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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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"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people" (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

Ever since Jesus ascended into heaven, we have been living in the last days. We know this but we need the constant reminder because of the questions we keep asking ourselves: Why can't people just get along? Why is it so hard to work with people? Why is the news so negative? How could he do such a thing?

The Apostle Paul told Timothy to "mark" these words, that is heed them and remember them. We also need to heed these words as we carry on our daily lives. They answer our questions of why there is so much killing and hate. They answer our questions of why families are splitting up and can't get along. They answer our questions of why it's so difficult to live our daily lives.

These words remind us of why we can get confused by good and evil. For we see people in society putting on a good pretense of being godly, yet of the 7.6 billion people on earth there is estimated to be only 2 billion who claim to be Christian. Many claim to be good and try to "walk-the-walk," but they deny the gospel which truly makes them good.

These words remind us to stay away from such people. We should be careful to not form a close friendship with someone who continuously denies the gospel. Bad company corrupts good

morals. If they do not change, they will eventually change us.

At the heart of these words is love. We live in a world where the love of most has grown cold. Selfishness and hate is in their hearts. They do not love their neighbors because they do not love God and Christ. Faith is absent. The Apostle Paul wants us to be on guard against these people so that we don't lose our faith and love.

While these reminders may sound disheartening, the Apostle Paul says in another place: *"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).*

What great and lasting comfort you have knowing that you are loved by the Lord. Although you live in the last times, God chose to save you. The Holy Spirit set you apart by your baptism and washed your sins away. He created faith in your heart so you would believe that your baptism has joined you to Jesus' death and resurrection. He did this so that these last days will not be your last. Rather, these terrible days will **soon** turn into eternal days in heaven with your Lord Jesus.

Until that time comes, consider how blessed you are to have a family of believers who truly love you! In the midst of a loveless world, you have brothers and sisters in the faith who are grateful, humble, forgiving, self-controlled, peaceful, lovers of good, and much more. You are in the midst of believers who have been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit. For such a blessed throng of people, may Pastor Sims and I always give thanks to God for you!

- Pastor Schrimpf

Every Member Visit with Pastor Schrimpf

Dear members of St. Paul's,

I thank the members who have called me and made appointments for a visitation. We are off to a great start. I have enjoyed getting to know who you are. For those who have yet to make an appointment, feel free to call me anytime (614-817-2812). Please know that we do not need to meet at your home. I can visit you at St. Paul's, a café, the park, etc.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Schrimpf

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. The Apostle Paul wrote these words to encourage believers into demonstrating their love for fellow believers in need.

Over the last month, you have shown your eager willingness to support your called workers, along with the mission of St. Paul's church and school. The sincerity of your love has not gone unnoticed by God. He loves a cheerful giver. He loves you!

We ask that this willingness of your heart continue on as you remember what God has graciously given you. But may your willingness to give offerings continue according to your means, not according to obligation, nor according to what you don't have.

Our desire is that there may be equality at St. Paul's as the Apostle Paul states in 2 Corinthians 8:13,14, "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality." What this means is that your offerings provide for the called workers livelihood. Your offerings also cover the daily expenses of St. Paul's church. Likewise, your called workers are providing you with the gospel. The teachers are giving the children of this community hope through the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Their songs in Sunday morning worship are a testimony to their work. Likewise, your pastors are giving you peace, comfort, and council through word and sacrament.

We are indebted to each other according to our love for each other.

May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. May God enrich you in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



St. Paul's will be hosting the Joint Reformation Service on **Sunday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m.** The focus for the service will be: "In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation." Please plan to come and worship with believers from our sister congregations.

There will be opportunity for fellowship as we gather for a potluck meal after the service. Chicken, beverages, and table service will be provided. Bring main dishes, side dishes and desserts for the meal. Please consider bringing a generous amount when preparing your food since there will be guests.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

There will be a Quarterly Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, November 11th** following the 10:30 worship service. The agenda will include membership changes and approval of the slate of candidates for election to church office. (The voting will take place on the first two Sundays in December.)

