

# The Monthly Herald

February 2019

## From Your Pastor

Dear members of St. Paul's

The month of February typically evokes conversations about *love* because of Valentine's Day. And for many people, Valentine's Day can seem tacky with all of the pink and red, cupid shooting his arrows, store-bought roses, and heart-shaped chocolates. But love, in a different sense, is quite appropriate for the month of February. In February, we are reminded in the church that *God's love* stretches to all humanity. Jesus performs miracles of all sorts, feeding, healing, proclaiming, etc. And because we have been given the gift of faith through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are called to love as Jesus has loved us. John, the disciple who Jesus loved, writes,



*“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.”*

1 John 4:18-19

The message is simple: We love because he first loved us. But, when we love, that means we are vulnerable with people, and vulnerability can sometimes be an uneasy thing for us to do. However, when we love others, relationships grow. And when relationships grow, the body of Christ grows and takes on the form and likeness of Jesus. Let's make it our goal as a congregation to love one another as Christ has loved us. So what does that actually look like for us day in and day out? When you see someone who is in need, extend yourself to him/her. Go out of your way to bless somebody who needs it. Share stories with one another. Grow closer to one another by worshipping regularly. Grow in love by diving into God's Word together. Pray with and for one another. Let's love one another!

Love,

Pastor Noah Kegley

### **Pastor Bender's Call to Rice Lake News**

*Pastor Bender has announced that he has declined the call to serve First Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, WI.*

*Please continue to keep First Lutheran in your prayers, that our Lord would provide them with a new pastor who will meet their needs, serve well, and build up the body of believers in that place.*

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## Bible Classes

### Men's Bible Breakfast - The Exodus

We continue to "walk with the Israelite people" as God leads them out of Egypt to His holy mountain, Mount Sinai. Come and join us as we continue to journey through holy history in the Book of Exodus. We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month (9th and 23rd) at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We eat breakfast, pray, and study the Word. It is a great way to start off your Saturday morning.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

#### Go and Be Reconciled

##### What Does This Mean?

Life is simply filled with conflicts. Living in a sinful world filled with people who, by their very nature, think of themselves before others . . . this causes quarrels, squabbles, arguments, and even full-out family feuds! When conflict arises, God has a will and a plan and would teach us to always seek to be reconciled, both to Him and to others.

Starting Sunday, February 3, we will be engaged in a compelling Bible study about reconciliation. The study is called: **"Go and Be Reconciled. What Does This Mean?"** This study could be a wonderfully life-changing opportunity for you. Everyone who attends will be blessed to live a more peaceful life as we learn to deal with issues of conflict according to God's plan. As the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: **"As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."** **(Romans 12:18)**

This study will bless marriage relationships, parent/child relationships, relationships at work, relationships with friends and even those you might consider enemies. The class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am each Sunday. Baked goods and coffee are served as well. Come and be blessed . . . and live a life of peace.

**Monday Morning Bible Study - Monday's at 11:30am in the Library** In mid-February we will begin a study of Genesis. Please join us! Leader: Laurel Privatt

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

During the month of February we will finish up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle written by St. Peter. This letter concludes with important teachings regarding the end of the world as we know it, the ushering in of the new heavens and earth, and the call to be prepared for that climactic event in every generation. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00am to 11:30am each Thursday morning, weather permitting.

## Divine Connections

Thank you to those who attended our dinner and movie, "Same Kind of Different as Me." Close to 60 people enjoyed food and fellowship.

If you were moved by this movie, it's not too late to volunteer on March 4 at St. Ben's Meal program as a floor helper. The time is 4:45-6:45 and ages 12 and up are welcome.

This is a great opportunity to go outside of St. Paul's walls and help those in need. Contact Crystal Barry, 414-423-0244 for more details.

Remember to save the date for our annual Clothing drive May 18, 2019. This event will run from 9-2. We will need many volunteers for set up and sorting on May 17 and 18.

**Clothing drop off at the ECC will be on Saturdays February 16, March 16, and April 13 from 9-11:00.** We will also need help with sorting on these dates from 9-11:00 am.

