



From Pastor's Pen ...



“May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith that you, being rooted and grounded in love may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:17-19

You Can Never Have Enough

On the southside of Appleton, along South River Road, near the locks by the Fox River is a labyrinth garden. A labyrinth is a circular path that eventually winds to the center. It is similar to a maze. What is interesting about this labyrinth is its reason for being constructed. The marker at the entrance explains: *“Labyrinths are sacred spaces. They have existed in every age and faith tradition to respond to the human need for meditation...walking on this winding path helps to quiet and empty your mind. The journey towards the center is a time for you to release your cares and concerns. You will become open to the present moment from which guidance can come.”*

Mindfulness is a popular buzz-word at the moment that a lot of people use to define “their spirituality”. What isn’t apparent is that “mindfulness” connects with a religious term called “sati” which is Buddhist. In Buddhist teachings, “mindfulness” is a practice to develop self-knowledge and wisdom so that you can know yourself and reach enlightenment. Enlightenment is the first step to rebirth and reincarnation so that you can reach Nibbana, ultimate happiness! And labyrinth gardens are just a part of this process of self-enlightenment. Trouble is, you have to walk in circles to find it.

Do you want to discover “the you” that is in you? That is an appealing premise! Who doesn’t want to kick some bad habits and become a better person? It just might make you feel better about yourself. And who doesn’t want that?

Mindfulness says all people are good and that bad choices and bad karma (your actions) get in the way. When people grow in self-awareness, they will naturally choose the good and get the good...living an enlightened life. The Scriptures, on the other hand, says that the “mystery of you” is not something for you to unlock...but rather a gift! A gift that is separate and apart from you. Let me explain.

God tells us that people are not basically good. Left to themselves people will not only make selfish choices but down-right evil choices. More than that, they will do it again and again; even when they apply their best efforts. As a result every human being is in the same boat. **“there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God, the way of peace they do not know.”**

Everyone has a hard time getting their heads around the reality of evil and what it really means. But instead of dismissing it...give it some thought. The account of Adam and Eve isn’t just one of many “mythic tales” that you can choose to believe or ignore. It is our reality. What they did has affected us. The more, Adam and Eve thought about life where they became God (knowing good and evil) the easier it was to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But this life of “self-knowledge and self-improvement” led to trouble, misery and death. To pursue knowledge of “you” apart from God will only lead to death.

Jesus knows that we lack not only real knowledge of ourselves but true knowledge of God apart from ourselves (the Gift). We don’t find/discover/realize this knowledge of ourselves on our own. God gives us knowledge about ourselves and more importantly about Him through the Bible. His divinely inspired Word! We become wise for salvation through the Word of God just like Paul wrote to Timothy (II Timothy 3:15). The salvation that God has is the Gift. The Gift of His Son Jesus Christ. He did two things: He pleased God perfectly by doing the Will of God perfectly in our place. He died the death that our sins and the world’s sins deserve and rose victorious over sin and the grave.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

This knowledge you won't find walking in circles, meditating or even thinking hard and long. God's Word always points us to Christ. The verses at the very beginning tells us that God did all the hard thinking in our place. He knows how wide/long/high His love is! This love never fails. This love is unending. This love is beyond our human understanding. But this love of God is ours for the taking!

And that is the important point we need to remember. We need this love again and again in our lives. It needs to be a part of our lives regularly and continually. You can never have enough of this wonderful love of God in Christ. Without it you will only be walking in circles. Instead of trying to figure out how God feels about you...look to Christ. He shows you how He feels. He poured out His life for you so that you can have life. If you think that God is far removed from your life, look at your baptism. That is the connection between you and Christ. With Christ you have absolutely everything!

The point is simply this: be connected and stay connected. You can never have enough when it comes to Christ! With Christ, the walking in circles stops! You know who you are and where you are headed through Christ.

September Is Christian Education Month!

Be Connected...Stay Connected:

In Sunday School

In Catechism Class

In Bible Classes

In Faithful and Regular Sunday Worship



Last Sunday of the Summer Schedule!

Please note that Sunday, September 2, 2018 (Labor Day Weekend) is the last Sunday of the Summer Schedule! The Fall/Winter Schedule begins on Sunday, September 9, 2018 with services at 7:45 & 10:30AM and Sunday School Welcome and Registration at 9:15AM. Sunday Morning Bible Class will begin on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 9:30AM

College Students, Dads and Moms!