Church Council Meeting Recap of October 22, 2018

- Numerous membership names to be addressed at the next voters meeting.
- The new church sign has been made and should be coming soon.
- The trustees met with Pastor Schrimpf on September 30. The meeting went well and they had a walkthrough of the campus noting problems needing addressed.
- 16 men attended the October 6th Men's Rally.

- 1,500 C18 Christmas postcards have been ordered; we will need to affix something to the otherwise blank back of the cards.
- The pastors have worked out their duties and responsibilities, and report they're coming together like a "well oiled machine."
- None of the non-member school parents have completed all of the eight required lessons in BIC class as yet. The number of lessons that have been completed varies greatly among the parents required to take the course.
- The pastors and vicar have decided to wait a while before deciding whether or not to disband the Sunday teen class due to low attendance. Need to stress to the teens to come to their Sunday teen class. Overall, need to revitalize the teen program.
- Blessings noted: the choir did a good job on the 21st, showcasing Hannah Swiderski's excellent singing voice; the broken window was fixed in the stairwell swiftly.
- School enrollment has slipped to 71 with a family of 4 students electing to return to public school. Among other items noted, we have been granted busing, with about 17 students participating.
- Principal Galecki reported the call for a 3rd-4th grade teacher set for November 4th is to get an early start on the process, which can begin on November 1st for the following school year. Mr. Galecki also reported that the need to update school curricula was discussed.
- The trustees reported: Dana Rettig took care of some clogged drains; lights have been fixed in stairwells; windows in the basement are rotted and need replaced; likewise, the window wells need subsurface draining; matters known to need attention include repair to a bathroom stall door, and no heat in some school rooms (but that situation was expected to be addressed on Tuesday, October 23rd); vicar reports that the computer in the sacristy frequently crashes.
- The DVD "To the Ends of the Earth" has been distributed to members.
- Tony Deng is researching starting a Coffee Evangelism in conjunction with evangelism leaders in the other area WELS churches; Grove City already has such a program up and running.
- Bill Ratz reported Huntington turned him down as sole guarantor of a line-of-credit loan for day-to-day expenses. By the same token, no progress

had been made as yet on pursuing a new Lacey loan, as securing the bank loan was to be considered first.

- As of this date, 27 of the 45 open nominations had been reported; declined nominations were running slightly ahead of accepted nominations.
- In the interest of uniform identification in local hospitals, the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council recommends that clergy obtain an ID badge, with picture, to provide positive identification when visiting patients in local hospitals. To obtain such a badge, an application form is required, along with an authorization letter indicating the applicant is recognized as providing pastoral visitations (as a Pastor at St. Paul's), and a \$15 application fee. The preceding form, letter, and payment are to be mailed to the CMACC. Congregation Chairman Bill Ratz was to draft the necessary letter.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us Sunday, November 18th, immediately after the second service for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be open to all members of our church and school families.

Turkey, stuffing, rolls, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share! Come, bring a friend and join with your church family to give God thanks for the abundant blessings in our lives!



Thanks!

I want to say thank you to the Altar Guild for bringing me flowers from the altar. They were beautiful. Thank you also to the people who have sent me such nice cards and notes. I appreciate them all.

God bless,
Mary Lascola



Academic Day

This year St. Paul’s will be hosting the Ohio WELS schools for their Academic Day on Saturday, November 10th. There will be competition in Math, Forensics and Spelling. The students are preparing and practicing for this event. Mark your calendars and stop in to watch our students compete with students from Grove City, Jenera, Cincinnati and Toledo.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear order forms will be available soon. Watch for them in the back of church or ask Mr. Galecki. There will be some new warmer items added to the list for the cold winter months.

Skating Party

St. Paul’s is going skating! The party will be held on Friday, November 9th, at United Skates of America on Refugee Rd. The cost is \$5.00 to enter + skate rental if needed. All proceeds will go to getting yearbooks for the students again this year. Hope to see you there!