## New Pictorial Directory

Thank you to everyone who had their photo's taken.

Thank you to all who have helped with the directory:

Committee members, greeters for photo sessions, shut in pictures and those who have taken photos for the activity pages.



February 2, 2019

**Widows Lunch** ~ The next Widows Lunch will be on Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at "Armeli's" 16201 W. National Ave. New Berlin.



**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 little band of quilters is growing...Welcome to Marilyn Kenngott who joined the group on Mondays.

Thank you to the following for their gifts to the quilters.

- The choir ladies for their \$100 donation from the Advent by Candlelight event.
- Sue Daeke for her monetary donation.
- Joyce Hafemann for clearing her sewing room and donating fabric.

Quilting dates in February and March are February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com



## **Ladies Book Club**

Next book - "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate. Meeting date: February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Ladies Guild** ~ Thank you to all who donated to our baby clothes and mitten barrel. It is much appreciated. We will continue to collect baby items. Flannel sheets make good diapers and blankets. We continue to collect Mites for Missionary work.

LWML Mite Box Collection ~ February 2 & 3, 2019  
LWML Mite Boxes are located in the narthex. All members are welcome to use one and support our mission grants!

## **LOVE**

The word love has many meanings, for many people.  
But the Love God has for you and me is crystal clear.  
For he sent His son to save us on the cross of Calvary.  
What awesome love is that!

Elaine Lemke



## Caring Connections:

### Support for Families with Addiction

A support group for families with a loved one struggling with drug addiction or who have lost a family member due to a drug-related death. This group provides a supportive environment that fosters hope and healing.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month 6:00 – 7:30pm at  
Aurora West Allis Medical Center  
8901 W. Lincoln Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53227

Check in at information desk to be directed to the meeting room.  
Registration is not required for the FREE program.  
For more information call 414-328-7524

## Come to the Open House at Steeple View Christian Community

**Sunday, February 24th from noon – 2:00 p.m.**

Are you tired of mowing the lawn and shoveling snow? Is home maintenance getting to be too much of a burden? Why not take advantage of today's real estate market and make the move to Steeple View Christian Community? You will experience independent, active living at its best and the caring environment of a Christian community.

Steeple View offers a variety of sizes and floor plans in a suburban environment that is conveniently located for shopping and all your daily needs. There's a floor plan to fit your lifestyle! See why our residents made their move and are already enjoying the numerous amenities and welcoming Christian environment.

Call 414-525-5500 today for a personal tour or stop by the Open House on **Sunday, February 24th from noon – 2:00 p.m.**

Steeple View – An Independent Adult Community Embracing Christian Values  
12455 W. Janesville Rd., Muskego, WI 53150 [steepleview.org](http://steepleview.org) 414-525-5500

## Grace Lutheran Church Witness Workshop

8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Oak Creek

Saturday March 16, 2019

8:00am Registration

8:30am – 3:30pm Workshop

Cost: \$14 per person

Registration Deadline: March 8

South Wisconsin District-LCMS  
8100 W. Capitol Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53222  
414-464-8100  
[Swd.lcms.org](http://Swd.lcms.org)

If you have questions or need additional information about the Witness Workshop please contact Rev. Jonah Burakowski, SWD Mission Executive 414-464-8101 or [burakowski@swd.lcms.org](mailto:burakowski@swd.lcms.org)

## Music Notes

Our February Hymn of the Month is “Behold the Lamb” by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend. This song reminds us of how Christ was sacrificed for us and bears all of our sins.

Verse 1: “Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.”

We will be using this hymn as our “Agnus Dei” during the month of February. Remember this part of our liturgy, just prior to celebrating communion, reminds us of our Lamb of God who takes away all of our sins.

We pray this new song is a blessing for you as you worship.



### Calling ALL St. Paul Alumni & Friends

Come join the St. Paul's pep band on Friday February 22nd to help support our team during the St. Paul's boys basketball tournament.

