teachers Meet

The WELS teachers in Ohio will come to St. Paul's on August 9th to study curriculum and collaborate on educational topics. They will be coming from Beautiful Savior in Cincinnati, Beautiful Savior in Grove City, Trinity in Jenera and Zion in Toledo.

St. Paul's Featured on Fox News

A crew from ABC6-Fox28 came to St. Paul's in July to recognize all of the hard work, dedication and time that the teachers, the students and those around the church and school have put in to make our school successful as an Ed Choice School. This feature aired on ABC 6 News on Thursday, July 26th.

School Theme

The school theme for the 2018-2019 school year is "*Running the Race*." This theme comes from Hebrews 12:1. We will strive to run the race set out for us with perseverance, looking to Jesus to get us through all of the different struggles of life.

Pastors from some of our Ohio and Kentucky congregations who laid on hands and joined us for fellowship.

Pastors' Institute

Pastors from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania and other states will be meeting at Beautiful Savior in Cincinnati on August 6-7 for continuing education. This year's presenter is Pastor John Hein. He will be addressing the topic of "Congregational Planning."

Pastor Sims and Melinda, Pastor Schrimpf and Vicar Swiderski and Hannah will be attending. There will be studies for the wives, as well as activities.

Installation Dates

Teachers Jeanine Heller and Christa Crass were installed on **July 29th** during the worship services. There was a potluck, pounding and welcome.

Vicar David Spaude's farewell was also on **July 29th**.

Vicar-elect Tyler Swiderski and teacher Garrett Schoch will be installed on **August 19th** in the worship services. There will be a potluck, pounding and welcome to follow.

Please join us for these important and special events.



Aug 6	Faculty Inservice begins
Aug 9	Ohio WELS teachers meet at St. Paul's
Aug 16	Registration Day
Aug 23	First Day of School
Sept 3	Labor Day – No School
Sept 21	Field Trip to Columbus Zoo
Oct 10-12	Teachers' Conference
Oct 19	Teacher Professional Day
Oct 26	End of 1 st Quarter

Garden Tour. We had a great turnout this year and more than 30 groups took our guided tour.

- Thanks to some of our members, we distributed VBS flyers after our July team meeting.

We praise the LORD for all the blessings he's showered upon us recently, especially another year of successful VBS, Pastor Schrimpf's Ordination and Installation, and all the visitors. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our next meeting will be August 13th at 6:00 PM. We'll also be taking a walk in Schiller Park afterwards to talk to our neighbors about their spiritual life. If you are interested, feel free to join us.

*Tony Deng
The Evangelism Team Chair*

ORGANIZATIONS



The Altar Guild continues their regular duties of caring for the altar candles, paraments and flowers throughout the summer

months. They will meet again on Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

There are several openings on the altar flower calendar. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for a special occasion, please sign up on the Flower Calendar posted on the bulletin board in the church entryway.

The Altar Committee for August is Lori Witt, Suzanne Geiger, and Dawn Howell.

(Pat Ratz, president)



Evening Women's Guild

The Evening Women's Guild is taking a break from its monthly meetings during the summer. The next meeting will be on Friday, September 14th.

(Suzanne Geiger, president)

We will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 16th in the Library. The topic is to be determined. Please join us. Call Joyce Larger at 614-314-7571 with questions.

(Joyce Larger, coordinator)

Young at Heart



Evangelism

Greetings! Summer is in full swing, and we thank God for the abundant blessings we've received recently. Due to some logistics issues our July newsletter article didn't go out and we are sorry about

that. We did not have any fellowship events in June. Here's a brief review of what the Evangelism Team worked on in July and planned in the near future.

- Our annual ice cream social and church tour was hosted on July 8th during the Merion Village



**Glorify the LORD with me;
Let us exalt his name together.
– Psalm 34:3**

The teens continue their study of selected Psalms. Join them on Sundays at 9:15 A.M. in the auditorium to begin with devotion. Guests and visitors are welcomed.

