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# The Messenger

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

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### Ascension Day by Pastor Sims

I was flipping through some files and ran across this Bible study introduction for Ascension Day. This is a day that many congregations do not celebrate, but which is just as important as Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. If you remember Jesus' words to Mary after he rose from the grave and she recognized him: "Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17)

It was 40 days later that his ascension took place in front of his disciples. "Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6-11)

#### ASCENSION DAY

The FESTIVAL of the ascension of our Lord is not a special "cycle" standing independently by

*itself but deals rather with another stage in that climactic exaltation of our Savior which began with his resurrection and continues now through his sending of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost and will be fully revealed on the Last Day. Ascension Day is our Lord's coronation day, when he was made the King of the universe. His ascension to the Father is not fully understood if it is limited merely to a spatial movement from one place to another (as it were, from the Mount of Olives to "the right hand of God") but is, more important, his entrance - the entrance of our own elder Brother - upon a greater*



*and fuller mode of existence beyond the confines of time and space, "filling heaven and earth." His sitting down "at the right hand of God" doesn't mean that our Lord is now confined to a certain space in the heavenly world from which he cannot come forth. It means his taking up all power and authority in heaven and earth. The "right hand of God," as Luther correctly maintained, is everywhere. Our living and risen Savior is all over at all times, no longer bound, as in his state of humiliation, to one place*

*and one time. He has united heaven and earth. He, as man, as our Brother, has opened heaven for us. Yet, he is still present with us who are still bound by time and space. He is with us always even to the end of the world as true God and as true man. His rulership is exercised in His church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His sacraments. The Lord of the universe can be "grasped" by us in those means of grace.*

*Even as God Himself is in the smallest seed and yet at the same time is so great that the heaven of*

*heavens cannot comprehend Him, even so Christ, the incarnate Savior, who died innocently and rose victoriously, is present in the consecrated host of the Sacrament and at the same time fills the expanse of the universe. He is the One who really speaks to us in and through the Holy Scriptures. He is also the true Baptizer, who baptizes us with water and the Spirit. He who humbled Himself and came down from heaven to be born true man with flesh, blood, and bones, is at the same time the one who ascended above all heavens "to fill all in all." The life of Christ in the heavenly realms is the beginning of a new world, a world reconciled to God.*

We are blessed to be able to celebrate this important event again with our brothers and sisters of the other WELS congregations. The Ascension service will be held at **Beautiful Savior in Grove City on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Everyone is invited to come, rejoice in our Savior's ascension, enjoy worshiping with fellow believers and to strengthen the fellowship we share.

### ***Essays Say it All*** by Pastor Sims

Confirmation is a special event in the lives of our young Christians. They learn the fundamental truths of the Christian faith, in preparation for their receiving Holy Communion through confirmation instruction. Confirmation is not a graduation service, nor does it mark the end of Christian training. On the contrary, it is a crucial step in a lifetime of continued growth and learning.

This year the confirmation class will be presenting essays written on several questions of doctrinal importance for them and for all believers in Christ on Sunday, **10:30 AM service on May 13<sup>th</sup>.** (The 8:00 AM service will be a normal communion service.) They will also be confirmed. The confirmands will make their promise of faithfulness to God and his Word, be presented with a certificate of confirmation and receive their first communion with their parent(s), who are members of St. Paul's. This service will be a wonderful opportunity for members and visitors to review what God's Word says on some major tenets of faith, as well as hear the young people confess and profess what they have become convinced of through the study of God's Word. Following this service there will be refreshments and fellowship in the auditorium.

The service will be designed around these essays:

- † *What is God Like?*
- † *What happened when Adam and Eve fell into sin?*
- † *What is the Difference between Law and Gospel?*
- † *Where does Faith come from?*
- † *What is the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints?*

### ***Evangelism***

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Here's a brief review of activities the Evangelism Team recently completed or planned.

Thanks to all who came and helped with the distribution of Resurrection Sunday fliers on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to the teens who helped right after the Annual Teen Lock-in.

We had a good turnout at the Sunrise Service on April 1<sup>st</sup>, despite the awfully chilly weather. About 60 people joined us in Schiller Park at sunrise to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. 222 in total came to our two regular services. Special thanks to those who helped at the Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt!

We've been extremely blessed to have many visitors recently, and several of them are very interested in our Bible Basics Course and membership. We pray that they continue to join us in our Sunday Services, as well as Bible Study. Please keep them in your prayers.

Here are the upcoming events in the near future:

- *The Merion Village Yard Sale* will be on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** We will share God's Word and information about our church and school with neighbors. We are looking for volunteers to help. The shifts last two hours. Let us know if can offer your time!

- *German Village Yard Sale* is taking place on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM -3:00 PM. We'll also be setting up a tent in front of the church to share the Gospel with passersby and our neighbors.

- *Walk in Schiller Park*, during which the Evangelism Team usually talks to our neighbors and conduct surveys on their spiritual life, is tentatively set for June after our monthly meeting.

Our next meeting will be **May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** If you are interested, feel free to join us.

*Tony Deng  
The Evangelism Team Chair*

## Graduations

It is that time again for young people across the nation to receive their diploma of graduation from high school or college. It is a blessing when these young people use their God-given talents to the best of their ability.