Hopefully your college bound students are back safely at school for the Fall/Winter term. Please take a moment to call the church office or email (stpaulfremont@centurytel.net) with their college address and email. We will be happy to email or send them the monthly newsletter. *Also if you need to find the name and address of the closest LCMS church to your campus; please contact Pastor Pope.* Don't forget to remind them that they need to take Jesus with them as they begin a new year of college!

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.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

On Sunday, September 16, 2018 following late service, the Sunday School Teachers are asked to meet for their Fall Meeting. We will begin with a potluck meal. Please bring one of your favorites to pass. Main dish will be provided.

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School will have its final registration day on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 9:15AM. Once again we are asking your help in getting your child/children registered for the Sunday School Year for 2018-2019. Slips can be printed off of our website www.stpaulfremont.org Look for the Sunday School tab and please fill out the information sheet. Sunday School for 2018 formally begins on Sunday, September 16th at 9:15AM. As of 9/1/17 we have 13 students registered out of 40 students.

Refreshments will be served on September 9th, followed by a video presentation for our Sunday School families.

Having a registration card helps in 2 areas! 1st, we can locate parents with a cell phone just in case there is sickness or accidents that occur; 2ndly, it helps us plan for ordering of Sunday School materials. The cost of Sunday School materials continues to rise. The average yearly cost for our congregation is \$1500 through Concordia Publishing House. We will only be ordering materials for those students who have registered. Your help in filling out these registration cards is greatly appreciated.

Sunday School Kick-Off Family Event

Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m.

“Everyday Scriptures for Everyday Families”

This year’s Sunday School Kick-Off at St. Paul will focus on families! It’s no secret that families are torn in every direction! Dad and Mom’s work schedules, school events and practices; it’s a struggle to keep your head above the water with everything that has to get done by the end of each day. Many times we are just passing by each other without making that connection, that bond that makes us family! The kick off event: “Everyday Scriptures for everyday families” addresses the need, the issue and the solution. Please come! Our Sunday School families are invited and this event is open to all in the congregation. Refreshments will be served!



Sunday School Teachers’ Commissioning

Commissioning of our Sunday School Teachers will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 in both services. Full-time, team teachers and substitutes as well as our youth group leaders are invited to come forward for the Lord’s blessing on their work. Sunday School teachers for this year are: Mel Ebert, Jen Titus, Tara Pomrening, Ellie Pomrening, Nikki Schroeder, Sandy Smith, Mark Peters & Sarah Pope

May God richly bless your year of teaching
God’s Word!

New Year of Catechism Class 2018-19

Catechism Class for the Fall & Winter term will begin on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM. **This class is for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade children of our congregation in preparation for Examination & Confirmation in the Christian faith. This first class, parents are asked to accompany their students for the first session beginning at 6:30 PM.** Information and registration (\$25.00 to cover the cost of workbooks and materials) will be taken care of that evening. Catechism Class is a three year program of Catechism lessons, assignments, Bible history and memorizations of portions of Luther’s Catechism. Catechism Class lasts from 6:30-8 PM. Teachers this year are Pastor and Sarah Pope. Currently we have 18 students for Catechism instruction.



A Word To Encourage

You can bring help to cheer fellow members of St. Paul with a card as they recuperate from recent accidents and sudden illnesses:

Rebecca Wohlrabe
Crossroads Care Center
1401 Churchill Street
Waupaca, WI 54981

Delores Boyson
ThedaCare Regional
Medical Center-
Neenah
130 2nd Street
Neenah, WI 54956

Fall Bible Sale

Getting into God’s Word is a good thing for us as a congregation and as individuals. *Concordia Publishing House* is once again offering its annual Fall Bible Sale. Discounted prices for all of the Bibles offered by *Concordia* including the popular *Lutheran Study Bible* are featured with savings up to 45%. For more information go to the website: cph.org and click the tab for “Bible Sale”. If you aren’t sure what kind of Bible is for you or what would be useful for a loved one, please speak with Pastor.



Adult Bible Classes for '18-'19

Sunday Morning Bible Class kicks off for the Fall on Sunday, September 16th at 9:30 AM!

We will continue with the Video/Bible Study: “Big Questions...Biblical Answers” Go from confusion to clarity with the help of God's Word and using short videos to answer some of life's biggest questions. Topics include:

- Does science confirm the Bible?
 - What is the purpose of life?
 - Why believe in a 6-day creation?
 - Does the age of the earth matter?
 - Where did the different races come from?
- Please come and join in the discussion beginning September 16 at 9:30AM

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Wednesday Morning Bible Class continues during the month of September at 10:30AM.