Class Trip

The planning for our class trip to the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee is in full swing. We have over 20 middle schoolers desiring to go. In light of this we have rented a charter bus to get up there and will need to rent an additional cabin. This will cause us to have roughly a \$2,000 deficit. We will be hiking in the mountains, going to a magic show, swimming, visiting Ripley’s aquarium and other museums. If there is any way you can assist us as we prepare to go to Gatlinburg, please get in contact with me at 614-929-2145.

Sincerely,
Mr. Galecki



- Nov 1-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Dismiss at Noon Thursday
No School Friday
- Nov 10 Academic Day
- Nov 20 Thanksgiving Parties
- Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Nov 30 Spelling Bee (12:30 PM)
- Dec 20 School Christmas Service (7 PM)
- Dec 21 School Christmas Parties
- Jan 7 School Resumes
- Jan 14 Professional Day – No School
- Jan 18 End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan 21-22 Pastor/Teacher Conference
No School

ORGANIZATIONS



The Altar Guild will meet on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 PM. Women of St. Paul’s are invited to this meeting to find out more about the duties of the Altar

Guild. Plans for decorating the church for Christmas will be on the agenda. We will begin our decorating on Sunday afternoon, November 25th. Anyone who likes to decorate is welcome to join in.

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there are still openings in November and December on the flower calendar. The cost is \$25.00 for the Altar vases and \$15.00 for special flowers after the altar vases are taken.

The Altar Committee for November is Pat Ratz, Tammy McFarland and Audra McDonald.

(Pat Ratz, president)



Evangelism

The season of Thanksgiving is officially here. We thank God for the abundant blessings we've received. We're seeing improved financial situation,

thanks to our members who have given generously recently. We've also been extremely blessed to have school kids sing during our services.

Here's a brief review of the items discussed during our October meeting.

- There are still plenty of DVDs of *To the Ends of the Earth*. Feel free to grab one and share it with your friends and neighbors!
- We also briefly discussed the events for 2019, and will work on more details during our November meeting.
- We discussed the options to order postcards for our special events.

We also got this new exciting evangelizing opportunity for those who LOVE COFFEE and SHARING GOD'S WORD: We've been contacted by the evangelism team of our sister congregation, Beautiful Savior, in Grove City. They have been doing coffee evangelism every Saturday at downtown Grove City, and would like to collaborate with us! The idea is to start the coffee evangelism at Winans near Schiller Park in the 1st quarter of 2019. It's a tremendous opportunity for us to engage with our community through God's word and coffee! More details to come!

Our next meeting will be November 12th at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Tony Deng
The Evangelism Team Chair



Evening Women's Guild

November 2nd Evening Women's Guild

The last Evening Women's Guild meeting of the year will take place on Friday, November 2nd, at 6:30 PM at the home of Thia Thissen at 969 Lavender Lane in Columbus. All are welcome. This fall our ladies have been reading the book of Esther in conjunction with the God's People series from

Northwestern Publishing House. There is still room in our group for others to join us as we continue to explore this devotional series. At this meeting, we will plan to select our charitable giving projects to fund. Consider joining this active and social group of ladies for a meeting. Questions? Contact Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305.

All Ladies are Invited to a December 1st Christmas Luncheon

On Saturday, December 1st, at 12:00 noon, the Evening Women's Guild of St. Paul's is hosting their annual Christmas party. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. We always start our celebration with an Advent devotion. Plan to set aside three hours to also enjoy an afternoon of Christmas caroling, fun-filled games, and a fine meal with desserts. Afterwards, our luncheon guests often step forward and make plans to carry Christmas gifts to the shut-ins of St. Paul's. The visits from our members are always appreciated by those unable to leave their homes regularly. RSVP to Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305. Those interested in attending the luncheon should bring the following items along: a dish to share, a \$10 gift to exchange, and a favorite Christmas sweater to wear.