We are blessed to have a few members graduating from high school and from college. Congratulations to our high school and college graduates!

*Alissa Collins* will graduate from Grove City Christian High School, *Bobby Shephard* will graduate from Bishop Ready High School and *Charlie Stewart* will graduate from Focus Learning Academy Southwest.

*Jacob Strous* graduated from Otterbein University on April 29<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor of Arts degree - Studio Arts major and Marketing minor.

## Recent Baptisms

*Mrs. Gina Stuebs* was baptized at the 10:30 AM service on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Gina is finishing the Bible Basics Course to become a member.

*Naomi Elizabeth Johnson* was baptized on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the 10:30 AM service. Naomi is the infant daughter of Catherine McFarland and Brandon Johnson.



## Enrollment

Enrollment continues into the summer. A second Ed Choice Scholarship enrollment window is planned for the month of July.

If you know of anyone interested in Christian education for their children, please share our school information with them and put them in touch with Mr. Galecki!

## Farewell Planned

With Aaron Trimmer, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, accepting a call to Our Savior Lutheran School in Grafton, Wisconsin, we will also be saying goodbye to Jennifer Trimmer as our kindergarten teacher and to their two daughters.

Emily Platzer, our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, will

be returning to Wisconsin were her husband, Vicar Platzer from Beautiful Savior, will be going back to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to finish his last year of school.

A Farewell Potluck will be held in their honor on *Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, following the late service*. Mark your calendars and spread the word so that we can thank them and wish them God's blessings in their new areas of ministry. More information will follow in the Sunday worship folders.

## DC Trip

12 students and three adults traveled to Washington, DC over Spring break. The following quotes from some of the students give you a glimpse of the highlights of the trip. "The Spy Museum was nice because we got to do a mystery...I liked the American History Museum. It had the dresses of the First Ladies and how they were made...The best thing about DC was the monuments. They provided us with knowledge ...What I thought was good about the trip was all of the Memorials that were made to give respect and honor to important people...Washington DC is awesome...We had the best time ever!"



May 4	WELS Track Meet
May 10	Ascension Day
May 11	PTO Talent Show
May 12	Father/Daughter Dance
May 13	Confirmation Day
May 18	School Picnic
May 25	Last Day of School School Closing Service & Kdgt. & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

## ORGANIZATIONS



The Altar Guild will not have a regular meeting until September 6<sup>th</sup>. They will continue their regular duties of caring for the altar candles, paraments and flowers throughout

the summer months.

Remember to RSVP to Kathy Glende for the annual “Ladies Night Out” get-together at Planks Café and Pizzeria on Parsons Avenue on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

The Flower Calendar on the bulletin board in the entryway still has dates to fill. If you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion, please sign up.

The Altar Committee for May is Mindy Sayre, Dorothy Ortman and Kim Frye.

(Pat Ratz, president)



### Mother/Daughter Banquet

#### Evening Women's Guild

All women of the congregation and their daughters/friends are invited to attend St. Paul’s annual Mother/Daughter Banquet **on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**. This year’s theme is: “Growing in Christian Love.” A warm home-cooked meal, desserts, prizes, a devotion, and homespun entertainment always make the evening memorable.

Ticket sales have started in the auditorium as of Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Ticket prices are \$5 for youth 12-under and \$7 for adults. Consider who you could treat to this evening of food and fun! Questions? Call Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305.

#### Needed: Male volunteers, young and older on May 6<sup>th</sup> for the Mother/Daughter Banquet

On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 5:30 PM 12-15 men and boys of all ages are needed in the kitchen during the Mother/Daughter banquet. The male volunteers will host the dinner for the women and set out the desserts. Any help is appreciated. Dinner is free to all male volunteers.

#### An Evening Out with the Ladies

All ladies of the church are invited to dinner at Plank’s Café and Pizzeria located at 743 Parsons Avenue in Columbus on **Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. The Evening Women’s Guild will join the Altar Guild for this opportunity to enjoy great food and fellowship. RSVP with Kathy Glende at 614-570-1685 at your earliest convenience.

#### Recap of the LWMS Spring 2018 Rally

On April 14<sup>th</sup> the annual LWMS Heartland Circuit Spring Rally was held at Peace of Our Savior Lutheran Church in New Carlisle, Ohio. Approximately 45 attendees enjoyed the day under the theme: *Just as a body, though one, has many parts ... (1 Corinthians 12:12-13a)*.

A presentation on the work done by the home missionaries in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio was given by Pastor Robert Krueger, Michigan District Mission Board Chairman. At the business meeting a handful of women received Send One Sister (SOS) Convention stipends to attend the annual convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The group discussed ways to address the current use of gift baskets for a Silent Auction. Suggestions for how to promote campus ministry within LWMS congregations was brought up and elections were held.