You may play for our pep rally Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30PM before the games begin AND/OR during our first team game at 7:15 PM. Contact Michelle Prince: [michelle@splcwa.org](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org) or the school 414-541-6251 to let us know if you can join us! Let's praise the Lord with our instruments and celebrate our team!

## Junior High School Youth News

The Junior High youth will be bowling on Sunday, March 3 at New Berlin Ale House bowling alley. Cost is \$10 per student, which includes 2 games of bowling, shoes and pizza dinner. We will meet right at the bowling alley 16000 W. Cleveland Ave in New Berlin at 4 pm. Please plan ahead to carpool for rides to and from the Ale House. We should be finished around 6 pm. Payment is due to Shelly upon arrival.



Our Jr. High youth did a spectacular job serving St. Paul's Advent dinners! We will also be serving Lenten dinners on March 27th and April 10th. Plan to arrive at 4:30. Students are welcome to come to the kitchen after school to do homework in the Parish hall as I will be there to supervise if need be. Hopefully this helps with not having to make two trips for parents. I know that our church family sincerely appreciates your efforts in serving both God and your fellow believers!

Yours in faith, Shelly Mueller

## High School Youth News



***Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-5pm- Open Gym/ Game Night***

(bring your own board games). Pizza included!

**Saturday February 3 - 1-3pm Make Up Bowl-A-Thon at AMF Lanes 7505 W. Oklahoma**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>- Jail at boys basketball tournament! Come throw people in jail to raise money for the National Youth Gathering! Look for details coming soon!**

**\*Special Note\***: Please continue to look for vendors/items to donate for our Auction on **March 30<sup>th</sup>**! We need as much participation as possible to make the auction a success!

Questions? Contact Kelly Crist at 414.559.9122 or Pastor Noah at 262.302.9575.



***National Youth Gathering 2019 Minneapolis, MN***: The remaining cost of the registration fee is \$215 in order to cover the total of \$365. Please make checks out to: "St. Paul's Youth." Please contact Pastor Noah or Pastor Bender with financing questions.

***Thank you to all parents, students, and volunteers to make Youth Ministry at St. Paul's a joy! -Pastor Noah***

# Sharing God's Bounty

Each household has its own routine. We go to work; we help the kids with their homework and attend their events; we make the meals, clean the house, and do the laundry. Our days are full – sometimes too full. So full that time for the Lord is abbreviated or omitted altogether. Then comes Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It's just what we need to get back on track. We gather together for worship. We hear again about Jesus' ministry, about the events that eventually lead up to his crucifixion, about his zeal for the Lord's house. We hear his prayer for his disciples and his words of comfort and preparation to them.

Our hearts are turned to Christ instead of toward ourselves. We ask for grace to love and serve as he did, sacrificing self for the good of others. *"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13). Paul comments, *"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:7-8). God loved and chose us, the unlovely, to shed his grace upon. We are reminded that, *"since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"* (1 John 4:11).

*"Love one another."* Not just our close friends or those who agree with us, but *"one another."* We can't do it, can we? Some people are just too hard to love. Some people are not deserving of our gifts and our attention. Some people aren't interested in the love we have to offer. The command remains: *"Love one another."*

Now is a good time to read John 15. Here we find the secret of loving and serving. Here we find the source of love, of faith, of everything we need. That source is Jesus. He is the Vine. He sustains and nurtures us, the branches. He enables us to bear fruit, to *"love one another."* He calls those who obey him. His friends and tells us he will give us whatever we ask in his name. So we pray, Lord, let us *"love one another."*

*Too often we fail to understand that Christian instruction about money is one of the best opportunities we have to teach our children about God's love for us, and his ownership of all things. The way we use money is the extension of our personal characteristics. By teaching our children the Christian use of money, affording them control of money and the need to make decisions about money, we also confront them with the meaning of discipleship and Christian stewardship.*

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# Journey With Jesus



## Stop Signs and Traffic Lights

“I am the way and the truth and the life” John 14:6

Are you ready for our Journey with Jesus? Every journey starts with packing the essentials. On this trip all you will need is a bible, a good devotional and an appetite for adventure.

