



## 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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God is good! by Pastor Sims

Psalm 100

*1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*2 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

*3 Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;*

*give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*5 For the Lord is good and his love endures  
forever; his faithfulness continues through  
all generations.*

There is a gospel song that reminds the listener that God is good all the time. It suggests that he may not come when **you** want him, but he is always right on time.

We make our plans and set up our timetables, then we ask the Lord to bless our planning and efforts. The Lord has done that for our church and school.

We made plans years ago to increase the number of students in our school. God in his goodness saw fit to give us tremendous growth this year. We worked hard to give the principal release time. God's timing has provided us with a full-time principal to address the growth to 100 students this year. We have been calling teachers to cover grades; the Lord blessed us with teachers with the proper training to handle an urban setting. God is good, all the time.

We have been talking about getting the flat roofs completely repaired instead of patching them. It has happened. It may not have been when we wanted, but God was right on time.

I could go on and on with examples of how the Lord's faithfulness continues through all generations, but you get the picture. You can see God's goodness which continues in spite of our lack of faithfulness at times.

When we think about timing, we must marvel at his impeccable timing in our own lives too. We may have made plans to get things done by such and such a time, only to have a roadblock come our way. We may have decided to do something, only to have an emergency use up the dollars. After all has been said and done, after our plans have been put on hold; we realize that those things weren't really necessary at that time. We would have been in worse shape if we would have done things according to our timetable.

God's love and faithfulness to our needs would be addressed in his time, for our benefit and to his glory. In his goodness and mercy, he has given us the opportunity to look back on things and praise him; tell people what he has done.

He is the one who has made us. He is the one who continues to care for us and our needs. Brothers and sisters, we belong to him.

This is what the psalmist makes clear, then he reminds us of the proper response for all the Lord has done - *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

We have a wonderful opportunity to gather in the Lord's house to thank him as a body of believers; to worship him for all that he has done.

We also have a golden opportunity to tell others that our God is good, all the time; as he demonstrated that goodness and love by sending Jesus. He has given us reason to live our lives rejoicing in and enjoying the blessings God has poured out on us.

## Cornerstone Update

Jeff Davis has begun the fund appeal and has been in constant contact with Pastor Schrimpf the last couple of weeks. The Leadership Team, which oversees and implements the stewardship fund appeal, is in place. They will meet at 7:00 PM on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to learn more about their respective roles and duties. These leaders will be seeking more members to work alongside of them later this month.

The organization and structure that is beginning to form is welcome news. Everything is professional and well thought-out, from the Leadership Team, down to the very logo being used in presenting the stewardship appeal. Best of all, members of St. Paul's are working together and helping each other. Thanks be to Christ, who has given us the *privilege* of working together. This project is certainly exciting and worthwhile!

## It's Picnic Time!



- **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **Church parking lot**
- **After late service**
- **Fun and fellowship for all ages**

### • Invite your friends to join us!

Mark your calendars for the Church Picnic It will be held in the church parking lot on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend or two to come and join the fun. The school children will sing in the worship service on that day. School families are invited to the worship service and to the picnic!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, fixins for both, beverages and table service will be provided for the noon meal. Suggested food items for members to bring: side dishes, salads, chips and dips, veggie trays, fruit trays, and desserts. Members, remember to bring extra quantities to help serve our guests

There will be activities and a bounce house for the kids. In addition to our school families we also will invite people in our neighborhood. If you have friends that you would like to invite to join us, please do so.



## Enrollment for 2019-2020

Our school year began with an enrollment of 100 students. Most of our classrooms are at capacity or nearing capacity. Our three new teachers are settling into their new positions. We thank God for the privilege of sharing his Word with these children and their families.

## Youth Campout

The annual youth campout at Delaware State Park for students in grades 5-8 will be held on Friday,



## Youth Campout

September 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The group will leave at noon on Friday and return on Saturday afternoon. Anyone wanting to attend should speak to Mr. Galecki in order to get more details.



Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 15	Sing in Church & Church Picnic
Sept. 20	School Field Trip
Oct. 9-11	MDTC Teacher Conference
Oct. 18	Teacher In-Service Day
Oct. 25	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
Oct. 30	Spelling Bee
Oct. 31	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Nov. 1	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 PM-8:00 PM
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Parties
Nov. 27/28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 19	Christmas Service at 7:00 PM
Dec. 20	Christmas Parties

# Faith in Action

## Evangelism

As summer and vacation time comes to a close, we praise our God for his blessings of five teachers, a full-time principal, 100 students, 30 new school parents, and a vicar and his wife who plays piano and organ.

The ice cream social in July was a success. Attendance was down this year perhaps due to a park dedication in the area. Twelve people toured the church to see our beautiful stained-glass windows. St. Paul's is truly blessed. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was also a hit. Forty-four students attended and twenty-some adults and teens helped. Thank you for the snack donations and your time.

Our next event is the Merion Village Festival on September 8, 2019, from 12 PM to 6 PM at Moeller Park. We hand out water and give information about the church and school to visitors. We also have Bible-based crafts for children.

St. Paul's church picnic will be September 15<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, plates and table ware are provided. Members are asked to bring side dishes, chips and dips, vegetables, fruit, and/or desserts. School families will be our guests.

Our congregation's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be August 6, 2021. Wow! 200 years is a big deal! The team requests ideas, no matter how outlandish, to help celebrate. Also, we'd like names of people and former members we want to invite to the celebration.

There is a chair at the evangelism table just for you. We meet the second Monday each month at 6 PM in the Upper Room. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted in Christ,  
*Lois Anne Colegrove, Evangelism Team member*



Choir  
Season Begins

## Church Choirs

Our choirs will begin practicing again on Wednesdays, starting September 11<sup>th</sup>. Prayerfully consider praising God in song by joining one of the

choirs.

Jr. Choir practices during the school day and Jr. Bells practice on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM. These choirs are for children in grades 3-8. Sr. Bells practice at 6:15 PM followed by Sr. Choir at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

If you would like to know more about the choirs, please contact the directors – Brittany Steinfeldt (Jr. Choir), Suzanne Geiger (Jr. Bell Choir); Kathy Glende (Sr. Bells); and Phil Glende (Sr. Choir).

## ORGANIZATIONS



The Altar Guild will have a regular meeting on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. The Guild continues to serve by taking care of the altar flowers, altar paraments, altar candles and acolytes' robes. Guild members will be decorating the sanctuary for Harvest Sunday later in September. If you would like to help, please contact Pat Ratz.

There are still openings on the Altar Flower Calendar for 2019. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please check it out and sign up. 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 September is Lucille Ortziger, Kim Frye, and Audra McDonald.

*(Pat Ratz, president)*



## Evening Women's Guild

### Meeting on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

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 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Melinda Sims, 2167 Big Run Road East in Grove City. Contact Suzanne Geiger at 614-214-9305 for a carpool from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

## LWMS Convention Planning in Mansfield

Are you interested in embarking on a fun adventure? If so, a group of women throughout Ohio are coming together in September to plan an LWMS convention in Cincinnati June 24-27, 2021. This means that we are looking for individuals to serve on committees such as decorations, worship, courtesy, registration, displays, and tours.

Volunteers can be a part of the pre-planning process or help out with projects brought to our Evening Women's Guild meetings. If you have an interest in joining three of our ladies at the next Planning Meeting in Mansfield, you can meet up with us at Beautiful Savior, 2213 White Road in Grove City on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 AM. The meetings are usually two hours in length and the drive is one hour away. Questions? Contact Melinda Sims at 614-271-2089.

