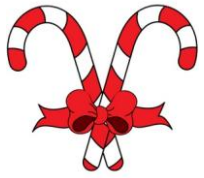
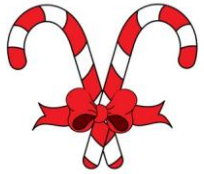


From Your Pastor



Dear members of St. Paul's,

Merry Christmas! December is a month that brings a lot of anticipation and excitement for obvious reasons. People are excited to be reunited with family members who live far away. Kids can't wait to open up presents on Christmas morning (adults too!). Everyone hopes that we have a white Christmas. There is a lot to look forward to.



One of my favorite traditions in the month of December is to read the bible. Every December I read through the book of Isaiah because it is a book that also brings a lot of anticipation. The people of Israel wait for the long-expected Savior. God's people are sitting in exile far away from home and look forward to being reunited at home once again. In the midst of it all, God promises deliverance and hope.



Isaiah writes:

“For to us a child is born,
To us a son is given;
and the government shall be
Upon his shoulder,
And his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6)



It is with these words that Isaiah comforts the people of Israel, because it's a reminder that there is no separation between them and God. God will rule over

them in faithfulness. The same goes for us. Jesus is our Lord who we hope for in December because it is in His birth that we are reminded that there is no separation between us and God. He is absolutely the greatest gift we have ever received! I pray you all have a safe, joyous, and Merry Christmas!



Sincerely,
Pastor Noah Kegley

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Advent Midweek Worship Series

Good News through the Prophets – December 5

Come and Hear many Prophecies of Christ's Coming
Sing Hymns and Carols that Lift our Spirits



Good News through the Angels – December 12

The Angels are God's Messengers who have Good News to Share
Come to See and Hear our School Children Present their Christmas Program

Good News through God's Children – December 19

The Youngest of God's Children (3K to 5K) Share the Blessed Birth
Come, have Your Heart Filled and be Inspired to Share the Good News with Others



Service Times Each Wednesday: 10am and 6pm

Advent Meals Served: 4:45 to 5:45pm

(Note: The 3k-5k students will only present their program
at the 6pm service on the 19th)

Sunday School Christmas Program -- December 16 -- 10:30 am



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th at 4:00, 6:00 & 11:00pm

Christmas Morning Worship

December 25th at 9:00am

New Years Eve Worship

December 31 at 6:00pm

Bible Classes

Men's Bible Breakfast - The Exodus

Some theologians see the "Exodus" as *the* major "motif" or picture of God's work of salvation in the Old Testament. It certainly points us forward to Christ and our eventual "exodus" out of a sinful, fallen world. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Pastor Kegley will lead us through the truth of the Old Testament Exodus, a truth which was to be passed on from generation to generation. As we study God's Word, it will strengthen our faith and life in our own generation. In December we meet on the 8th & 22nd. **On the 8th we will not have access to the kitchen so we will meet in the Library.**



We meet a little before 7am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, socializing, prayer, and the study. 79th Street doors are open. All men of the congregation are invited. Please come and join us for some great Christian fellowship. It is a great way to start off your Saturday.

Sunday Morning Bible Class - The History of Advent and Christmas Hymns

There are so many favorite hymns and Christmas carols that we love to sing at this holy time of the year. During the month of December we will have the opportunity to learn of the history of their composition, the Biblical basis for their message, and be blessed to sing a few of them together in class.



Make attending Bible class for the three Sundays leading up to Christmas a part of your preparation to celebrate again the coming of Christ! Class time runs from 9:15 to 10:15am. An assortment of baked goods and coffee are served at each class. Hope to see you there! (No class on December 23rd)



Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall

We continue our study of "The Hopeful Disciple."

This study penned by Pastor Robert Tasler leads us through the truths of the apostle Peter's first and second epistles. In the month of December we should finish up the 5th chapter of Peter's first epistle and get into the second epistle. Come and join us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and His Word of Truth. All are welcome to come be built up in the faith.



On December 23rd we will hold one morning worship service at 9:00am.





New Pictorial Directory

Mark your calendars! We will be having sign ups for photo shoots starting Sunday, December 2. A sign up table will be set up after services, and you can also sign up online. Photo shoots will be held the second and third weeks of January, 2019. Lifetouch will be taking the photos and everyone who has a photo shoot will receive a free church directory and a complimentary 8 X 10 photo of their family, plus you have the opportunity to purchase additional photos. The new directory will contain photos of our groups and activities as well. Watch for more information in Sunday's bulletins!