With any journey comes some apprehension of the unknown. “My bible is dusty” or “I don’t know of a good devotional”. Let us help. Suggestions and tools will be provided to help ease those travel worries.

Our journey begins with encountering the many signals and signs on this superhighway of life. Stop signs tell us to stop at an intersection, look at what direction to take and then proceed. Consider this when you come to *stop sign* in your life. Which direction are you heading in your spiritual journey? Are you choosing the path of the evil one, or are you traveling on the path of Jesus, the way?

Traffic lights let us know when it is time to stop, when it is time to slow down and when it is time to go forward. Envision yourself at a stop light in your neighborhood and consider this:

Stop (red light)– Stop and listen to God. What is He trying to tell you?

Job 37:14, John 5:14-15, Jeremiah 29:13, 1John 2:16-17

Slow (yellow light) – Slow down and make time for God.

2Peter 3:9, Proverbs 8:34, John 15:16-17, 2Peter 3:18, 1Peter 2:2-3

Go (green light) – Go God’s way every day.

2Timothy 1:8-10, 1Peter 3:8-11, Matthew 5:14-16, Luke 11:33, 1Peter 3:15

**Stop:** Listen to what God is putting in your heart today?

Talk to God and ask for strength or simply thank Him for this great day? Then dust off your bibles. If you don’t have one, find a version you are comfortable reading, (NIV, Good News Translation, Contemporary English Version, King James, etc). Look up the above scripture readings. What is God saying to you in these readings?

**Slow:** How are you spending time with God.

Find a devotion that speaks to you and/or your family. Then choose a time daily to read and reflect. Did God speak to you in that devotion today? Here are a few suggested devotionals: “You Version” Bible app or other Apps on your phone (for you techies), “Christ in Our Home”, “Jesus Calling”, “Portals of Prayer” or “Little Visits with Jesus”.

**Go:** How are you sharing what God has put in your heart today.

Share with someone what God has done for you to a family member, friend or others.

Attending church and/or group bible study also solidifies a community of sharing the word.

We would love to hear how your journey is going. Send us a postcard and let us know how God spoke to you. Look for postcards in the narthex. We will have a Journey with Jesus mail box for you to “mail”. Blessings on your journey!

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope” Romans 15:13*

## Groundwork Guatemala News



Please meet Sandra Yessenia Sicaja Tipaz. Sandra began her mission work at the young age of 15 years old. Originally with the mission that preceded Groundwork, A Servants Heart, Sandra continued and has been with Groundwork Guatemala since its beginning in 2009. At the age of 32, that amounts to 17 years of being a missionary. What dedication. Sandra's family has not had an easy life. Her parents met in the dump while working and fell in love. Her Mother came to that area when her Mother, Sandra's grandmother, moved her family from a remote Mayan village to Guatemala City near the dump. Her hope was to have of a better life.

Sandra's Mom, Petrona or Tona for short, has been the driving force behind raising 8 children, most of which are professionals. She had Sandra when she was only 15 years old. Sandra, who is single with no children, has 7 siblings, 5 sisters and 2 brothers.

Sandra's Father was in the military and believed that girls do not go to school. Her Mother heard of a mission that would help pay for schooling for her girls and that is how Sandra got her start as a missionary. She began as an accountant at A Servants Heart. Sandra's sister, Aracely was a teacher and is now working with Groundwork. Her sisters Ingrid and Iris are in accounting. The youngest girl, Leidy is 18 and in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you were to meet Sandra you would soon come to love her contagious smile and bubbly personality. When I first met her, she was beginning her study of the English language. On our trips into the communities, she would sit next to me and ask all sorts of questions, not only get to know me, but also work on her English. She always asks for prayers for her English.

Sandra seeks daily to improve her relationship with God. Her belief is that with God you have everything. She told us that you need to find a way to serve God in whatever job you do. Her favorite saying I looked forward to hearing every morning when asked "How are you today?" was simply "Blessed by the Lord". When you tried to give her a compliment she would just say, "Thanks be to God". She truly believes that everything comes from God. She is such a humble and faithful servant. It is her love of God and others that continues to inspire me. My sponsorship of her is a blessing that I get to see daily in her work and in her life.