Recap of the LWMS Fall 2018 Rally

On Saturday, October 13th, the annual LWMS Heartland Circuit Fall Rally was held at Hope Lutheran Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Approximately 40 attendees enjoyed the day under the theme: "Setting Souls Free One at a Time" based on Revelation 1:17-18. Pastor David Boettcher of Alberta, Canada highlighted the unique cultural differences between Canadians and Americans and emphasized the steady work being done up there to win over souls one at a time. At the business meeting, three different convention reports were provided by circuit board members who attended the annual convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin, June 21st-24th. An informal survey was then conducted to determine the Heartland Circuit membership's interest in hosting a convention in Columbus in 2021. The board members also extended an invitation for ladies to run for the following positions which will be open in the spring: president, vice-president, treasurer, and spiritual growth woman. After lunch, Pastor Boettcher tested everyone's knowledge of Canada

by distributing the Ultimate Great Canada Quiz. Later in the afternoon, a Bible study based on The Healing of a Demon-Possessed Man, Mark 5: 1-20 was led by Pastor Troy Jacobs.

The spring rally is scheduled to take place at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Pastor Philip Loescher of Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Cadillac, Michigan will be the featured speaker. Mark your calendars!

(Suzanne Geiger, president)

Young at Heart



We will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 15th in the **Church Library**. Please join us. Call Joyce Larger at 614-314-7571 with questions.
(Joyce Larger, coordinator)



The teens continue their Bible study during the Sunday School hour with Vicar Swiderski. They continue to dive deep into the Book of I Peter and what it has to say about our identities in Christ. Join them on Sundays at 9:15 A.M. in the auditorium to begin with devotion. Guests and visitors are welcomed.

On October 28th, the teens enjoyed trying their hand at an escape room and managed to win with half a minute to spare!

Due to the Reformation Service, in November the teens will have their monthly meeting on November 11th. Otherwise, they will continue to meet the first Sunday of the month from 12:00-3:00 PM. Always stay updated in the church bulletins and on Facebook for any adventure we might have planned with the youth!

Respectfully submitted,
Vicar Swiderski



Synod News

Christian Aid and Relief Oct. 2018 update

When Hurricane Michael made landfall, Amazing Grace, Panama City, Fla., took a direct hit. Rev. Jerry Enderle, pastor at Amazing Grace, reports the church and parsonage suffered extensive damage, as did several members' homes, along with the entire community. Rev. Joel Russow, pastor of Faith, Tallahassee, Fla., also reports trees down in the neighborhood, but the church and parsonage are okay.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief chairman, Rev. Robert Hein, reports: "We have mobilized relief trailers from Mobile, Ala., and Jacksonville, Fla., to assist in cleanup and recovery efforts. Right now, some areas are still hard to reach and power is still out. For the short term, Risen Savior, Navarre, Fla., served by Rev. Craig Born, is serving as the relief staging area. Members of the local WELS congregations in Florida and Alabama are eager to help out once it is feasible to go into the affected areas. We have also made funds available to local pastors to provide immediate aid to those in need and to purchase needed supplies. Efforts are underway to provide temporary housing for those displaced from their homes.

"Many homes suffered roof damage, so our first priority is putting plywood and tarps on top of the parsonage and sanctuary at Amazing Grace and salvaging sanctuary furniture, and then repeating those steps for members with major loss. We will bring in a project manager soon to help us assess damage and opportunities for assistance throughout the community. We also made a \$10,000 gift to Direct Relief, which provides immediate assistance to people affected by this hurricane."

While Christian Aid and Relief is working to assess and help with the recent hurricane damage, it is also conducting ongoing rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of last fall's Hurricane Maria. Missionary Larry W. Schlomer accepted a call to Puerto Rico in June 2018 to assist in

coordinating the rebuilding and repairing of churches and pastors' homes as well as aiding in the ongoing training of our sister church body's future called workers.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief approved a \$150,000 hurricane relief grant for phase one of repair and rebuilding in Puerto Rico, which includes rebuilding the church building in Humacao, repairing the church in Guayama, and repairing pastors' homes. Schlomer reports that rebuilding in Humacao began earlier this fall.