Advent Dinners

December 5th (Jr. Youth serve will be serving)
Tacos, Mexican Rice, Fruit Cups, Brownies

December 12th - Senior Youth Fundraiser

Rupena's Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Homemade Baked Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rice Krispie Scotcheroos

December 19th (Jr Youth will be serving)

Chili with toppings, Cornbread & Biscuits, Fresh Veggies & Dip, Ice cream
Kid's meals available weekly as well.





Widows Lunch ~ The next Widows Lunch will be on Wednesday December 12th immediately after our 10:00am Advent Worship Service. Join us at Clifford's in Hales Corners

Elizabeth Ministry ~ We have a facebook page for Elizabeth Ministry for our church! It is – St. Paul's Lutheran Church (@elizabethministrysplcwa). Please remember Elizabeth Ministries in your prayers and if you wish to join this group, please contact Julie Avila at elizabethministrysplcwa@gmail.com.



Quilter's Patch

Our Quilting Group will resume in January (weather permitting). Christmas Blessings to everyone!!

Ladies Guild ~ The mitten collection basket is in the narthex to accept your donations of mittens, hats, scarves and socks.



LWML Mite Box Collection ~ December 1 & 2
 LWML Mite Boxes are located in the narthex. All members are welcome to use one and support our mission grants!



Bulletin Sponsors Needed
 For the remainder of this year and for 2019.
 Cost is \$50 each weekend. Please call the church office to reserve a weekend. 414-541-6250.

Our St. Paul's Church Christmas trees have been beautifying the sanctuary for many years, but they are wearing down and becoming brittle with age.

The decorating committee is beginning the search now for two 10' trees for 2019, so we have the time to find the right trees at a conservative cost.

If you would like to donate towards new Church trees please send your donation to the Church office with "Christmas Trees" in the memo line, or make a note on the front of your church offering envelope stating "Christmas Tree donation enclosed".

In God's Service,
St. Paul's Decorating Committee



Music Notes



For Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, unto us a Son is given....

What a blessing it is to hear the joyous news of Christ's birth through the sound of singing and music. We are blessed here at St. Paul's to have many talented people willing to share their time to bring us the joys of Advent and Christmas through music and song. We pray the Lord blesses you through their gifts throughout the month of December.

We welcome **new** people at any of our groups. Consider joining us and sharing your time and gifts.

Wednesdays - *prior to Praise Service* Sundays - 7 PM - balcony - Praise Team

Thursdays - 6:10 PM - church balcony - Handbell choir

7:15 PM - classroom 104 - Choir

Various instrumentalists are welcome to join in worship settings. Contact Michelle and add your instrument to a service through a song or along with the

music of the day. michelle@splcwa.org or 414-552-4938.

Christmas Poinsettias

Cost: \$11.00

Orders need to be in by December 9th.

Order envelopes are by the elevator & Welcome Center.

Plants may be picked up after the Christmas morning worship service.



Weekly Altar Flowers

As of January 2019, the cost of our weekly flower bouquets will be \$30.00 per bouquet. This reflects an increase from the florist. Please sign up on the board in the narthex by the front doors and include what you would like printed in the church bulletin. Checks should be made out to St. Paul's Altar Guild.

Junior High Youth News

December 5th and December 12th: Advent dinner is being served! We need you all for set up, serving, and clean-up! **Please arrive by 4:30 PM!** We need students to come volunteer! Please contact Pastor Noah noah@splcwa.org or Shelly Mueller (262.613.3657) with questions!



December 16th: Swim and Lights event! Enjoy 2-3 hours of swimming at the hotel (formally known as Country Springs Hotel) followed by cookies and hot cocoa going through the Country Christmas Light Display! Sign up by **December 7th**! Sign up is on the Youth bulletin board by the office.

Please meet at the 79th street entrance by **2:00 PM**. The cost is \$25 per youth and \$5 per adult/chaperone. Drivers are needed!

High School Youth News

December 9th: Christmas party at Pastor Noah's house! The party starts at 6PM- 8:30PM. Come for food, a devotion, and a great time with friends! If you have an ugly Christmas sweater...Wear it!

PARTY

Pastor Noah Kegley
1436 S. 78th Street
West Allis, WI 53214



I hope to see you all there! Please RSVP by **December 2nd**!

December 12th: Advent Dinner: National Youth Gathering Fundraiser Please arrive to the kitchen by **4:30 PM** to help set up, serve, and clean-up! This is also a great opportunity for volunteer hours! We need your help! Contact Pastor Noah or Shelly Mueller with questions.

December 27th: Team Escape! Please RSVP by December 16th! We will participate in an escape room! An escape and entertainment experience that will be a blast! This will be fun and challenging! We will arrive at Team escape by **4PM**. Meet at St. Paul's at 3:30PM. Food will follow! Please contact Pastor Noah or Kelly Crist with questions.