Sandra's work gives her the privilege to minister one on one to many people. Sometimes in extreme situations, such as near death, she sees people with a hunger for God. She sees this as an opportunity to prepare those for meeting God. Her goal is also to help people's spiritual life no matter what is wrong in everyday life.

She also works with the scholarship children. Her goal is to help them to understand that this educational opportunity is a blessing from God and it should not be wasted.

Her favorite activities outside of Groundwork are working at her church and helping with bible studies and devotions. Her Mother is her inspiration and she also tries to spend time with her as well.

She asks that you please pray for her Dad so that she can have a better relationship with him and to help her forgive him for the past.

My favorite quote from Sandra:

"In the same way that God loves me, I must love and forgive, trust, tolerate, endure, be benevolent, patient, merciful, kind, full of grace, faithful, not disrespecting people, no matter how often they fail. It is to love without limit in body, soul and spirit. For the love of God is like the sea. It has no limits, or like the immense sky. With the help of God we can do it little by little and day after day.

# School News



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

St. Paul's Lutheran School offers students a great education with the incorporation of Christian teachings and practices throughout its program. It is a great place where students can live out their faith through helping others. All of our students perform service projects at a variety of places in many different ways to the service of others. During Lutheran Education Week, our classes helped at various places like nursing homes, hospices, resale shops, and food pantries. It was a great way to share our faith in service to others.

Not only do we help others with our gifts and talents, but the students get to participate in a variety of co- and extra-curricular activities. We have a variety of sports, National Junior Honor Society, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, band, choir, art, all in concert with our regular course offerings.

St. Paul's has dedicated teachers and support staff that provide an excellent Christian learning environment for all of our students. Our faculty and staff give of themselves in many ways each and every day. You don't have to look far, or go back in history, or explore other schools to see what a blessing it is to have these wonderful teachers and support staff in place at our school RIGHT NOW. Our teachers are able to take secular items that our students are exposed to (e.g. social media, evolution, relationships), and teach them what the Bible says about these items and how to address them from a Christian perspective.

That is why we have a Lutheran School with Christian teachers-to train children in the way they should go-now and in their future. We are all in the world, but not of the world. Praise God for the many opportunities offered at St. Paul's Lutheran School for our students and their families.

Do you want to take part in this? The time is now to enroll for the 2019-2020 school year. Check out this link- <http://splswa.com/formsmanualspublications.html> for information about our school program. If you have any questions about our school, or you know of someone who would like to learn more about our school, please contact me ([principal@splcwa.org](mailto:principal@splcwa.org)).

Thank you for all your support, prayers, and financial gifts that are offered to not just keep our school program going, but to make it excel as we prepare our students now for their future. We have much more work to do, but with your help and God's guidance, we will continue moving forward.

Jack Burkee, Principal


**Track Coaches Needed:** Milwaukee Lutheran High School is in need of coaches for the following positions. Each of these positions carries a stipend. Please contact Jerad Luedtke ([Jluedtke@MilwaukeeLutheran.org](mailto:Jluedtke@MilwaukeeLutheran.org) or 414-461-6000 ext 208) if you are interested.

Head Boys Track Coach March 4 – June 1  
Head Girls Track Coach March 4–June 1  
Assistant Track Coaches March 4–June 1



# February 2019

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>School Book Fair</i>	2 9:00 AM Adult Instruction 5:00 PM Worship
3 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM Bowl A Thon Make Up 3:00 PM Youth Open Gym	4 9:00 AM Quilters 11:30 AM Bible Class	5 10:00 AM Tai Chi 6:30 PM Board of Education	6 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	7 9:00 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM Bible Class  6:00 PM Bells 6:00 PM Finance 6:30 PM Financial Peace 7:15 PM Choir	8	9 7:00 AM Mens Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Instruction 5:00 PM Worship
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