To support WELS Christian Aid and Relief hurricane relief efforts, you can donate online (select "Hurricane Disaster Relief" in the designation field) or send it to WELS Christian Aid and Relief, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Dr. Waukesha, WI 53188, and designate it for the "Hurricane Fund." If you'd like to volunteer to help with clean up and repair work, visit wels.net/relief and fill out the volunteer form.

Fellowship established with a Lutheran church body in Kenya

2018/10/02 in Together

On Sept. 14–15, 2018, our sister synod the Lutheran Church of Central Africa–Zambia Synod (LCCA-ZS) met in convention for the 31st time in its history. The LCCA-ZS, along with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa–Malawi Synod, was established as a mission by WELS and has since become a fully independent church body in fellowship with WELS.

Delegates at that convention approved the recommendation of the LCCA-ZS Synodical Council to declare full fellowship with a Lutheran church body located in Kenya.

Swedish missionaries brought Lutheranism to Kenya in 1948, and in 1963 the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK) became an independent church body. Over time, however, the ELCK began to tolerate false teachings in its fellowship, and a group of Kenyan pastors broke away and began searching for a confessional Lutheran church body. In 2015, Rev. Mark Onunda of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

(LCMC)–Kenya met with the Doctrinal Committee of the LCCA-ZS and with WELS representatives in Zambia and presented a formal request for fellowship.

Over the past three years, the LCCA-ZS Doctrinal Committee carefully examined the constitution of the LCMC–Kenya and identified key doctrinal areas to be discussed with their leaders. Representatives of the LCCA-ZS, WELS Pastoral Studies Institute, and WELS missionaries from the One Africa Team made multiple trips to Kenya to study issues like the roles of men and women, Pentecostalism, and the doctrine of the Call. After all these issues were thoroughly discussed, the Doctrinal Committee of the LCCA-ZS gave a recommendation for a full declaration of fellowship with the LCMC-Kenya, which was endorsed by the LCCA-ZS Synodical Council in July. Last month, delegates to the LCCA-ZS synod convention ratified this recommendation.

The next step will be a formal recommendation by the LCCA-ZS to accept the LCMC-Kenya into the fellowship of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, of which WELS is a member. WELS anticipates declaring formal fellowship with the LCMC-Kenya at its 2019 convention.

Read more about the LCCA-ZS synod convention. Learn more about WELS mission work in Africa at wels.net/missions.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acolytes 4-(E) Jamie (L) Kylie 11-(E) Jamie (L) Dominic 18-(E) Jamie (L) Emma 25-(E) Jamie (L) Braylon	Greeters 4-(E) Howell (L) Moehl (4:00 PM) – Stewart/Cordrey 11-(E) Thissen (L) Balsler 18-(E) Frye (L) Falter 21-(7:00 PM) Larger 25-(E) Howell (L) McDonald	Altar Committee Pat Ratz Tammy McFarland Audra McDonald		1 Parent-Teachers' Conferences- School Dismissal at 12:00 noon 7:00 PM Bible Basics	2 Parent-Teachers' Conferences- No School 6:30 PM Evening Women's Guild at Thissen's	3 Set your clocks back 1 hour Daylight Savings Time Ends
4 WELS Connection 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Call Meeting after services 4:00 PM Area WELS Reformation Service & Fellowship Meal	5 7:00 PM Bd. of Elders	6	7 8:35 AM School Chapel 4:30 PM Jr. Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	8 Pastors' Circuit Meeting 7:00 PM Bible Basics 7:00 PM Altar Guild	9 School Skating Party 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM	10 WELS Schools Academic Day at St. Paul's
11 Communion 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Voters' Meeting after services Youth Gathering after services	12 6:00 PM Bd. of Evangelism	13 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers	14 8:35 AM School Chapel 4:30 PM Jr. Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	15 10:00 AM Young at Heart 7:00 PM Bible Basics	16	17
18 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Thanksgiving Dinner	19 7:00 PM Bd. of Education	20 School Thanksgiving Parties	21 No School 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 No School	24
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