January 6th: National Youth Gathering Meeting 12PM after worship. We will have another informational meeting about the national youth gathering to discuss plans and fundraisers (auction). I hope to see you all there! Lunch will be served!



How Are Your Finances?

I know, that's kind of a personal question. Perhaps it got your attention. Do you often find that you have more bills at the end of the month than money left in the checking account? Do you feel at times that your finances are a bit out-of-control and you would like to have better control of them? Are you doing pretty well, but would like to be a stronger Christian steward of the financial resources entrusted to you?

If you answered any of those questions, "Yes," then Financial Peace University is for you! **Financial Peace University is a nine lesson course on all things related to money.** In the class you will learn to budget, save, and learn the best way to pay off debt. If married, this course will help both husband and wife get on the same page. It will teach you the importance of saving up for major expenses and will even cover issues related to insurance, investing, and how to become a generous giver.

Financial Peace University is coming to St. Paul's. It will be offered on Thursday evenings beginning on January 10. The course will be team taught by Pastor Bender and Diana Raasch from the SWD office. The normal cost of the course is \$109 per individual/couple, however the South Wisconsin District has purchased some of the materials at a discount and so the first to sign up will be able to attend the course at a cost of \$80. If that is cost prohibitive for you, please speak to Pastor Bender.

Watch the bulletins in the month of December for sign-ups and more information.



Lutheran A Cappella Choir to Present

"Out of Darkness...Light!"

Friday, Dec. 7th at 7:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, W196 N9525 Cross View Way, Menomonee Falls, and Sunday, Dec. 9th at 3:00pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for general admission and \$12.00 for seniors and students. More information about the concert and tickets are available from the choir's website at www.lutheranacappella.org, or at the door.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst



Sunday December 16, 1:30 pm

Benediction Lutheran Church

**8475 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee WI
(1 Block North of Silver Spring)**

Pastors Don Hougard, David Flegel

Call 414-463-9158 for more information

You can hear our German radio devotion

**Evangelische Andacht
4:30 pm Saturday on WJVI 1340 am
www.evangelischeandacht.org
or on the tune-in radio app**

Sharing God's Bounty

Gold, Incense, and Myrrh . . . and a Message to All

How much do babies appreciate the gifts they receive when they are born? Did Jesus, being the Son of God as well as the son of Mary, value the gifts the Magi brought? We would think those gifts impractical for a baby, but then this was not an ordinary baby. That gold bought food and lodging and everything that was needed by the holy family as they fled to Egypt and then got established in a new home. The incense was burned as their prayers ascended to the Father in Heaven, and the myrrh was used some thirty years later to anoint the body later of the Baby grown to be our Savior.

"The gifts are traditional gifts of the East," the Concordia Commentary on Matthew 2:11 tells us. We can be sure that these gifts were appreciated by our Lord, for St. Paul writes, *"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12).

Were the gifts of the shepherds that first Christmas night acceptable as well? What did the shepherds bring? The Bible does not record their bringing any gift at all – except, that is, the gift of their running to the stable with anticipation, the gift of their humble worship as their anticipation turned to realization, and the gift of their *"spread[ing] the word concerning what had been told them"* as they returned to their flocks, *"glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen"* (Luke 2:17, 20). It is obvious the willingness was there as the shepherds brought gifts according to what they had. Therefore, according to Scripture, their gifts were acceptable.

We, too, can be sure that our gifts are appreciated by our Lord – the gifts of our treasures – our gold and silver and the gifts of our praise and adoration as we witness to what we have heard and seen. Like the Magi and the shepherds, we are drawn to the manger bed. Like them, we kneel in awe and adoration. Like them, we use the gifts God gives us, wherever we are, wherever God places us, to *"spread the word concerning what [has] been told [us]."*

"If you want to live longer give the other driver the right of way."

"There will always be roses, but someone has to take care of them."

"People who spend their time finding fault usually have little else to do."

"A church member who feels no responsibility for his Church does not really belong."

Renewed in Christ Hope • Strength • Soar



Thank You to our Lectors, Elders, Communion Assistants and Ushers

These dedicated people help us at each of our worship services throughout the year and we are very thankful for their willingness to volunteer their time to serve here at St. Paul's:

