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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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The reality of a Christian's life

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law." (Galatians 5:13-18)

How easy did you think it would be to live as a Christian? For those of you who were baptized as infants this question may not have dawned on you for many years. For those who heard and believed the gospel later in life, perhaps you have thought about it many times. Yet in either case, how easy did you think it would be?

This is a question Satan doesn't want us to consider. Instead, he wants us to focus on that word "free" and think little of the conflict that exists between our new nature and our old nature. He does not want us to consider how we can best serve our brothers or sisters in love. He would have us use the freedom of Christ, which is the forgiveness of sins, as a license to satisfy our desires and ignore the needs of the people at St. Paul's church and school.

For those who would say, "This doesn't apply to me!" Then you do not truly understand the reality of the Christian life. Our sinful nature is opposed to our new nature. It hates it. It is purely selfish. When we don't get what we want, we lash out at our neighbor with words meant to terrify, degrade, or kill. Our sinful nature looks on others with

suspicion and jealousy. It is opposed to us serving the people of St. Paul's with our time, talents, and offerings.

Who can stand up to such a formidable opponent? Certainly not us. Our sinful nature is too powerful. Paul says we are unable to do what we want. However, Christ was more than a match. He defeated our sinful nature on the cross.

The Apostle Paul says our sinful nature with all its passions and selfish desires was crucified on the cross (v. 24). This means it is no longer our master, but Christ is. He bought us back, while also giving us freedom to love our neighbor.

So although the sinful nature still clings to us with its dying breath, it is overpowered by the forgiveness of sins that we have through Christ. Through him, the forgiveness of sins is so great, so abundant, and so infinite that it easily swallows up every one of our sins, provided we persevere in faith and hope toward Christ.

So is our Christian life easy? No, far from it. It is extremely difficult. But does 'difficult' mean we are defeated? No, far from it. By the Holy Spirit, you are able to battle against your sinful nature. Battle by praying to God, "Lord, I am aware of my sinful desires, but by faith in Christ I am forgiven. I will fortify myself with your Word and refuse to gratify these desires."

What does this battle or struggle look like at St. Paul's? It looks like a young man stepping up to lead, even though he is scared. It looks like a member putting the mission of the church and school first, even though it clashes with his or her own thinking. It looks like **you** when you take that opportunity to witness, even though you are terrified. It looks like **you** when applying the law and gospel to yourself every day.

—Pastor Aaron Schrimpf

Every Member Visit with Pastor Schrimpf

Dear member(s) of St. Paul's,

Now that I have settled into my office and home, I would like to conduct every member visits. This will give you an opportunity to speak with me one-on-one and learn more about me. It will also give me a chance to get to know you personally.

Please feel free to call or text any time to set up an appointment in which we can meet in your home. My number is 614-817-2812. You can also call the church office. I look forward to meeting with you and learning how I can best serve you and your family with God's Word.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Schrimpf

Active Shooter Training

Columbus Police Detective and St. Paul's member, Scott Peck will conduct an active shooter training session on **September 22nd at 1:00 PM**. The training will consist of an active shooter scenario in the sanctuary and a debrief with questions and answers after the scenario.

The event shouldn't take more than 45 minutes to an hour. The training is for any member 16 yrs. and up, so that we don't traumatize any small kids.



Baptisms

Charlotte Rose Schoch, born August 4, 2018 was baptized at the 10:30 AM service on August 19, 2018. Charlotte is the daughter of Garrett and Calla Schoch.

Bruce Aldrin Janda, born March 29, 2018 was baptized at St. Paul's on August 15, 2018. Bruce is the son of Jay Janda and Melinda (Ratz) Janda



- **Sunday, September 16th**
- **Church parking lot**
- **After late service**
- **Fun and fellowship for all ages**
- **Invite your friends to join us!**



Teacher In-Service

During teacher in-service in August, the faculty focused on management skills. As the school year begins, they will be studying the book, *Mindset*, by Carol Dweck.

Beginning the Year

Classes began on Thursday, August 23rd with an enrollment of 76 students. The PTO provided a Pizza Hot Lunch on the first day. The school day has been extended with dismissal being at 4:00 PM this year. This year's school theme is "**Running the Race.**" 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.

Class Trip

The Class Trip, which will take place during Easter break, is already in the works. We will be traveling to Tennessee and staying at a cabin in the Smokey Mountains. Be watching for the students to begin their fundraising.