We will continue in a study of Church History as we read through a book by Roland Bainton, entitled: *“The Church of Our Fathers”*. This short book provides a wonderful summary of the history of the Church from the apostolic age to the end of the 19th Century. The book is written in a lively, engaging and uncomplicated style filled with illustrations. In addition to the book, we look at relevant Bible passages together with videos that illustrate the rich history of the Christian Church. Everyone is welcomed to come from 10:30am to noon.

Membership Data Review

Begins: Sunday, September 16th and concludes on Sunday, October 7th. We are asking our all members to update their information following services so that we can enter it into the new church software program. This gives everyone in the congregation four Sundays to choose from. We are hoping for everyone’s help and co-operation in getting this job done!



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
Operational Income	\$36,418.00	\$39,658.00	\$11,931.00
Operational Expenses	\$41,894.00	\$41,751.00	\$11,762.00
Excess Income/Expenses	(\$5,476.00)	(\$2,093.00)	\$169.00

Total Excess Income/Expenses

(\$7,400.00)

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. Throughout the month of September there will be updates in the Sunday bulletin from Doug Ehrenberg, our chairman for Oktoberfest. This event happens rain or shine; unusual heat or unseasonable cold! 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**

If you are able to help in one or a couple different ways, please be sure to call Doug Ehrenberg at 446-3646 or 446-2288. 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**
- **For advance tickets call the church office at 446-3251 or Doug Ehrenberg at 446-3646 or 446-2288**



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/Childcare & Sunday School singing as part of the church service.

See you at Oktoberfest!



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council
July 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ehrenberg at 6:32 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion.

Roll: Matthew Voigt, Pastor Pope, Doug Ehrenberg, Ken Rothe, Bob Wendt, Paul Krause, Phil Lewin, Sandy Smith, Bobbi Marks.

Absent: Stewardship/Evangelism, Board of Education.

Minutes: Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to approve the June 2018 council minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Paul Krause to approve the June 2018 Treasurer report. Motion carried.

Pastor: A lot of events are coming up in the next few months. July 15th was worship in the park, July 18th is the Timber Rattler outing, July 22nd is the quarterly meeting, August 10th is 4th annual film fest, August 11th is the Kohl wedding, August 12th is the Hasse/Rasmussen Baptism, September 9th is Sunday school kick off, September 16th starts the membership data review, September 15th is the Harfield wedding, and October 14th is Oktoberfest. Looking ahead another winter book festival is being planned. Larry and Barb Marquardt are seeking membership here. Motion by Phil Lewin, seconded by Bobbi Marks to approve. Motion carried. Pastor will be out of town the last Sunday in July and first Sunday in August.

Elders: Discussed the safety survey. Looking to add a few additional fire extinguishers to the building, as well as some multi dressing first aid kits. We will need to review where current extinguishers are and then place the new ones accordingly. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Paul Krause to look into getting the extinguishers and first aid kits. Motion carried.

Trustees: Painted the picnic table, and rebuilt one of the carts used for Oktoberfest. Painted around the new smaller dispensers that were installed by Cintas. Having trouble getting someone to give a quote on asphalt for the parking lot.

Board of Education: Daycare budget is about even. Daycare will need to look into cleaning services. Paul Krause presented the survey results from the strategic planning committee. Family movie night is coming up in August. Planning is going well and they are prepared for the event.

Stewardship/Evangelism: They helped plan and organize the worship in the park on July 15th. They went over the results of the strategic planning survey with Paul Krause and are looking into how they can help implement some of the ideas that came from that.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning: Paul met with various committees and went over results and discussed how each board can do their part in meeting the goals and ideas that have come forth.

New Business:

Change the Locks on the Building: There is a feeling that there are too many keys for the building out there. Before we make a decision we should see what the cost to this is. Given our safety survey it might be better for us to wait to see what changes might be made to the door systems. Doug is going to look into cost of lock change, but council agreed that we should table this until we know what changes might be made with the doors.

Health Plan: We need to select our health plan for the upcoming year. Concordia will be discontinuing the existing plans and moving to three new ones. However, we can elect to stay on our existing plan, but this will likely only be for another year or two. We currently only have one daycare employee on the plan. Council will table this matter until Matthew can talk to that employee and also meet with the board of the education so that know what the plans and costs are.