Jane Adams, Laurel Privatt, Cassy Barry, Carri Halstead, Jodi Drew, Pete Scheuer, John Ficken, Grant Gundersen, Dalen Heinzen, Russell Hurst, Jim Laux, Melissa Leon, Mary McPartland, Debra Nier, Russell Koehn, Bob Reynolds, Marc Stefanic, Dan Vaclav, Paul Wessler, Jim Novotny, Jim Adams, Gary Knight, Joe Ross, Ron Gray, Brian Rebholz, Marty Osell, Steve Wollerman, Gary VanDyke, German Sanchez, Dave Ross, Jack Burkee, Bob Komor, Larry DeBona, Tony Romano, Dave Baars, Jim Dittman, Jessica Barnett, Tin Odor, Dawn Ziolecki, Harvey Laurich, Sue Vilter, Hank Geitz, Ken Moy, Pat Lamp, Nathan Wozniak, Scott Mueller, Jack Mueller, Nick Fischer, Dick Ebert, Ellen VanDyke, Jack McGill, Dale Pipkorn, Ron Bland, Gary Kulinski, David Ullerich, Larry Hoffmann, Wade Stephan, Bill Volkmann, Amy Baxter, Al Weil, Jeff Haas, Jeff Leitermann, Peter Strigenz, Bob Strystick, Al Couturier, Wendy Rentmaster.



Divine Connections



Thank you to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Box Project. Along with Capuchin Community Services and the Milwaukee Bucks, we were able to provide meals to 50 families this holiday season. A huge thank you to St. Paul's Schoolchildren for their chapel offerings to help support this project. With their offerings and the help of Mr. Burkee's 8th grade students, we were able to stuff 13 boxes.

Please save the date for our annual Community Clothing Drive, which will be May 18, 2019. We will start taking donations beginning in January so stay tuned for those drop off dates. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the drop offs and sorting of clothes.

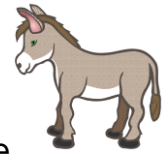


Divine Connections is always looking for outreach ideas and team members. If interested, we meet every third Tuesday at 5:00 at the ECC, so stop in. We would love to see you.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund \$1000 Scholarships
for LCMS high school seniors & college students.

For details and to apply please visit
lcefcentral.org/scholarships

Groundwork Guatemala News



After about 9 months of preparation, Groundwork Guatemala v.2018 finally came and went. We arrived near the end of the rainy season—torrential rains preceded us, causing major flooding of the streets in Guatemala City, and a foot of water in Gonzalez Park, where we present a faith lesson. Fortunately, the flooding receded quickly and we didn't see a drop of rain the entire trip.

Throughout the week, we were able to visit many of our sponsored students. The kids and their families proudly welcome us into their homes, even when the home is a corrugated shack with a dirt floor. They are so very thankful for our support! We met up with Yeymi, Cristino, and Santo, 3 of the children sponsored by St. Paul's as a congregation. They were tiny, cute little first graders when we began our sponsorship in 2013, but how they have grown! Yeymi is a beautiful young lady, while the boys are working on a growth spurt. All are good students. We also met Bryan, whom we began sponsoring this past year, and who just graduated from high school. He and his mom were positively beaming, but couldn't visit for long because (drum roll, please) Bryan not only graduated, he has a job as a cable technician and had to go to work! We can all feel proud to have helped him succeed.

Groundwork currently finds support for nearly 300 students who would otherwise not be able to afford to go to school. This year, about 20 graduated from high school, including Bryan, students sponsored individually by Darla Leitermann and Carri Halstead, and Brisa who is the daughter of one of the missionaries. The last 3 are awaiting results of entrance exams and hope to go to college.

Education leading to family-supporting jobs is the hope for the future of Guatemala. It is crucial that, as a congregation, we continue our commitment to support Yeymi, Cristino, and Santo and give them that hope. Our recent door offering raised only about half the needed tuition money for the 2019 school year. Your Groundwork Guatemala team respectfully asks for your donations—you may use the envelopes in the attendance folders, or add to your regular offering with the notation "Guatemala tuition." Your contribution DOES make a difference!

FYI: If you ordered wooden boxes/crosses, they can be picked up in the narthex December 8-9 after services

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.




Did you know your purchases can make a difference?

AmazonSmile donates to St. Paul Lutheran Church when you do your holiday shopping at

smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0874906.



School News



My mom's favorite holiday was Christmas. As a young boy, she taught and instilled in me the REAL meaning of Christmas.

You see, my mom was a child of The Great Depression. She grew up with next to nothing. Her family was, "on the dole", as she put it, and existed on government issued food, clothes, and shoes. For Christmas in those days, her gifts would be: an item of clothing that her mother had lovingly repaired and "spruced up" to look like new, a broken toy that her father was able to repair, and a ribbon for her hair.

Yep, that was it.

Existing in conditions like that would cause most of us today to lose hope and to despair, but she thrived in spite of her surroundings and developed into the most kind-hearted, appreciative and generous person that I have ever known. In addition to that, her faith never faltered. In fact, it grew deep roots in those days. Roots that would keep her grounded and anchored for years to come.