Helpers Wanted!

We are always looking for members to share their gifts and talents to help out the school. If you would like to volunteers or if you have any suggestions, please contact Mr. Galecki or one of the teachers.



- Oct 10-12 Teachers' Conference
- Oct 19 Teacher Professional Day
- Oct 26 End of 1st Quarter
- Nov 1-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Dismiss at Noon Thursday
- No School Friday
- Nov 20 Thanksgiving Parties
- Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Nov 30 Spelling Bee (12:30 PM)

baptized. We have a full pastoral and teaching staff, and 76 students. Vicar Tyler Swiderski's parents were able to attend his installation. The birth of Charlotte Rose Schoch, the daughter of our newly installed 5th and 6th grade teacher, and athletic director, Garrett, and his wife Calla.

Up-coming events:

Merion Village Festival, September 9. We will pass out water and frisbees and invite people to the church picnic as well as share our faith. Volunteers welcome!

St. Paul's Church picnic, September 16 after the late service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and fixings and cold drinks furnished. Bring your favorite picnic food. We will have guests.

Good idea: Have another Evangelism training and /or Bible class.

Following the meeting, we did our religious survey in Schiller Park (we try to do this at least once a year.) How sad some of the answers were! We have much evangelism work to do. Jesus says: *"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."* (Matthew 9: 37),

Meanwhile, our next meeting will be Monday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Come join us!

In Christ's service,
Lois Colegrove

Evangelism Team Member

ORGANIZATIONS



The Altar Guild will meet on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. They will be finalizing some of the plans

for Christmas decorating in the church. The date is set for Sunday, November 25th, after the church services.

There are still some openings on the altar flower calendar for October, November and December. 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.

(Pat Ratz, president)

Evangelism

At our August meeting Pastor Sims led the team in a devotion based on a hymn, #536, "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head."

Unfortunately there was no follow-up with VBS this

year. Frisbees have been ordered to hand out at events. We've had eleven visitors in worship services since July's newsletter.

Blessings: Pat and Bill Ratz's grandson will be



Evening Women's Guild

Evening Women's Guild Meeting on Friday, September 14th

The ladies of our congregation usually meet the second Friday of each month during the school year for a devotion, Bible study, business meeting, food and fellowship. Our group plans special meals/events at the church and makes financial donations to our Befriend a Mission as well as WELS-based organizations.

Currently, our Bible study is based on the book of Esther in conjunction with the God's People series from Northwestern Publishing House. All women of the congregation are invited to attend our meeting on **Friday, September 14th at 7:00 pm at**

the home of Barb Abel, 100 Clayburn Drive in Pataskala. Carpools are available from both St. Paul's and Grove City.

Contact Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305 for a carpool from St. Paul's or Melinda Sims at 614-991-5697 from Grove City.

Interested in our WELS Missions in Canada?

Want to learn more about WELS missions in central Alberta, Canada? The opportunity to hear from our own Befriend a Mission Partner Pastor David Boettcher has presented itself the morning of Saturday, October 13th. A carload or two of ladies will be driving to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the LWMS Fall Rally at Hope Lutheran Church.

We plan to meet Saturday morning at 5:45 AM in the parking lot of St. Paul's and return around 6:00 PM. First-time attendees are always welcome. Enjoy a beautiful fall day away from Columbus to refresh your spirits.

To register or to catch a ride, contact Melinda Sims at 614-991-5697 or you can register yourself at www.tinyurl.com/lwmsheartland. Breakfast, lunch, and childcare are provided to attendees the day of the rally.

LWMS Door Collection on Sunday, September 9th

St. Paul's Lutheran Church continues to support mission projects in the United States and other parts of the world. On Sunday, September 9th, a door collection will be taken by the church. 100% of the monies collected will go directly to the mission field. If you have any mite boxes in which you have been collecting donations, remember to bring them to church or to pass them onto Joyce Larger. Thank you so much for your past support.

Befriend a Mission Card for Pastor Boettcher

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and this year our ladies wish to hand deliver Pastor David Boettcher of central Alberta, Canada our notes of encouragement at the LWMS rally on October 13th. A card of encouragement will be available for all to sign in the narthex of church during the month of September. Please take some time to share your thoughts and prayers.