Cleaning: Our current cleaning company will be quitting at the end of July. We will be in need of someone to clean the church starting in August. Nan Young would be interested. On a trial basis council agrees to have Nan Young clean the church at her current pay rate. Motion by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to have Nan Young clean on a trial basis. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bobbi Marks, seconded by Phil Lewin to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:50 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Matthew Voigt – Secretary



- September 1 - Rebecca Emond
- September 2 - Patricia Kester, Eric Toepke
- September 3 - Robert Hartfiel, Kyle Kons
- September 4 - Douglas Ehrenberg, Karen Looker
- September 7 - Lanora Hartfiel
- September 8 - LeVan Toepke
- September 9 - Barbara Farb
- September 10 - Lillian Hildebrand
Chuck Vanevenhoven
- September 11 - Samantha Block, Nikole Braun
- September 13 - Jordan Lathrop
- September 14 - Tucker Kettner
- September 15 - Greg Oehlke
- September 16 - Sandra Smith
- September 17-Ava Schroeder, Ellsworth Koenamann
- September 20 - Barb Buchholz, Maddux Block
- September 21 - Harley Bartel, James Struck
- September 22 - Matthew Voigt
- September 26 - Brenda Hillskotter, Calen Struck
- September 27 - Christ Brogaard, Josh Lathrop
- September 28 - Bonnie Gitter
- September 29 - Shelly Kohl, Joanne Buss,
Daxton Oehlke



- September 1 – Lee & Julie Hansen
- September 2 – Pastor & Sarah Pope,
Marlyn & Lorraine Ebert
- September 6 – Paul & Dawn Krause
Glenn & Tara Pomrening
- September 7 – Jamie & Theresa Wohlrabe
Matthew & Devin Oehlke
- September 8 – Scott & Kathy Krause
- September 9 – Kevin & Barb Miller
- September 12 – Duane & Pat Koplien
Kevin & Bonnie Zeinert
Seth & Katherine Miller
- September 19 – Ryan & Nikole Braun
- September 22 – Dennis & Gail Belling
- September 24 – Tom & Patti Schmoltd
- September 30 – Phil & Bonnie Lewin

Serving the Lord ...

September 2 & 9

Greeters

1st – Lee & Julie Hansen

2nd – Tabby Bucholtz Family

Ushers

**1st – Lee & Julie Hansen
Christ & Pat Brogaard**

**2nd – Tabby Bucholtz, Pat Gorchals,
Harley Bartel, Peter Kohl**

September 16, 23 & 30

Greeters

1st – Eric & Michelle Berndt

2nd – Paul & Karen Hartrick

Ushers

**1st – Eric & Michelle Berndt
Ken & Ellen Rothe**

**2nd – Paul & Karen Hartrick
Scott & Kathy Krause**

ACOLYTES

**September 2 1st – Colton Connor
2nd- Carson Arrowood**

**September 9 1st – Connor Delwiche
2nd- Morgan Hansen**

**September 16 1st – Grace Ebert
2nd- Landen Berrens**

**September 23 1st – Cooper Kester
2nd- Mackenzie Hansen**

**September 30 1st – Ian Liebel
2nd- Luke Ehrenberg**



ST. PAUL CHILD CARE-PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018



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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, Cindy Billington, Jane Freer, Tammy Ebert,
Dawn Kauper, Lauren Kester & Allie Bellin**



Monday, September 3

Labor Day-Child Care Center Closed

Tuesday, September 4

Weyauwega-Fremont/St. Peter Schools Begin

Tuesday, September 4

**First Day of 2018-2019 St. Paul Little Learners/Preschool/
School Age Programs**

St. Paul Child Care / Preschool




Welcome to St. Paul Preschool/Child Care. We believe that each child is a special creation, loved and cared for by God and deserving of our respect. We recognize the importance of positive experiences early in a child's life that will encourage optimum development of God-given potential. Please stop in to visit at anytime. If you have any questions or concerns, stop in and see your child's teacher or Ms Sandy or call Ms Sandy at 920-407-1191.



St. Paul Lutheran Church

September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:30 AM Worship w/HC	3 	4	5 10:30 AM Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Service Time Change 7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM SS Kickoff Sunday 10:30 AM Worship	10	11 5:30 PM Church Board of Ed Meeting 6:30 PM Elders Meeting	12 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism Parents Night	13	14	15
16 7:45 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship w/HC	17	18 6:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	19 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	20	21	22
23 7:45 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship	24	25	26 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Catechism	27	28	29
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