You see, my mom knew the Christmas secret, she knew the Reason for the Season. She knew that the best, and in fact, the only gift she really needed, she already had. She knew that no matter what her life circumstances might be, she possessed something far more valuable than many of her peers might ever hope to possess. That gift was her Savior, Jesus, who came to this Earth so long ago, to save people like my mom, Margaret Irene Rehberg, and all other believers, and to finally make them rich beyond measure!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Principal Burkee

SCRIP, which are gift cards, is a fundraiser that runs year round.

When you purchase a gift card a percentage (2%-15%) of the money comes back to us! They can be bought (check or cash) after the 5:00 and 8:00 services and before the 10:30 service. You can also pick up a form, with all the cards that are available and contact Tammy Evers (541-6251 ext. 3011) to place an order. Time to think Christmas shopping!

Thank you so much for those who have bought in the past and may God continue to bless this and all things here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.



**Martin Luther High School Music Department Christmas Concert
"Messiah Has Come"**

December 7 & 8 at 7:00pm

Ticket reservations may be made by calling 414-421-4000.

Tickets also available at the door.

News from the Child Care Center



Thank you to everyone who has helped and continues to help spread the word that the child-care at St. Paul's exists for all families. If you are able to put yard signs in your yard there are still signs available-check the narthex of the church or ask an usher. All you have to do is take one and put it in your yard-thank you for your help. Together, we can make St. Paul's the place God wants it to be. It certainly is exciting to observe God's hand at work.

Currently, there are 9 babies enrolled and attending the child care. While none of these children attend full time, we are happy to meet the needs of the families who allow us the opportunity to care for their little ones. There are 3 toddlers enrolled and 8-10; 3 and 4 year olds. Truly we are blessed.

As the child care continues to grow, we look for donations to help equip the rooms. We are so grateful to those of you who have contributed to our needs. So the question I've been asked is, "Do you need anything?" Below is a list of items that are needed and in some cases wanted. I would be happy to purchase specific items as designated by you or you are welcome to purchase them yourselves and bring them to the child care center. Once again thank you for your ongoing support.

St. Paul's Child Care Center –Needs/Wants

Prayers

Publicity - \$1000.00 (Banners, yard signs, etc.)

2-4 cribs - \$1500.00 (Due to state licensing rules I would need to order these)

2-3 Potty Chairs-\$60.00

Crib sheets (24" x 48")-\$30.00

Single Stroller-\$100.00

Double Stroller-\$200.00

Play yard - \$100.00

2-4 Pack N Plays - \$400.00

Carpeting-\$200.00

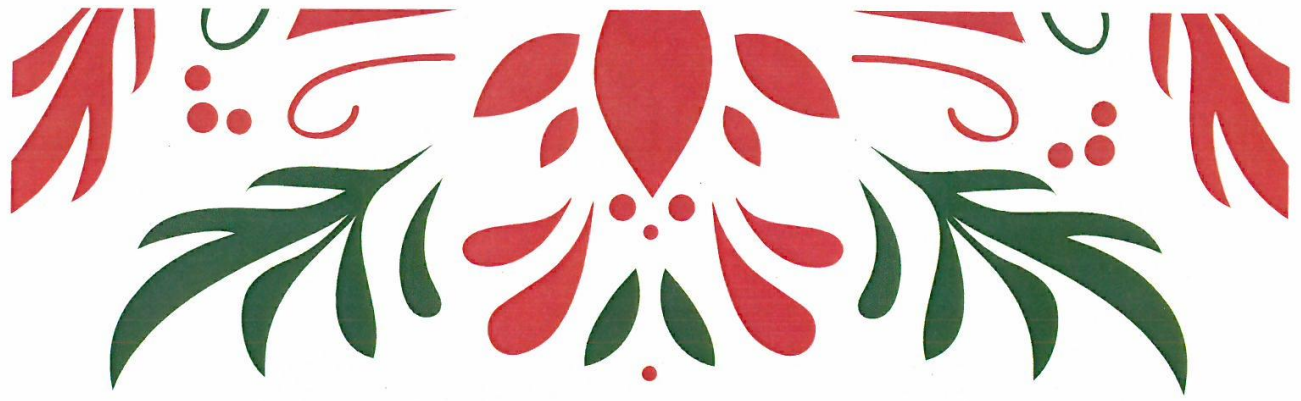
Baby Jumper - \$150.00

Flat Screen TV with DVD player/Firestick and Installation-\$3000.00???



Check your email for an important Child Care Survey that went out the last week of November.





ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL 3RD ANNUAL

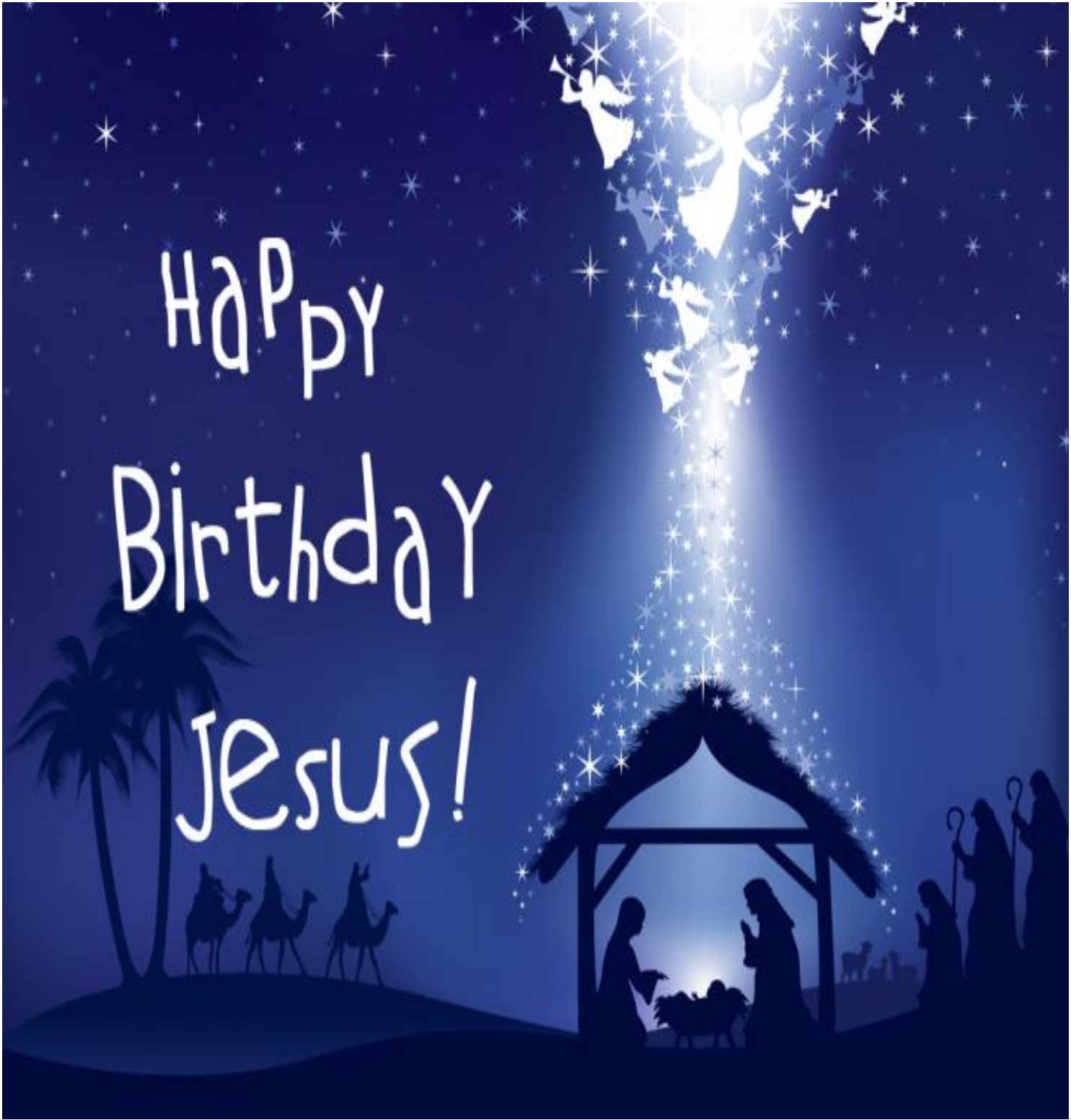
Cookie Walk



- **Homemade Christmas cookies sold by the pound!**
- **Only \$8 per pound**
- **All proceeds benefit St. Paul's Lutheran School**



Where: 79th & Lincoln in the Gymnasium

When: Saturday, December 8th, 9am-12noon



December 2018

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NEWS FROM THE FERRY FAMILY



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We did not leave Indonesia by choice, but because of duty. So any time a return to Indonesia is possible, it's a great joy. I had the opportunity to be in Indonesia again just this last month as the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) was gathering for their regular church convention. They invited the LCMS as special guests, and to do some teaching for their entire body of delegates. What a privilege.