This month's Youth Group gathering is August 5th. Immediately after the late service meet in the auditorium for food, devotion, and games. Those entering 8th grade may come too!

The plan is to go paintballing on August 11th. Please stay updated in the church bulletins and on

Facebook for this exciting (and slightly painful) adventure with the youth!

Respectfully submitted,
Vicar Spaude
Pastor Sims



Lamb of God Lutheran is hosting a softball gathering on August 4th at Highlands Park, field #4, in Westerville starting at 10:00 AM. St. Paul's is fielding a team this year and would like you to come out and cheer for them and enjoy the fellowship with brothers and sisters from the area WELS churches! If there is anyone who would like to join and play on the team, please contact Mr. Galecki (614-929-2145). They still can use more players.

Attention all college-aged adults!

A 2nd annual day of fun and fellowship is being planned for our young adults here in Columbus. A group from Beautiful Savior in Cincinnati – as well others from around Ohio – will be joining us as well. We'll meet at Schiller Park (1069 Jaeger St, Columbus) at noon on Saturday, August 11th for a lunch grill out and Bible Study. Then we'll head over to GPK Columbus for laser tag and an Escape Room.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Columbus Ministerium Fund, cost per person will be only \$25. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Pastor Kuehl (614-373-0025, pastorkuehl@gmail.com). Hope to see you!



In the sequence
of *Road to Emmaus*,
Come Follow

Me, and *My Son My Savior* is the fourth and final movie from WELS, titled *To the Ends of the Earth*. The movie follows Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi, recorded in Acts 16. It shows how Paul connected with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is

indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth. Release date for the movie is September 1, 2018.

Resources based on the movie

Below are four categories of helpful resources for congregations and individuals to download and use with the movie:

- **Adult Study Materials:** 1) *Six-lesson Bible Study* – A resource for pointing people to the power of the gospel and the command of Christ to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. 2) *Small Group Guide* – A study especially for small groups, families, or individuals.
- **Worship:** Helps for a worship service expanding on the main message of the movie—taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- **Children and Teen Lessons & Devotions:** Materials for leading children from pre-school age through high school to focus on mission outreach.
- **Special:** Personal Reflections, Mission Vignettes, Advent by Candlelight, Suggestions for Outreach

To the Ends of the Earth ministry resources

Quick Links

Links to additional information and how to order *To the Ends of the Earth*

- View the official movie website at totheendsoftheearthmovie.com
- Access resources for outreach and worship planning to use with the movie.
- Order the movie in a bulk quantity at a deeply discounted price for your congregation to use for outreach.

Movie DVDs

To the Ends of the Earth will be available in quantities of 100 DVDs at a low bulk rate of \$200 per box, plus shipping. Unlike the previous movies, DVDs of *To the Ends of the Earth* will only be available in bulk for a limited time. Orders must be received by September 7, 2018. The bulk rate will not be available after September 7, 2018. Orders will be shipped mid-September.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acolytes 5-(E) Srah (L) Braylon 12-(E) Jaelan (L) Cody 19-(E) Jaelan (L) Andres 26-(E) Jaelan (L) Dominic	Greeters 5-(E)Howell (L)Morgan 12-(E)Thissen (L)Balsler 19-(E)Frye (L)Colegrove 26-(E)Howell (L) Falter		1	2	3	4 WELS Softball Tournament – 10:00 AM at Highland Park (Field #4) In Westerville
5 WELS Connection 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	6 Pastors' Institute - Cincinnati 9:00 AM Teacher Inservice Begins (August 6-22)	7 Pastors' Institute - Cincinnati	8	9	10	11
12 Communion 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	13 6:00 PM Bd. of Evangelism	14 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers	15	16 10:00 AM Young at Heart School Registration Day 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and 4:00 PM-7:00 PM	17	18
19 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Installation of Vicar Swiderski & Mr. Garrett Schoch Potluck & Welcome Pounding	20 7:00 PM Bd. of Education	21	22	23 8:30 AM First Day of School 8:45 AM School Chapel. 2:00 PM School dismissal	24	25
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