



From Pastor's Pen ...



How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. – Habakkuk 1:2-3

Justice God's Way

Read the words of Habakkuk above again. Did God really write these words through Habakkuk 2,500 years ago or was it just last week? The amazing thing about God's Word is the more you read it...it's remarkably contemporary! Right off your favorite internet news feed, the evening news or the newspaper if you still read one. Violence is all around us. And it is disturbing!

When Habakkuk looked out his front window, he saw violence and injustice. The bad guys just did whatever they wanted to. All of Habakkuk's neighbors seemed OK with injustice and violence. As with most things, some people saw an opportunity. They took advantage of evil to advance their own cause without any concern for people getting hurt. Habakkuk could not understand how God allowed all this wrong to happen. Isn't God a just God? Isn't he a loving God? Habakkuk prayed and prayed that the Lord would set things right... but nothing happened.

Does that sound familiar? Today people abuse their authority to take advantage of others. And it is happening in the most respected institutions in our land; in government and the church. But it isn't only there! People disrespect authority to hurt others. People jump to conclusions and ignore facts just to prove their point. No one seems concerned about people getting hurt. Most people just want to win the argument and advance their personal agenda. Maybe you have experienced it. Maybe you're the one who

has been hurt. Maybe you're the one who has hurt others. The question is, why doesn't God punish the evil doers? Why does God tolerate all the destruction and violence we see in this world? Why doesn't He bring an end to conflict and peace to strife-torn hearts?

God answered Habakkuk's prayer by explaining He would bring justice in his own time and way. God told Habakkuk to be patient and trust that God would do the right thing at the right time—which God did.

Do we really want God to bring justice in our time? Think about it. Have you lost your temper? Have you cut people down with your attitude, your words or your actions? Are you really concerned about people who may have been hurt by what you said or did? What are you doing to help relieve the pain of the suffering? You know...if God pays back people what they deserve, why wouldn't He be paying me or you a visit? In the end, do you really want to beg God to bring justice to the world?

Yet Our God already has. On a cross outside of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, God brought justice to this world. He blasted Jesus with all the punishment deserved by all the violence and evil and wrong committed by the human race. God's Son unjustly suffered in our place. Jesus took that burden because he did not want us condemned. He wanted us forgiven.

On the cross, God's justice collided with God's love. On the cross, God punished all wrong-doers by punishing Jesus. On the cross, God forgave all wrong-doers by punishing Jesus. Looking to Jesus and Jesus alone as our Savior, we can look forward to meeting God without any fear. Because of Jesus, God will welcome us into heaven.

God will also take care of justice here on earth—in his own time and his own way. Sometimes we will have to wait patiently for God to act. Most importantly for us, we know God has already acted to forgive our sin. We never have to fear that he will punish us. Jesus took our place!

Prayer: Gracious Lord, remember not my sins but remember me always as one in need of Your forgiving love for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Nominations needed for Church Council Officers & Board Members

St. Paul's is seeking nominations to fill boards and committees of our congregation for 2019. Elections will be held at the October Quarterly Meeting. Your input, your advice and volunteering is welcomed and encouraged. Please contact the Church Office or one of the Elders if you are interested in being nominated for a position.

Quarterly Meeting of the Voters

The Quarterly Meeting for our congregation will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 9:15 AM. Please come and be about the Savior's business. Business before the congregations is the annual election for church officers, council members and board members of the congregation.



Westmeyer Scholarship

Applications for the Westmeyer Educational Fund will be considered until November 1, 2018. This scholarship fund was established in memory of Pastor H. Paul Westmeyer, a former pastor of St. Paul's. The scholarship is open to students pursuing Christian education at Lutheran institutions. Students and families applying for this scholarship need to be a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Applications are available in the church office.

Membership Update Still Going On

A Congregational Membership Data Event has begun! After both services on Sunday, September 30th and October 7th, you can update your membership data if you haven't already done so. To date we have 91 families who have completed the update.

New Sunday Morning Bible Class

Sunday Morning Bible Class invites you to come and join with them as they begin a study of the 4 Gospels in narrative form. What does that mean? Instead of reading each of the four gospels individually, we will read the Gospels together in a single narrative form. It's called *A Harmony of the Four Gospels*. Studying the Gospels this way isn't often done but a new book called "*The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ: A Harmony of the Four Gospels*" gives us the opportunity to read through the Gospels in this way. Each of the Gospels are put together in a chronological, narrative form so that you get a big picture of the life and work of our Savior. Please come! The book is available for purchase at Sunday Morning Bible Class for \$15.50.