Pastor and his wife with members of the SANAK people in Jambi

The GKLI has great needs in its midst, and it's been a joy to help address some of them. But they're also addressing some needs on their own, and reaching out with the Gospel when they see the opportunities. Pastor Anton Ben Gurion serves a parish in Jambi. While serving his people, he came across some folks who had incredible needs, who were living in his vicinity. He discovered an entire tribe of people who are still nomadic to this day, living in the "forests" of rubber- or palm-oil plantations. They are illiterate, have no access to medical care, and often need to forage for what they need. They're called "Suku Anak Dalam" or SANAK in Indonesian, which roughly translates to Children of the Forest.

Pastor Anton Ben Gurion and his wife, an Evangelist of the GKLI, began to help these people with a combination of mercy care closely connected to the proclamation of the Word of God. They provided some basic medical care, brought food to the hungry, and started to tell them the Good News of Jesus. Pastor and his wife even invited them to church for events and for Sunday Service, and have been visiting them regularly.

And in some ways, the most incredible part was that they did all this on their own, with just the resources the congregation could bring to bear, and the humble means they had in themselves. Finally one of my friends from GKLI told me about what this pastor was doing, and asked if LCMS could be of any service in this outreach project. It was a joy to be able to come alongside Pastor Ben Gurion and give some assistance in his work with these people as he seeks to show mercy and preach the Word. Because of your generosity, our LCMS was able to provide some financial support so the GKLI and the SANAK people could build a worship shelter from reclaimed timber.



Members of the SANAK and GKLI work together to build a worship shelter

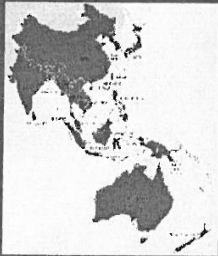


Can you find Ferry? Meeting members of the SANAK people with Pastor Ben Gurion and others from GKLI

These are the friends and co-workers the Lord has placed into our path, and it's a great privilege to work together to serve our Lord and those He would call to Himself by the preaching of His Word. Thank you for giving us the ability to assist our friends in GKLI and our new SANAK friends with Mercy and Witness.

Read more about the SANAK on LCMS.org:
<https://engage.lcms.org/indonesia-fall-2018/>

Ferry Family Update



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Wisdom to recognize the opportunities to show mercy and proclaim the Gospel as our Lord gives to us*
- *All those who wait patiently for a faithful pastor to serve them with the Lord's own Word and Sacraments*
- *The seminaries of our partner churches, as they strive to stay faithful to our Lutheran theology*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Friends given to us in Taiwan who continue to help smooth the way for those of us still learning Chinese*

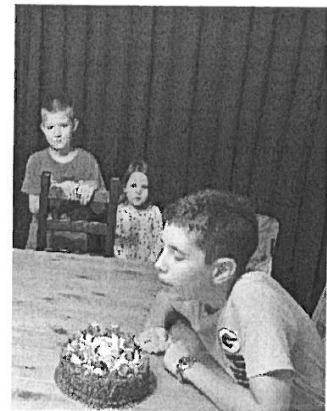
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The Ferry Family is safely settled back in Taiwan, and glad to be. The Ferry kids have had a busy few months with full-time Chinese class, to say nothing of their regular school work. So the only one busier than them was their Momma Cheryl as she also continues taking

Chinese lessons and doing all the teaching. And there are three official students this year: Caleb in eighth grade, Caitlin in fourth grade, and now Carissa in first grade.

Shortly after returning to Taiwan in early September, we had quite the milestone as Caleb turned 13 years old. It's true: my firstborn is now a teenager. He continues to be a good help around the house, and is now even left responsible for some of his younger sisters when the needs arise. This birthday was quite special, as it's the first time he's been surrounded by 18 other kids (all living in our building!) to help celebrate and eat his cake.



Although US Thanksgiving is not celebrated (nor known) in Taiwan or elsewhere in Asia, our family still takes this time every year to count our blessings. We are so incredibly grateful to you for allowing us to live out these vocations and serve as your hands and feet to the people of Asia. As your hands and feet, we are able to serve as the living voice of our Lord Jesus, sending out His Word into the darkest places which desperately need His light for life.

God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.

*- Your Servants and partners in Asia, the Ferry Family
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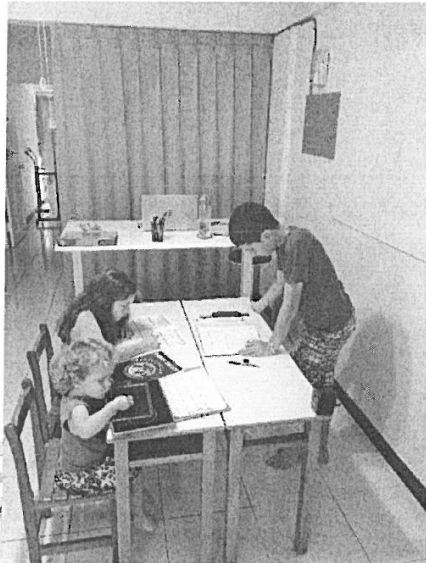
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Ferry Fotos

A special supplement for Thanksgiving 2018

Enjoy the festive holiday weekend by taking a few minutes to explore glimpses of the life in the Ferry household in Taiwan.