### Young at Heart



We will meet on Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 AM in the church library. We will continue our study of Church Fellowship led by Vicar Steinfeldt. Call Joyce Larger at 614-314-7571 with questions. (*Joyce Larger, coordinator*)



On August 25, our Youth Group met after the second service. This meeting included the parents, youths, and leaders. During our time together we ate pizza and breadsticks, drank pop, and

discussed our goals and schedule for the upcoming year. Pastor Schrimpf showed us his wonderful new mission statement, which is located at the bottom of this article. Sarah Larger led discussion as we talked about the expectations for the teens, parents, and youth leaders, along with what would be the best means of communication. We have many dates

already set for this year, including "Game Time/Hello Vicar" on September 29, "Dodgeball/Video Games" on October 6, and the WELS Youth Rally will be held June 23-26, 2020 in Knoxville, TN. The theme is "Vision 2020." When we "see" any more information on this, we will let you know as soon as possible.

All in all, the meeting was a wonderful time filled with cheese-filled pizza crust and fun-filled plans for the year.

### What is Youth Group?

It is a group of teens and adult spiritual mentors (Youth Group Leaders) who meet regularly to:

- **Know** the love of Jesus more
- **Grow** in our Lutheran convictions and faith
- **Show** Jesus' love to all as we serve
- **Glow** as children of God in teen fellowship

In doing this, the adult mentors can help the teens continue building on what they learned as Catechism students and help them transition from being Christian children to active adult members in the body of Christ.

**-Vicar Steinfeldt**



### New Bible translation available

2019/08/20/in Together

A new translation of the Bible—the Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)—is now available from Northwestern Publishing House (NPH).

More than one hundred people—pastors, professors, teachers, and laypeople—have been working on the translation since 2013, all under the direction of the Wartburg Project, an independent Lutheran Bible translation effort by WELS and Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) pastors and professors. About 30 WELS and ELS pastors and professors were involved in translating and the technical review, and 100 people served as proofreaders and popular reviewers. "By the time it was done, at least ten people had read every book," says Rev. John Brug, general editor and Old Testament editor. All are volunteers, except Brug, who worked full time.

The EHV aims to provide a balanced translation that is good for all uses in the church, according to Brug. This means it preserves traditional familiar biblical idioms while better clarifying some language that may be confusing in other translations. Being balanced also means that “sometimes you have to be a little more literal in your translation, and sometimes you have to be a little more free,” says Brug. “We tried to look at each passage in its own case and not have one rulebook that covered everything.”

While only WELS members and those in fellowship with WELS worked on the translation, Brug is quick to note that this is not a “WELS Bible,” and it is not just for Lutherans. “No one should be able to say there is a Lutheran slant in the translation,” Brug says.

The Wartburg Project is working on content for an EHV study Bible that will provide Lutheran commentary on the passages. It hopes to have an electronic version available by the end of the year.

A committee appointed by the Conference of Presidents has reviewed the EHV. In its report, it writes, “Several of our reviewers expressed the hope that the EHV will continue to go through an editing process in anticipation of future editions. . . . At the same time, we find the translation accurate and faithful, and can recommend it for use in our church” (2019 *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 8). Brug says that the Wartburg Project welcomes suggestions to improve the translation. He anticipates reviewing changes for revisions after three to five years.

The new edition of Luther’s catechism from NPH using the EHV translation is available for [preorder](#). It also is available using the English Standard Version and the New International Version 2011 translations. This is an example of NPH’s use of the eclectic approach: offering multiple translation choices when possible for a single resource.

Brug says he has been blessed to have been able to take part in a project of this scope. “I certainly learned a lot, but the greatest thing is the spirit with which the participants worked,” he says. “To work together with my brothers and sisters in Christ on God’s Word—the whole Bible—intensely for five years is a great blessing, and we hope it will also be a blessing to those who use what we developed.”

Learn more about the EHV translation at [wartburgproject.org](http://wartburgproject.org). Order the translation at [nph.net](http://nph.net). Read the [full review](#) of the EHV.