(Suzanne Geiger, president)

We will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 18th in the Upper Room. Please join us. Call Joyce Larger at 614-314-7571 with questions.

(Joyce Larger, coordinator)



The annual Campout for students in grades 5-8 will be held from Friday, September 21st to Saturday, September 22nd. The group will

leave on Friday afternoon and return on Saturday afternoon. Please mark your calendars. Anyone wanting to attend should speak to Mr. Mark Greiner (home – 443-8297 or cell—206-5261) for more details.



The teens continue their Bible study during the Sunday School hour with Vicar Swiderski. They just started studying the Book of I Peter. 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 on September 2nd. Meet immediately after the late service in the auditorium for food, devotion, and games. Those in 8th grade are invited to join the gathering!

We will do some planning on September 2nd and get ideas for future activities! Always stay updated in the church bulletins and on Facebook for any adventure we might have planned with the youth!

Respectfully submitted,
Vicar Swiderski
Pastor Sims

Students Away at School

Some people have asked for addresses of St. Paul's students who are away at school. If there are other names that should be added to this list, please call the church office with information.

Erika Sims
Wisconsin Lutheran College
8800 W. Bluemound Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53226

Jennalee Strous
MVNU Box S-3124
800 Martinsburg Rd.
Mt. Vernon, OH 43050

Christopher Baumann
Luther Preparatory School
1300 Western Avenue
Watertown, WI 53094

Cody Stewart
Michigan Lutheran Seminary
2777 Hardin Street
Saginaw, MI 48602



*WELS Night is a
thriller
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Together*

More than 2,400 WELS members witnessed a dramatic walk-off home run as the Brewers defeated the Rockies in the bottom of the ninth inning. The epic three-run blast topped off a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for the fifth annual WELS Night at Miller Park on Aug. 3. Several seating sections were filled with members wearing the royal blue WELS Night at Miller Park t-shirts.

"It was great to see more than one thousand of our members proudly wearing their WELS shirts in front of tens of thousands of Brewers fans from across the greater Milwaukee region and the state," says Mr. Lee Hitter, WELS director of communications. WELS President Mark Schroeder welcomed busloads of WELS members from congregations throughout the Midwest prior to the game. It was a picture-perfect evening.

The pregame included WELS Second Vice President Joel Voss throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. "The satisfaction of seeing and being with my fellow brothers and sisters in the faith began as soon as I stepped out of the car. After walking just a few yards, there was a lady wearing the WELS Night shirt. She saw me first and greeted me warmly even though we had never met. It was a joy to see more than two thousand WELS people simply enjoying the sport of baseball. It brought WELS people together in a way that is not common," says Rev. Joel Voss, Resurrection, Centerville, Ohio.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acolytes 2-(E) Sarah (L) Katie 9-(E) Sarah (L) Avery 16-(E) Sarah (L) Dominic 23-(E) Sarah (L) Kylie 30-(E) Sarah (L) Emma	Greeters 2-(E)Thissenl (L)McDonald 9-(E)Howell (L)Moehl 16-(E)Frye (L)Falter 23-(E)Thissenl(L)Stewart 30-(E)Howell (L)Balsler	Altar Committee Kathy Glende Pam Bivens Mercedes Wiley				1
2 WELS Connection 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	3 LABOR DAY – No School	4 7:00 PM Bd. of Elders	5 4:30 PM Jr. Bell Choir	6 7:00 PM Altar Guild 7:00 PM Bible Basics	7	8
9 LWMS Door Offering Communion 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Merion Village Festival	10 6:00 PM Bd. of Evangelism	11 7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers	12 4:30 PM Jr. Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	13 7:00 PM Bible Basics	14 7:00 PM Evening Women's Guild at Abel's	15
16 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Church Picnic Sunday	17 7:00 PM Bd. of Education	18	19 4:30 PM Jr. Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	20 10:00 AM Young at Heart 7:00 PM Bible Basics	21 School Zoo Trip Youth Campout (Gr. 5-8)	22 1:00 PM Active Shooter Training (16 yrs. & older)
23 Communion 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Fellowship 9:15 AM SS & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	24 7:00 PM Church Council	25	26 4:30 PM Jr. Bell Choir 6:15 PM Sr. Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. Choir	27 10:00 AM Pastors' Study Group 7:00 PM Bible Basics	28	29
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