A happy and blessed Thanksgiving Weekend to all!



Left: this is what homeschool looks like in the Ferry household. Caleb is doing math, Caitlin is working on English, and Chloe is being a good girl, drawing while the older kids study.



Who needs toys!!! We just need a grape box, and an older sister willing to push you around on the floor! Way to go, Cassie!



Chloe "roars" in joy as she and Charlotte play games during the school hours while the older kids study.



Cheryl and Charlotte practice Chinese at the local "night market" asking people where the best foods are located.



Three worlds colliding: Charlotte in the arms of an Indonesian lady in Taiwan, talking with another Indonesian and one Taiwanese man. There are numerous Indonesians in Taiwan, who work as house helpers.

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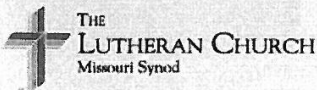
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STUDENTS IN THE WORD

I praise God for the interest the P7 students have shown in learning God's Word. Recently, they were looking through a picture Bible during a lunch break. Together, we walked through the entire Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, telling a summarized narrative of God's plan of salvation. Then, they continued to read through it on their own in their free time throughout the afternoon. May God ever increase their hunger for His Word and provide opportunities for them to hear His Gospel message.



I am thankful for the P7 students who are always willing to help me practice Lusoga, and even help me translate Bible stories for the younger students.



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Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Praying for P7



The P7 Class of Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula celebrated the completion of their primary school education with their teachers, parents, and friends.

As we near the end of the school year, the days at Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula are busy with studying and end of year preparations. It is an especially important time for the P7 class, as it is their final year of primary school. They are counting down the days until November 5 and 6, when they will take their PLEs (Primary Leaving Examinations) in Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Religious Education. Their results on these national exams will determine their eligibility to begin secondary school next year.

Most of these 17 students are from the village of Bufuula, but they all have been boarding (living on campus) at school this year to enable them to have time for extra classes before and after school hours, as well as on Saturdays as they prepare for the exams.

Almost half of the students in this class have attended Hope Lutheran School since they were in nursery school, and they can recall sitting outside under

trees for class before the current buildings were constructed. As they look forward to futures as doctors, nurses, pilots, engineers, mechanics, and policemen, they have expressed an appreciation for the education and care they have received at this school.

I have been thankful for the opportunity to work with this class of students and to share God's Word with them this year. I also praise God that they have been able to hear God's Word regularly at Hope Lutheran Church, which they all have attended while boarding at school this year. During the worship service on Sunday, October 21, Bishop Charles Bameka and the congregation had a special time of prayer for these students as they prepare for their examinations. Please join me in praying for these students to continue growing in His Word, especially for those students who do not come from Christian families. May God continue to work in their lives as they transition to this next phase of life.

Continuing Education



LCMS East Africa missionary families, volunteer child care team, and our visiting professor Dr. Sanchez gathered for continuing education in Kampala, Uganda.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *The P7 students as they take their exams and prepare for the next stages of life*
- *Health and safety*
- *Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *A time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment, at Continuing Education*
- *Our new head teacher, who has filled a vacant position at Hope Lutheran School*
- *The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for me, encourage me, and support me*

YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- *I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.*

I thank God for the opportunity to serve alongside fellow LCMS missionaries in East Africa. Each fall, all of the missionaries from Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania gather for a time of continuing education to help us in ministry.

This year's continuing education classes were held in Kampala, Uganda, so it was a joy to welcome our fellow missionaries to the country. Some of them were even able to come to visit Hope Lutheran Church and School in Bufulula and to see the way God is working there.

Our three days of classes were taught by Dr. Leo Sanchez, a professor at the seminary in St. Louis. We learned about ways to respond to the influences of Pentacostalism as we serve among

the people in East Africa who are very attracted to the prosperity gospel. We also studied the work of the Holy Spirit, which is helpful to me as it coincides with the lessons I am currently teaching at school.

I was also thankful for the opportunity to daily gather with these fellow brothers and sisters in Christ for worship and times of fellowship. Please keep all of these missionaries and their families in your prayers as they serve the Lord in East Africa.

To learn more about the work God is doing through the LCMS missionaries here in East Africa and around the world visit the new website for LCMS International Mission.

<https://international.lcms.org>

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

*Humbly in the Lord's service,
-Rachel Meyer*



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