Current secretary Brenda Lovenshimer will serve a second two-year term as secretary. Pastor Troy Jacobs will serve as Pastoral Advisor. Circuit Projects chosen: HM-Caribbean Scholarship Fund and WM-Proclaimers (Solar-powered audio Bibles). After lunch a Bible study was led by Pastor Troy Jacobs. Many school supplies were collected for Palabra de Vida Lutheran School in Detroit, Michigan. Many thanks to those who contributed items for the silent auction baskets or school supplies. The fall rally will take place at Hope Lutheran Church in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

(Suzanne Geiger, president)

We will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in the church office meeting room. We will continue our study and discussion of Predestination. Please join us. Call Joyce Larger at 614-314-7571 with questions.

#### Young at Heart



(Joyce Larger, coordinator)



Teens are welcome to wrap up the Nine Fruits of the Spirit Bible study this month to explore the last fruits mentioned in Galatians 5:22, 23, “gentleness” and “self-control.” The next Bible study will focus on

selected Psalms. All teens, beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, are welcome. Meet Sundays at 9:15 AM in the auditorium.

This month's Youth Group gathering is May 6<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to gather immediately after the late service in the auditorium for food, devotion, and games.

This month's Youth Group outing is to the South Drive-In Theater. All 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Please check Facebook for more information.

If you have not registered for the WELS International Youth Rally taking place June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, you can still register by May 31<sup>st</sup> for \$370.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicar Spaude  
Pastor Sims



Our synod schools will have their graduations and call day in the month of May. Each of the services can be viewed by way of a livestream. What a continued blessing to have young men and women offering themselves as candidates to serve in the public ministry!

This continues to be a challenging issue as our synod experiences vacancies in both the pastoral and teaching fields. It is true today what the Scriptures say: *“He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* (Luke 10:2)

If you have young people whom you think have gifts for the ministry, please take the time to speak with them and encourage them to serve the Lord with their gifts and abilities.

**Martin Luther College Commencement**  
New Ulm, Minnesota  
**May 11-12, 2018**

**May 11**  
Commencement Concerts: 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM

**May 12**  
Graduation Service: 10:00 AM  
Call Service: 2:00 PM

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**Luther Preparatory School Commencement**

Watertown, Wisconsin

**May 18-19, 2018**

**May 18**  
Commencement Concert: 7:00 PM

**May 19**  
Graduation Service: 10:00 AM

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**Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Commencement**

Mequon, Wisconsin

**May 24-25, 2018**

**May 24**  
Call Day Service & Vicar Assignment\*: 10:00 AM  
Commencement Concert: 7:00 PM

*\*Note: new this year – both the Vicar and the Senior call day services will be during the same service, on the same day.*

**May 25**  
Graduation Service: 10:00 AM

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**Michigan Lutheran Seminary Commencement**

Saginaw, Michigan

**May 25-26, 2018**

**May 25**  
Commencement Concert: 7:00 PM

**May 26**  
Graduation Service: 10:30 AM



## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Acolytes</b> <b>6-</b> (E) Jaelan (L) Andres <b>13-</b> (E) Sarah (L) Avery <b>20-</b> (E) Jaelan (L) Braylon <b>27-</b> (E) Jaelan (L) Braylon	<b>Greeters</b> <b>6-</b> (E)Thissen (L)Falter 13- (E)Poenisch (L)McDonald <b>20-</b> (E)Frye (L)Morgan <b>27-</b> (E)Thissen (L)Hickman	<b>1</b>  3:30 PM Girl Pioneers	<b>2</b> 8:35 AM School Chapel  4:00 PM Jr.Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> WELS Track Meet Gr.3-8 WELS Field Day Gr.K-2	<b>5</b> Life Walk at Schiller for Alpha Pregnancy Help Center Registration at 8:30 AM  Marion Village Yard Sale 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
<b>6</b> WELS Connection 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Youth Group Gathering 5:30 PM Mother/Daughter Banquet	<b>7</b> <b>Pastor's Conference            in Cincinnati, OH</b>  7:00 PM Board of Elders	<b>8</b> <b>Pastor's Conference            in Cincinnati, OH</b>  7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers	<b>9</b> 8:35 AM School Chapel  4:00 PM Jr.Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	<b>10</b>  7:00 PM Joint Ascension Festival at Beautiful Savior in Grove City	<b>11</b>  7:00 PM Talent Night	<b>12</b> Teacher Call Day at Martin Luther College  Father/Daughter Dance Sponsored by Lutheran Girl Pioneers 7:00-8:00 PM
<b>13</b> Communion 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship with Confirmation Reception for Confirmands	<b>14</b>  6:00 PM Bd. of Evangelism 7:00 PM Bd. of Education	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:35 AM School Chapel  6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Young at Heart  6:30 PM Women of St. Paul's Eat Out at <b>Planks on Parsons</b>	<b>18</b> School Picnic at Blacklick Woods-Buttonbush Shelter	<b>19</b> German Village Yard Sale 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Farewell Potluck for the Trimmers & Mrs.Platzer	<b>21</b>  7:00 PM Church Council	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:35 AM School Chapel	<b>24</b> Vicar Assignments at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary	<b>25</b> Last day of school with Dismissal at 2:00 PM  7:00 PM School Closing Service and Graduation for Kindergarten & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Communion 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	<b>28</b> Memorial Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Altar Committee</b> Mindy Sayre Dorothy Ortman Kim Frye	