Community Old Time Gospel Sing-A-Long

Paul Pagel and The Sunshiners will be presenting a Community Old Time Gospel Sing-A-long on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2PM. Paul Pagel is a fellow Lutheran and a friend of St. Paul's who helped us last July with our outdoor sound system at the Worship In The Park that St. Paul hosted. He and his group will be here to sing some of the old familiars that aren't in the hymnal but many people enjoy singing. Come and join us for some food, fellowship and singing! See the flyer in this month's newsletter for more information.

Photo Update Yet To Come

This will be happening at a later date this fall. We will be taking an informal picture of all members individually and also as a family so that in the future as a congregation we can associate names with faces and also be able to print our own Pictorial Directory. It is all a part of building Christian community in our midst.



Red Envelope! Your Gifts Help!

The *Oktoberfest Red Envelope* campaign helps with the start out cost for each year's *Oktoberfest*. There are some years when the *Red Envelope Campaign* has covered the cost for that year's *Oktoberfest* leaving the proceeds as profit for our congregation. You can pick up a red envelope near the Scrip table in the fellowship area. Your gifts to this campaign helps!

Weymont Food Pantry News

During these weeks in Fall heading towards Thanksgiving, when you are shopping, please pick up non-perishable food items for the Weymont Food Pantry to help families in our area. Even though things have greatly improved, many families still need to supplement with the food that Weymont Food Pantry provides. Your gifts of cash or non-perishables helps the Pantry to provide for these needs. The Food Pantry expresses their sincere thanks to all who have volunteered and donate on a regular basis.

St. Paul Exercise Program Underway

Many years ago, an exercise sponsored by Waupaca County met here at St. Paul. A brand new exercise program, new and improved has returned! This Exercise Program started two weeks ago. What makes this fun and engaging is that the program is taught by a new member of our congregation, Theresa Gurgel. You are welcome to come! No prior experience is necessary. With the days getting cooler and shorter; the time for morning/evening walks are coming to an end but that doesn't mean you can't exercise. If you have the time available, please come and join the fun! They will meet each Thursday at 4:00PM.



COMMUNITY OLD-TIME GOSPEL SINGALONG

Featuring

Paul Pagel and the Sunshiners



FREE ! NO admission or collection!

Enjoy old gospel songs we've learned from Alan Jackson & The Gaithers, such as.....

* *WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN*

* *WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER*

* *BECAUSE HE LIVES*

* *I'LL FLY AWAY...and lots more!*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 at 2:00 P.M.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Fremont

St. Paul 12th Annual Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 14, 2018

St. Paul's Oktoberfest & Pig Roast will take place on Sunday, October 14, beginning with an outdoor church service at 10:30 AM. A delicious German meal with all the trimmings, a silent auction, along with polka music, rounds out the day until 1:30 PM. Again we are counting on everyone to help in some way, encouraging others to attend, purchasing tickets for a wonderful meal and fellowship, or by volunteering in the following areas:

- **Pre-Oktoberfest Set-up Crew**
- **Lending your Nesco roaster as well as moving food from the church to the tent**
(Please be sure to put your name on your Nesco including the lid.)
- **Helping in the kitchen and helping to serve in the food line.**
- **Baking one or more German chocolate, chocolate and white cakes**
(disposable aluminum cake tins will be provided)
- **Post-Oktoberfest Clean Up Crew**
- **Table and Tent Fall Decorations**
- **Donations for the Silent Auction**
(Please Call Mary Ann Oehlke 920-572-4207 to let her know)

If you are able to help in one or a couple different ways, please be sure to call Doug Ehrenberg at 920-585-0036. It is important that if you can help that you would please call ahead of time, that way we can get an accurate number of people that we need for set-up and take down. If you can bake a cake, please sign up by the scrip table.

The German Dinner menu includes the following:

- **Roast Pork; sauerkraut; stuffing; baby red potatoes; corn; and dinner roll**
(hot dogs available for the children)
- **Dessert: Assortment of Frosted Cakes**
- **Coffee and Milk included**
- **Cost: \$12.00(Pre Sale) per person; \$14 (Day Of)**
Children 8 and younger free
- **Carry-outs are welcomed**
- **Advance tickets can be purchased from the church office during the week or from Doug Ehrenberg after each service on Sunday mornings**

Also, your help in purchasing 10 meal tickets above your regular Sunday offerings to church, to sell to family and friends will be greatly appreciated.

This year we will again be having our St. Paul's Preschool & Sunday School singing as part of the church service.

See you at Oktoberfest!



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council
August 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:31 pm.

Doug opened with a devotion.

Roll: Matthew Voigt, Sandy Smith, Mark Peters, Bobbi Marks, Bob Wendt, Phil Lewin, Doug Ehrenberg, Paul Krause, Pat Kons.

Absent: Pastor Pope, Stewardship/Evangelism.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous church council meeting were reviewed. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: The July treasurers report was reviewed. Motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Mark Peters to approve. Motion carried.

Pastor: Absent.

Elders: Pastor gave an outlook of events to come this fall. Mavis Kohl is home from the hospital. Tim Lager is hospitalized. Discussed the baptismal banner situation. There is an upcoming safety seminar at WFHS on August 29th. Roger is looking into a camera security system for our church. Talked about the creation of a mission statement.

Trustees: Continuing to work on projects as they come up.

Board of Education: Daycare budget is doing ok. Staff will attend safety seminar at WFHS on the 29th. The daycare will be closed that day. Information was given regarding the Concordia plan. The film fest was another great event. About 40 people attended. National Youth Gathering is coming up next year in Minneapolis. If a group is interested in going they need to start the process now. The Way will continue to meet on Sunday mornings. Sunday school enrollment is ongoing. The first Sunday of Sunday school will be a kickoff event. Confirmation starts September 12th.

Stewardship/Evangelism: Absent

Old Business:

Health Plan for 2019: Recommendation to stay on current plan until they discontinue it completely. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to stay in current plan for 2019. Motion carried.

Church Cleaning: Recommended to hire Nan Young to clean the church at a pay rate of \$20/hr. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Mark Peters to approve. Motion carried.

New Business:

Website: We are still waiting for our website to be upgraded to a mobile platform. This has been an ongoing concern as we signed up to move to this platform almost 3 years ago. Calls/emails are vague as to the timeline. A new website company (faithconnectors.com) was submitted for us to review. They have a mobile platform that we are looking for. Pricing sheets were passed around. It was suggested that council members look at the various web layouts on their web page. It was agreed to table this until the September meeting so that members could view the different offerings.

Stop the bleed: Sandy will be having this training program come into the daycare to do training for the staff. Date to be determined, members of council would be invited.

Carpet Cleaning: Daycare is having carpets cleaned on Wednesday August 29th. If people could come about 4:00 pm on Tuesday to help move stuff out of the daycare areas that would be appreciated. They could also use help about 7:00 am on Thursday morning to move stuff back into those areas.

Community Foundation: The Community Foundation will have a grant writing training session on September 14th. Sandy will be attending and has invited other council members to also attend.

Church Facility Use: Holly Schrieber has requested to use the fellowship hall at the end of September for a baby shower. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to approve. Motion carried.

Invoice and Free will offering from Service in the Park: It was recommended that the \$808.00 from the free will offering be placed in the general fund and that the \$200.00 invoice from that event then be paid from the general fund. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to approve. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Mark Peters to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:20 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary

St. Paul Operational Budget - Below is a financial snapshot by quarter of how we are doing meeting our goals for 2018.

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	July	August
Operational Income	\$36,418.00	\$39,658.00	\$11,931.00	\$10,675.00
Operational Expenses	\$41,894.00	\$41,751.00	\$11,762.00	\$11,997.00
Excess Income/Expenses	(\$5,476.00)	(\$2,093.00)	\$169.00	(\$1,322.00)

Total Excess Income/Expenses

(\$8,722.00)



- October 1 – Anthony Hillskotter, Rodney Hillskotter
- October 3 – Daniel Baker
- October 5 – Joshua Buckholz, Ronald Kester,
Thomas Schmoltd
- October 7 – Seth Miller, Natalie Rieckmann
Esther Baker, Cynthia Wheaton
- October 8 – Rachel Baker, Cameron Borremans
- October 11 – Mary Ann Oehlke, Lola Schroeder
- October 13 – Terry Oehlke
- October 14 – Brenda Hansen, Inez Hanson
Ryan Braun
- October 15 – Lainey Berrens
- October 16 – Matthew Oehlke, Lorraine Berg
- October 17 – Doug Hillskotter
- October 20 – Patrick Kons, Caden Wilz
- October 21 – Kristin Groholski, Robert Selle
- October 22 – Brody Bartol
- October 23 – Karen Abraham, Brigette Mapes
Aletha Hartrick, Kaesen Landaal
- October 24 – Kay Buckholz, Sharon Wohlt
- October 25 – Jennifer Ehrenberg, Katherine Miller
- October 26 – Ryan Emond , Sommer Harris
Holly Schreiber, McKenna Ferg
- October 27 – Luke Ehrenberg
- October 28 – Hudson Block
- October 29 – Mike Beilfuss, Joe Ferg,
Paul Fischer, Violet Berrens
- October 30 – Melanie Ebert, Willard Rieckmann
- October 31 – Mitchel Beilfuss, Andy Ebert, John Sasse

- October 1 – Andrew & Hailey Erdmann
- October 4 – Ben & Billie Claassen
- October 5 – Josh & Robin Lathrop
- October 6 – Jim & Lauri Struck
- October 8 – Dan & Diane Kohl
- October 9 – Mark & Holly Peters
- October 10 – Doug & Jenny Ehrenberg
- October 11 – David & Bonnie Gitter
- October 16 – Andy & Melanie Ebert
- October 22 – Casey & Becca Schalkowski
- October 23 – Roy & Carol Toepke
- October 28 – Matt & Rebecca Looker
- October 30 – Paul & Terry Fischer

Serving the Lord ...

October 7, 21 & 28

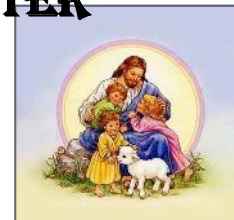
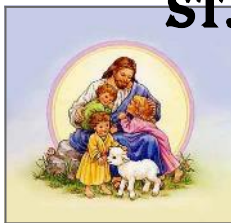
- Greeters** 1st – Dodge & Leah Brooks
2nd – Matt Looker Family
- Ushers** 1st – Dodge & Leah Brooks
Bob Wendt, Butch Owen
2nd – Matt & Rebecca Looker
Andrew Looker, Ron Kester

Acolytes

- October 7** 1st – Kahli Weissahh
2nd- Madison Hansen
- October 21** 1st – Colton Connor
2nd- Reilly Claassen
- October 28** 1st – Riley Delwiche
2nd- Lily Baehnman



ST. PAUL CHILD CARE-PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2018

107 Tustin Road Fremont, WI 54940

Telephone: 920-446-3633

E-mail: stpaulchildcare@centurytel.net

Director: Sandra Smith (920-407-1191)

**Preschool Program Teacher: Nancy Bleck School Age Teachers: Tammy Yonke Little Learners Teacher: Nan Young
Child Care Teachers: Shelly Kohl, Susan McGlin, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert, Lauren Kester, Allie Bellin, Jordan Krause**

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 3

Preschool/Little Learners Field Trip

Wednesday, October 10

No School at WF—St. Paul Open

Sunday, October 14

St. Paul Oktoberfest



**St. Paul will be holding its annual Oktoberfest Celebration on Sunday, October 14.
All children are invited to sing at the service.**



**Substitute assistant teachers & teachers needed especially for afternoon (2:30-6).
Must be 18 and have a high school diploma or 17 and have taken the classes
in High School. We will pay for all training needed.
Call Sandy at 920-407-1191 or stop in and see her.**

**Save
the
Date**

Wednesday, November 7 - St. Paul Child Care Center Family Night



St. Paul Lutheran Church October 2018



Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1						
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3			10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	4:00 PM St. Paul Exercise Class		
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8	7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	5:30 PM Board of Ed 6:30 PM Elders Mtg	10:30 AM Bible Study	4:00 PM St. Paul Exercise Class		
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16		6:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting				
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